

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

Year 6 pupils enjoyed their science investigation into light recently. They used torches and CDs to split light into a spectrum of colours and learnt how light refraction through a variety of materials.



Reception pupils regularly visit our lovely conservation area to take their learning outside. This week they used natural resources (leaves, twigs, acorns etc) to make repeating patterns, continuing their learning inside about numerical patterns.

### Autumn Holbrook Photo Competition

Thank you for all our entries so far for the school photo competition. The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October, so if you do go on a half-term nature walk, why not take a photo and enter? Children can enter one of two categories:



**My Walk To School** (this can also include a cycle or scoot)

or  
**A Walk On The Local Wildside!** (do let us know where the photo was taken, so we can promote the beautiful wildlife around us in West Sussex)

Please can entries be sent to Mrs Filson at [eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com](mailto:eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com). Children can enter both categories if they want, but are limited to one photo in each.

### House Cup

The winner of the first House Cup is Dragons – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
623	746	549	693



### Poppy Appeal



After half term, we will be offering pupils the opportunity to purchase a poppy for Remembrance Sunday. Poppies will be on sale from Tuesday 31st October until Friday 10th November. Please note that it will be a silver/gold collection only, with a suggested minimum of 20p.

### Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Consultation evenings on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Booking system opens tomorrow at 9am. Further details can be found in a separate Parentmail.

## Mentoring

The mentoring sessions will now begin after half term, where children will have the opportunity to talk to their teacher about their progress and new targets.

To facilitate this the children will have sessions with the Brighton and Hove sports coaches, **instead** of the usual PE lessons (apart from swimming which will happen as usual). Please see the timetable below to find out when your child has coaching sessions and ensure that your child is wearing PE kit on that day.

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Year 1

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Year 6

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Year 3

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Year 5

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 2

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 4 (photo day- children will need to wear their school uniform and bring in their PE kits)

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 & Year 6

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 4 & Year 1

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2 & Year 3

## Inset Day

A reminder that Monday 30th October is an INSET day, so we look forward to seeing the pupils again on Tuesday 31st October.



## Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is 'How can we remember things that were important to us?' – see below.

# TAKEHOME

16-22 October



## In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

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

- Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?

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
26th October 2023	6th November 2023
2nd November 2023	13th November 2023
9th November 2023	20th November 2023
16th November 2023	27th November 2023
23rd November 2023	4th December 2023
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
28 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

Autumn 2023	
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM break</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographs - individuals
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance service
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>FOH Non uniform day- Bottle donations please</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 trip to Lewes Castle
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Trip to Newhaven Fort
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	FOH Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch & dress up day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term
<b>Date tbc</b>	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Nativity productions</b>

Have a safe and wonderful half-term.

Kind regards,



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