

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

At Holbrook we teach the characteristics of good physical health and mental wellbeing. We enjoy being active and are delighted with our children's high participation rate in sports festivals and tournaments. I am also very proud to hear the many positive comments from the organisers of these events about their sportsmanship and attitude. Read on for a bumper week of sport news...



Last Friday, a team of very enthusiastic Year 5 boys attended the latest Football Cup at Tanbridge. They won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 (on a footgolf challenge decider) meaning they finished in a very credible 3rd place in Tier 2. Well done boys, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Mrs E Wright



Tuesday 14th March - A small group of year 5 children attended a racket sports festival at the bridge. The 4 sports they tried were badminton, tennis, table tennis and squash. With the festival style events, the focus is always on learning new skills as opposed to competing and it would be fair to say there were some good skills on show from the Holbrook group! Well done to the 4 of you.

Mrs E Wright

On Monday 6 children from year 2 attended a football tournament at Leechpool primary school. They all enjoyed a wide range of football skills which were set up for them to enjoy throughout the afternoon. The children also got an opportunity to play 3 games against some of our local schools where they showed brilliant teamwork and an excellent attitude towards their opponents making sure they congratulated them after each game. I was extremely proud of everyone.

Miss Young



On Tuesday, 12 of our year 2 children participated in a badminton festival which was hosted by Millais. The children from Foxes and Squirrels class enjoyed getting involved in activities which supported the skills required to play badminton. During the course of the afternoon they displayed enthusiasm, perseverance and excellent manners. We were happy to be told that Holbrook was chosen to receive the 'team spirit award.' Each and every child made us proud with their fantastic attitude towards learning something new!

Miss Young and Mrs Wright

Junior Duke

Well done to those children who have successfully completed their Bronze Junior Duke Award. The challenge is to complete seven life skills activities such as swimming, cooking and first aid, which help children become more independent and confident in dealing with new situations.



House Cup

The winner of the House Cup for this week is Phoenix – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
2.09	2.52	2.63	2.55

*Totals use average points per child



**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Comic Relief

The School Council would like to thank everyone for their kind donations for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Despite the rain washing away our chalk circles, the children

found other ways of donating their money, raising a fantastic £320!



Sickness and absence

A reminder that when children suffer from sickness or diarrhoea they should definitely be kept off school until **at least 48 hours** after their symptoms have gone. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school office on the first day of their absence by phone. It is also really helpful to know what ailment your child is suffering from, as this enables staff to monitor any outbreaks of sickness/illness. For more guidance and information to NHS guidelines please use this [link](#).

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'Should Roald Dahl's books be changed for modern times?' – see below.

TAKEHOME 13-18 March

Should Roald Dahl's books be changed for modern times?



In the news this week

Book publisher, Puffin, has announced that stories by the famous children's author Roald Dahl are going to be changed, making them more suitable for modern times. Roald Dahl is famous for his books, including Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and The BFG. The changes include taking out unkind descriptions of characters' appearance such as 'fat' and 'ugly'. Some people disagree with the changes, including the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and the Queen Consort, Camilla.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you read any Roald Dahl books? Has anyone else at home? Share your thoughts about the changes. Do you think the stories should be updated?
- > Ask someone older what their favourite books were when they were younger. Are they still being read by children today? Why do you think that is the case?

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

April Cut off Dates	May Cut off Dates
Thursday 6/4 for w/c Monday 17/4	Thursday 4/5 for w/c Monday 15/5
Thursday 20/4 for w/c Tuesday 2/5	Thursday 11/5 for w/c Monday 22/5
Thursday 27/4 for w/c Monday 8/5	Thursday 25/5 for w/c Monday 5/6

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Monday 20 th March	Y5 Choral Day at Christs Hospital
Tuesday 21 st March	Spring Concert
Tuesday 21 st March	Y4 Tennis Festival
Wednesday 22nd March	Y6 trip to Amberley Museum
Tuesday 28th March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival
Tuesday 28th March	Girls Football Friendly at Southwater

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher