

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

On Tuesday, local artist Paul Render, visited Holbrook to coordinate our artwork for the Horsham Children's Parade taking place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The children worked hard throughout the day to assemble our 3-D artwork, which is based around 'The Cat in the Hat' by Dr. Seuss. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help with the project.



It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members at our Sports Day on Wednesday. The children enjoyed competing for their respective Houses and appreciated a well-deserved ice-pop courtesy of the Friends of Holbrook at the end. The EY/KS1 winner was Unicorns and Centaurs won the KS2 event.



### Transition

It was lovely to meet our new Reception children and parents at our new intake meetings last week. There will be further Stay and Play sessions and our current Reception children will play an important role in helping the new children familiarise themselves with the EYFS environment.

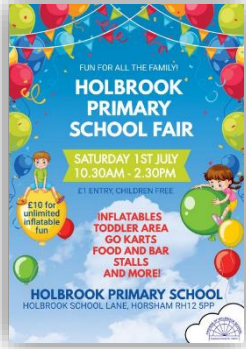
On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, children (in Reception to Year 5) will visit their new classrooms and teacher/s in the first of two transition sessions.

This is also our Open Afternoon which is an opportunity for parents to visit current classes to share their child's work and then see their child's new classroom and teacher. Further details to follow. We will inform you of the new classes and teachers on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The second transition session takes place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.



## Ofsted

On Tuesday and Wednesday the school had a visit from Ofsted. I was very impressed with the way that children and staff rose to the occasion to give the lead inspector a true picture of our school. Thank you for all your messages of support and to everyone who contributed to the ParentView survey (results [here](#)) which mirrored our own recent Parent Survey. The final report will be published within 30 working days, so we will have to wait until September to inform our parent community.



## Summer Fair

The Friends of Holbrook Summer Fair is this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10:30am – 2:30pm. Thank you to everyone involved in helping to organise this important event which raises much needed funds for the school. The current weather forecast is good and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Thank you for your support.

## Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is **'What is bravery?'** – see below.



## In the news this week

Four children have been found alive after surviving a plane crash and spending forty days alone in Colombia's Amazon jungle. Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1<sup>st</sup> May. They then became the focus of a massive rescue operation, involving soldiers and local people. Speaking of the incredible feat of survival, Gustavo Petro said, 'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history'.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- What skills and attributes do you imagine the children would have needed in their situation?
- Can you think of a time when you have needed to be brave? What happened?
- Talk to an adult at home and ask them about a time when they needed to be brave.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



## Hot Meals Ordering Cut off dates-

July Cut off Dates	August Cut off Dates TBC
Thursday 6/7 for s/c Monday 17/7	Thursday 24/8 for w/c Monday 4/9

## Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

SUMMER TERM	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	FOH Summer Fayre
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Sayers Croft trip
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 transition day to secondary schools
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Strike Day- School Closed to pupils</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Strike Day- School Closed to pupils</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Horsham Children's Parade
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Play 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Play 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception trip to Washbrook Farm
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Transition day/Open Afternoon</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Picnic
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Transition day 2</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 BBQ

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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The following might be of interest for any sports loving families.

