

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of the term.

Mrs Nye

We were delighted to hold a celebration recognising Mrs Nye's 50 years of service on Tuesday afternoon. Children, staff, parents and dignitaries from West Sussex CC gathered to honour a very special member of our school community.



Mary started work in 1973 and since Holbrook school opened in 1992, she has been helping generations of children safely cross North Heath Lane in all sorts of weather and conditions. Few people can say that they have served their local community for that length of time and made such a valuable contribution to keeping children and families safe. Mary is unique and a true inspiration to us all – thank you from the children, parents and staff - everyone at Holbrook school. Keep an eye out in the local press for this story.



Mrs Nye would like to say 'Thank you' for all your kind messages and the vouchers that she received from parents, children and families.

Year 6 Leavers 2023

We say goodbye and good luck to all our amazing Year 6 children moving on to their new schools and thank them for their commitment and hard work this year. They really do epitomise the type of child that we wish to leave Holbrook at the end of Year 6 – kind, independent, responsible and successful in many different ways.

At our Leavers Achievement afternoon, we heard about their many wonderful characteristics and contributions to Holbrook over the past seven years. They should be very proud of all of their achievements, as well as their many contributions to Holbrook school life. I am certainly proud of you all and am confident that you will go on to achieve great things at your new schools. Best wishes for the future.



Curriculum news

Year 5 shared their learning about Ancient Egypt with a wonderful Living History exhibit on Monday for the Year 4 children and parents. The children worked hard both in and outside of school to research a chosen area about Ancient Egyptian life, creating presentations, games, activities and even replicas of Egyptian artefacts!



House Cup

The winner of the House Cup this term is Unicorns – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
1865	1919	1784	1887



The overall winner for the whole year is Dragons - congratulations!



Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
5351	5899	5151	5554

Sports

What a year it's been for sporting events! This year's focus has been to enter a wide range of different festivals, tournaments and competitions in order to allow as many different children as possible to represent the school. I am very proud to say that 223 children have done this, which is our highest total ever. This accomplishment has also meant we have been awarded a Gold School Games Mark. It has been a pleasure attending events with all our young sportsmen and women and their attitudes and efforts have been faultless, regardless of the results. I very much look forward to building on these successes in the next academic year.

Mrs E Wright



Staff news

As we wish everyone a safe and happy summer break, we also say goodbyes to Mrs Geisler and Mrs Craen. Next term we welcome to our team; Teachers – Miss Harding and Mr Thompson, Support staff - Mrs Bansal.

Final Thanks

As always, thank you parents/carers for your continued support for the school, we could not do it without you. Thank you from all the staff for the lovely end of term gifts we have received. They are never expected but always highly appreciated.

Thank you to the teachers and support staff for continuing to provide a high standard of education and care. Also, to the admin team for their vital work in maintaining the smooth running of the school.

Finally, thank you to our children for continuing their love of learning. We are extremely proud of them and their achievements.

On behalf of governors and staff, may I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Picture News

The final topic for discussion this term is **'What makes art valuable?'** – see below.

TAKEHOME

17-23 July



In the news this week

Austrian artist Gustav Klimt's final portrait has become the most expensive artwork ever auctioned in Europe. The painting, called *Lady with a Fan*, sold for the final price of £85.3m at Sotheby's in London. It was sold to an art collector from Hong Kong, with three other bidders hoping to buy the piece. When Klimt died in 1918, the portrait of the unnamed woman was still on an easel in his studio. The estimated sale price was a much lower £65m, which bidders quickly went over, and the painting sold in just 10 minutes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you enjoy looking at or making art?
- > Is there any artwork displayed around your home or in your room?
- > Talk with people at home about why they feel some people choose to spend so much on pieces of art.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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CHARTWELLS 2023 / 2024 ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
24th August 2023	4th September 2023
31st August 2023	11th September 2023
7th September 2023	18th September 2023
14th September 2023	25th September 2023
21st September 2023	2nd October 2023
28th September 2023	9th October 2023
5th October 2023	16th October 2023

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

AJUTUMN TERM	
Friday 1 st September	Inset Day- School closed to pupils
Monday 4 th September	First day of Term for Y1-Y6
Thursday 7 th September	First Day of Term Reception classes
Thursday 14th September	Y5 Swimming starts
Monday 11th September	Bowles Meeting for Parents 3.15
Monday 18th September	Y3 Trip to Butser
Monday 18 th Friday 22 nd Sept	Y6 Residential to Bowles

Term and INSET dates for 2023-24 can be found on the school website [here](#).

Have a wonderful summer break

With very best wishes

Headteacher

Summer Holiday Sports opportunities

We are writing to inform you of new netball sessions in the Horsham area, for 5 -7 years old, hosted by Stars Netball Club and run by an experienced Level 2 netball coaches.

Stars NC

NETBALL MINIS

Holbrook club sports hall, Horsham

5 to 7 year olds

Tuesdays (starting 27th June)

5pm to 6pm

£5 a session (pay as you play session)

If interested please contact Starsncminis@gmail.com

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:

FREE ENTRY!

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

12.00 - 4.00PM
THE 1ST CENTRAL COUNTY GROUND, HOVE

Bring your family down for a day of fun you'll never forget. Full of exciting activities and special guests from both clubs!

PLEASE REGISTER TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:
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SCAN TO REGISTER

This August, we're teaming up with Sussex Cricket Foundation to bring you a family fun day you'll never forget. We're inviting families to come down to the 1st Central County Ground in Hove for an afternoon full of activities, exciting challenges, and very special guests from both clubs!

We'll be taking over the 1st Central County Ground pitch with all sorts of things to enjoy; football and cricket-based activities, disability sports games, food and drink outlets, and stalls where you can learn about Albion in the Community and Sussex Cricket Foundation.

Entry to this event is completely free – you'll just need to register below to secure your place.

It promises to be a great day and the perfect way to celebrate the new Premier League season!