

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news



Year 5 were very lucky to have the opportunity for both classes to spend a day with rocket scientist Professor Hepburn. The children learnt all about the solar system, experimented with creating planetary landers and were able to watch him demonstrate a live rocket launch on the school field!



On Friday, 20 very willing girls took part in the Year 5&6 football cup, held at Tanbridge House. One team competed in Tier 2, and subsequently won that league, only losing one game along the way. The other team had some really tough games in Tier 4 but based on the fact many of them are new to playing, especially competitively, it was wonderful to see their improvement over the course of the evening. It was a fantastic showcase of girls football and showed the strength and depth of this at Holbrook.

Mrs E Wright



On Wednesday, 12 pupils walked to the Holbrook Club to take part in an inter-house Badminton tournament. After a competitive round-robin of exciting matches, Dragons emerged as the champions with Phoenix as worthy runners-up. Well done to all the children involved.

School website

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent website survey. Today we had a photographer in school taking lots of photos for the new website, which we hope to unveil after the Easter break.



Parent survey

A quick reminder that our parent survey is currently live until Monday 20th March. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it. If you wish to add your views the link is [here](#).



Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2023

On Friday the 17th of March the school council have organised an activity to raise money for Red Nose Day. They will be drawing red noses on the playgrounds for the children to place small change in which they can bring from home. The school council will then collect up and count the money and donate to comic relief. There will be no dress down day, although the children can wear red noses on Friday if they wish.

Safeguarding

Please note that, although children are permitted to wear watches in school, please do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC, on the school site. Despite the obvious distraction that these devices can pose, smart watches that are internet and camera enabled present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'Could you do more to protect your local area?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

6-12 March



Could you do more to protect your local area?

In the news this week

It has been suggested that the number of hazel dormice in the UK has dropped from around 3.5 million to only 750,000 in almost 30 years. Currently, their conservation status is classed as 'vulnerable', but some researchers say people should be more worried for them. A recent report from the University of Exeter urges for hazel dormice to be reclassified as 'endangered' and calls for more conservation action.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Describe your local area to someone older. Ask them to share details about their local area from when they were younger. Was it different?
- Talk about different places e.g., the countryside, cities. How can people who live in each take greater care of local habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Hot Meals Ordering Cut off dates

March Cut off Dates
Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3

April Cut off Dates
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

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Wed 15 and Thursday 16 March	Strike action- School Closed to pupils
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st March	Spring Concert
Wednesday 22 nd March	Y6 trip to Amberley Museum

Kind regards,



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