

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year.

The children have coped well with the unseasonably hot weather this week and made a great start to their learning. A series of transition events held last term have enabled the children to settle in quickly to new routines and year groups, as you can see from the photos.



Parent information meetings

We will be holding meetings for parents of each year group shortly. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the curriculum, trips/visits, how to support your child and much more. An email has already been sent with this information and the dates can also be found below. For those who are unable to attend, we will send the information out via Parentmail as well.

Ofsted

Our Ofsted report is being published on the school website and sent home today – please look out for it and an accompanying letter sent via Parentmail.



Cost of living

As we approach the autumn and winter months, there may be families that experience financial difficulties that affect their children or ability to pay for school activities. Whilst the school is also experiencing some of the same pressures like energy bills, we would like to help and support our community as much as possible. Please contact the school in confidence if this applies to you.

Safeguarding

Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and the wider community to share this commitment. We ensure that our pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Throughout our curriculum, we provide activities and opportunities that equip our children to stay safe and develop essential life skills.



Where there is any concern about the wellbeing/safeguarding of a pupil in school this is referred to the Local Authority MASH team for advice, support and further action where required. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Parents and members of the public can also make referrals to the West Sussex team on 01403 229900 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or 033 022 2664 (other times).

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues are Mrs Davies (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Brooks (Assistant Headteacher) and myself.

Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is **'What can we learn from new adventures?'** – see below.

TAKEHOME



What can we learn from new adventures?

In the news this week

Almost ten years ago, the now 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. He had just two main rules: to spend at least 24 hours in each country, and to not return home until he finished. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives. After celebrating, he backtracked to Malaysia via Sri Lanka to board a container ship for the 33-day trip home. Now he has had time to rest and reflect, Pedersen plans to write a book about his adventure.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on Pedersen's journey. What do you think could be some of the reasons he decided to take on the challenge?
- > What things do you imagine Pedersen would have found most difficult about the ten-year challenge? What might he have enjoyed the most?
- > Do you think you would enjoy that type of challenge?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
14th September 2023	25th September 2023
21st September 2023	2nd October 2023
28th September 2023	9th October 2023
5th October 2023	16th October 2023
October Half Term	
19th October 2023	30th October 2023
26th October 2023	6th November 2023

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Autumn 2023	
Mon 11 th September	Year 6 Bowles/information meeting for parents
Tuesday 12 th September	Year 5 information meeting for parents
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 4 information meeting for parents
Thursday 14 th September	Y5 Swimming starts
Mon 18 th September	Y3 trip to Butser
Mon 18 th September	Year 2 information meeting for parents
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd September	Y6 Bowles residential trip

Tuesday 19th September	Year 3 information meeting for parents
Wednesday 20th September	Year 1 information meeting for parents
Thursday 21st September	Reception information meeting for parents
Tuesday 3rd October	Harvest Festival
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October	HALF TERM break
Monday 30th October	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 7th November	School photographs - individuals
Tues 7th & Thurs 9th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 10th November	Remembrance service
Thursday 23rd November	Flu Vaccination Day
Wednesday 6th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Friday 8th December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Friday 15th December	Last day of the Autumn term

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes