

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news



Here is a photo of our Year 5 & 6 swimming squad who took part in the Horsham Schools Swimming Gala at the Pavilions on Wednesday. There was stiff competition but all children swam very well. The A and B teams finished second and seventh respectively. Well done all!

*Mrs Harman & Mrs E Wright*

Year 5 pupils took part in a Digital Schoolhouse workshop with spheros – a spherical robot that can be paired with a tablet, where you can change the sphero's colour, play different missions, and control the movements via a coding program.



Reception children had great fun inside and outside the classroom looking at length and height. They were challenged to compare different natural objects using used non-standard measurements and language such as longer, shorter, taller, longest, shortest, tallest.



Year 2 children had a visit from Miss Noor, who is currently working in year 5, to support their RE work. They learnt all about the Muslim religion, the ritual of prayer and the use of a hijab.



## INSET day

On Monday's INSET day, we had two guest speakers from West Sussex CC to talk about Racism and Promoting Equality in schools. Holbrook Primary school is committed to sharing and promoting an anti-racist culture and ensuring that all pupils benefit from equality of opportunity – further information can be found in our Equality information & objective policy [here](#).

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Just a reminder that the spring term consultation meetings take place next week (Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and Weds 1<sup>st</sup> March). This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their learning and progress and there are still a few appointments left. A reminder that the booking system closes at 9am on Monday. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far and we look forward to seeing you at these meetings. Please remember that **KS2 children will finish school at 3pm** on both these days, in order to ensure a prompt start at 3.20pm



# BEWHOYOUARE DAY

On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March we want to celebrate each and every individual in our school. As our reading week is based on diverse texts, thinking about and celebrating differences, Friday will be a culmination of this.

We would like the children to dress up as who they really are (or would like to be). This could be celebrating their favourite sport; football kit, team kit, horse riding, gymnastics or even swimming (if they are brave enough)! It could be thinking about what or who they aspire to be when they are older, such as; a famous musician or actor, a chef, f1 driver, ballerina, astronaut, artist, fireperson or policeperson. If none of these are inspiring enough then the children can literally come as they are, wearing their favourite clothes that are suitable for school.

We look forward to celebrating all of these individual differences next week in school and we hope you are too!

## Ordering Hot Meals

With upcoming possible industrial action to minimise waste and cost to the school as a contingency, **please cancel any KS1 and KS2 hot meals ordered for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March by this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March\***.

Should the school open/partially open, we kindly ask that you provide a packed lunch as there will be no hot food available on these days

### March Cut off Dates

Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3\*  
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3  
Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3

### April Cut off Dates

Thursday 6/4 for w/c Monday 17/4  
Thursday 13/4 for w/c Monday 24/4  
Thursday 20/4 for w/c Tuesday 2/5  
Thursday 27/4 for w/c Monday 8/5

## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'Should everyone have access to a mode of transport?' – see below.

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Long-term bike hire schemes are on the rise. Several companies have launched services, where users can pay a monthly fee to use a high-quality bike or e-bike, with any repairs or upgrades included and if the bike is stolen, a fixed low fee is paid to give the user security.

It's not just adults who can join in the long-term bike rental trend. London-based 'Bike Club' is aimed at children aged 4 to 12 and has 55,000 active members across the UK and Germany, where it recently launched.

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

- > Do many people ride bikes around your local area? Do you?
- > What do you believe are the benefits of paying monthly to use a bike? Do you think there are any downsides? Is it something you would like to do?

### Should everyone have access to a mode of transport?



### Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Consultations
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>School Closed to pupils</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book week - "Be who you are" dress-up day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Fire service to visit Y2
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Titanic Virtual Museum with Y4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y6 trip to Amberley Museum

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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