

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Pupil achievements

This week we celebrate and congratulate the following children and their achievements;

Green Cards – Jess Farmer, Alex Muller, Abigail Hockings, Natalie Taylor, Alyssa Chilvers (4N), Emily Pembroke (4F), India Spriggs (6K)

Merits – Silver: Evie Brown, Charlotte Lintern (6H)

Karate Spelling – Samurai: Beau Mattocks (6K), Champion: Amelie Thomas, Holly Slater, Ambonnay Arditti (6H),



House Stars

This week's House Stars chosen by the House Captains are;

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
Erin Wells 5N	Sophie Bliss 5V	Cate Muller 6K	Gabriela Dore Squirrels



Curriculum news – Maths



This week children from Years 2 to 6 have been involved in a times table battle using TimesTables Rockstars (the school has paid a subscription for each child to have their own login). The children competed against each other to practise their times table knowledge and speed to earn points for their class. Children are expected to know and recall very quickly, all their times tables (up to the 12 times table) by the end of Year 4 (and they will be tested on their knowledge in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check). There were some excellent individual performances, including Macy Page (6K) who scored an incredible 15,000 points!

Parent survey

Just a reminder that our annual Parent Survey is currently live and there is still an opportunity to have your say [here](#). The survey closes next Friday 18th March. Thank you to those parents who have already contributed.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see parents and carers face-to-face in school during our first Parent Consultation evening. Thank you to those families that took extra precautions by sending a relative, as they had a parent feeling unwell. We look forward to seeing the remainder of our parents/carers at the second round of meetings next Tuesday 15th March.

FoH news

The half term sponsored read event organised by FoH has raised an amazing £2500 so far. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed both their reading and contributing to this amazing total.

Last week's sweet sale to raise money for UNICEF in response to the current crisis in Ukraine raised £536.

Staff Profile



My Name is Shantel Garnham and I am the Link Safeguarding Governor at Holbrook

I became a Governor because for as long as I can remember, I've had a personal interest in the safeguarding of children and young people. I also have extensive experience managing and auditing governance within a healthcare organisation. Being the Safeguarding Governor allows me to volunteer my skills to our community. While I am part of the Governing Body, I hope to support and empower Holbrook Primary School to take a holistic approach to safeguard our children.

In my spare time, I really enjoy... being active. I enjoy running, swimming and cycling. But I am very much a novice at all sports. My favourite subject at school was Maths- I am not quite sure why. When I was a kid, I wanted to be an artist when I grew up.

My favourite quote is. "You would be surprised at who is watching your journey and being inspired by it. Don't give up" – Ryan Blair.

Safeguarding in physical activity

Verrucas are very common in children and teenagers – around one in three will get them. They are harmless and should not stop children from going swimming or taking part in sport. Medical advice recommends that verrucas are covered with a plaster for swimming or indoor PE – thank you.

Forthcoming Easter events

One of our favourite picture books has an interactive Easter trail through Wakehurst Place gardens. Join The Very Hungry Caterpillar this Easter and chomp your way to becoming a beautiful butterfly, based on Eric Carle's much-loved book. Further details can be found [here](#).



Kicks Dance Easter Workshops

11th & 12th April 2022 at Holbrook Community Centre

9.00am - 12.00pm YEARS 1 – 6 children 'Dancing through the ages' using music from the 80s, 90s, 00s and now!

1.00pm - 2.30pm PRE-SCHOOL AND RECEPTION children 'Springtime Fun' with activities for the younger children based around the theme.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Diary Dates

Spring 2022	
Tuesday 15 th March	Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th – 18 th March	Science Week
Thursday 24 th March	Annual Governors' Day
Tuesday 29 th March	Choral Day at Christ's Hospital
Wednesday 30 th March	Netball Tournament at The Bridge
Thursday 31 st March	Y6 Trip to Amberley Museum
Wednesday 6 th April	Parent workshop (social/emotional development)
Friday 8 th April	Last day of the Spring term
Summer 2022	

Monday 25 th April	First day of the Summer term
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 6 th May	Choir trip Young Voices concert at the O2
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 27 th May	School closed for INSET day
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th – 6 th July	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential trip
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Transition day
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of the Summer term
Friday 22 nd July	Additional day off school to honour Queen's Platinum Jubilee during June half term

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes