

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Y6 Bowles residential visit

Year 6 pupils have had a fantastic week at Bowles residential centre, enjoying a variety of adventurous activities. I visited on Tuesday and Wednesday and was impressed to see the children rise to the challenge of climbing, skiing, team ropes, kayaking, bush craft and many other activities.



Y3 Butser trip

On Monday Year 3 pupils visited Butser Ancient Farm and learnt more about the past by recreating it. Activities included making clunch from chalk, learning about ancient paints, making iron-age jewellery and being archaeologists. A great day out!



Safeguarding

A couple of friendly reminders...

- Please avoid parking or stopping on any of the yellow zig-zag lines around the school premises
- Please ensure that you park considerately and do not block anyone's driveway

Thank you to all of our parents who drive and park considerately in Holbrook School Lane or reduce the congestion and pollution by parking at St. Mark's Church, Tythe Barn and other locations.





Free School Meals – is my child eligible?

This can be confusing as children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals (including Reception, Year 1 and 2) could also raise an extra funds for your child’s primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. To check if your child is eligible, please collect a form from the school office. If you require more information, please speak to Mrs Moloney.

Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is ‘Is a school more than just a building?’ – see below.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of any ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?



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
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	
Tuesday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October	HALF TERM break
Monday 30 th October	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 7 th November	School photographs - individuals
Tues 7 th & Thurs 9 th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance service
Tuesday 14th November	Y1 trip to Lewes Castle
Thursday 23 rd November	Flu Vaccinations
Saturday 2 nd December	FOH Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Friday 15 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Friday 8 th December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch & dress up day
Date tbc	EYFS & KS1 Nativity productions

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes