

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of the spring term.

### Curriculum news

Our girls' football teams have had two 5-a-side friendlies in the last week. Last Thursday, the weather was appalling for our game against Shelley but the girls played with a smile on their face and gave a really good account of themselves in tough conditions. This week, our game against Southwater, very experienced opposition, showed another improved performance so well done to all of the girls.

On Wednesday afternoon we held an intra-house cross country event. 58 participants gave it their all around a 1km (Year 3&4) and 1 mile (Year 5&6) track, cheered on by the rest of their year group and supported by the house captains. We saw excellent resilience on show and some really determined runs. The girls & boys scores were combined per year group and then overall giving the final standings of Centaurs - 870 points, Dragons - 780 points, Phoenix - 640 points, Unicorns - 610 points. Well done to all involved.

It's been another fantastic term of PE and Sport at Holbrook and I'm very proud to say that 59% of children have attended a sporting event this year already which is fantastic considering there are many more events coming up in the summer term.

*Mrs E Wright*



In the autumn term, year 3 were inspired to write persuasive letters to various large companies to ask what they are doing to reduce their sale of single-use plastics such as cups and water bottles. We received a great detailed response from Waitrose this week, outlining what they are doing, and then were thrilled to be given the opportunity to have a visit from representatives from



Tesco. On Monday, Georgie and Ruth came to explain what Tesco are already doing in their stores, and also what they intend to do in the future. The children were all very impressed with Tesco's response, and pleased to see that their concerns had been listened to.

*Mrs Boulton & Mrs Reeves*

### Fairtrade Easter Egg Competition

We had an amazing 98 entries for our competition which was whittled down to a shortlist (chosen by Mrs Davies, myself and Mr Richardson). The Eco-Council then chose 3 winners. They are Rose Brownlee from Foxes, Ava Clough from Woodpeckers and Charlotte Rush from Owls. We would also like a special mention for Max Mitchell from Woodpeckers who in his own time created a poster all about Fairtrade and chocolate. Each wins a Fairtrade Easter Egg, including Max Mitchell.

*Mrs Filson*



### Easter



It was wonderful to be able to welcome Reverend Coldicott back into school this week. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed an Easter themed assembly. Over the past three days, the whole school has taken part in an Easter trail around the school grounds. Our House Captains laid the trail and classes enjoyed finding the hidden eggs, as well as solving the anagrams and number problems. Every child received a chocolate Easter Egg or alternative at the end. Thank you to the Friends of Holbrook for donating these treats.

## Keep Britain Tidy's School Spring Clean

Children at Holbrook have been busy litter picking as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean.

We have recently adopted Holbrook School Lane as part of an initiative by Holbrook District Council to help keep local streets clean and litter free. Here is a photo of members of our Eco-Council picking up litter outside our school grounds. Below is a link to Horsham District Council's voluntary litter picking scheme: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/adopt-a-street>



## Chess Tournament Y5/6

Well done to all the children who took part in the Year 5 & 6 UK Chess Challenge, which involved seven rounds of matches against a different opponent each week. It was another very close tournament with the eventual winner, Jathan Harenburg, finishing with 20 points out of 21 (6 wins and a draw). Runners up – Mark Whelan and Boris Geshkov and third place Freya Smith.



## House Cup

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

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
2.28	2.99	1.81	2.80

*\*Totals use average points per child*

## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'How do communities support each other in difficult times?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

27 March  
to 2 April



How do communities support each other in difficult times?

## In the news this week

Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since the devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents. Teachers in the affected areas are making certain children's education continues, despite the difficult circumstances. Many school buildings were affected in the earthquakes at the start of February, leading to all educational institutions nationwide being closed for over two weeks. Although many learning centres have since reopened, lessons have had to also continue in tent schools, set up by volunteers and authorities in the worst affected areas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your knowledge and understanding of last month's earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- Talk about how difficult it may have been for the affected communities there.
- Thinking about your own community, how do you work together – especially when things are hard?

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-**

**Don't forget to order by Next Thursday\* for the first week back!**

<b>April Cut off Dates</b>	<b>May Cut off Dates</b>
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)**

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Cricket festival
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 swimming starts
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>NSPCC workshops for Year 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class Photographs</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May–Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes  
Headteacher

