

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news



Cricket Y2

On Thursday, a group of Y2 students attended a cricket festival at the Holbrook club. They rotated around a carousel of cricket themed activities learning the basic skills needed to play the game. They had great fun and played with a smile on their faces.

Mrs Dodsley



Basketball

On Friday, 2 teams of Year 5/6 children played in a basketball competition at Kingslea. There was a mixture of experience amongst the squads but some excellent skills on show all round - from last ditch defending to fantastic looping baskets scored. The teams finished in an admirable 6th and 11th position out of 18 teams. Well done to the 6 representatives.

Mr Hudspith



House Cup

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

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
3.06	3.36	3.01	2.88

**Totals use average points per child*

Pens for Kids UK campaign

At Holbrook School, we have been learning about the charity, Pens for Kids UK. They collect working pens and pencils (including felt-tips and colouring pencils) and distribute them worldwide. Their aim is to ensure access to education for as many children as possible. Last year, they donated stationery to schools in Congo, Ukraine, India, Romania, Uganda, Kenya and Malawi, Morocco and Zambia.



Here is a link to their website: <https://www.pensforkids.co.uk/>

If your family has any spare, **working** pens / pencils to donate, we will be collecting them next week at school. The children can hand them to their class Eco-Rep or Mrs Filson in Woodpeckers class. We will forward all donations to Pens for Kids UK. Thank you,

Mrs Filson and the Eco-Council



King's Coronation

In the lead up to the coronation of King Charles III, children across the school are being encouraged to help others in our school community as part of the Big Help Out. If you and your family would like to take part in the nationwide Big Help Out, details can be found here - <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

On Friday 5th May the children will be participating in some coronation themed crafting activities culminating in a crown parade from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We will also be giving out ice lollies/ice creams to all pupils. Please let your class teacher know if you would prefer your child not to have one.

Curriculum letters

This term's curriculum letters, which include information about what the children are learning in each year group this term, can be found on the new school website under the Curriculum – Curriculum overview tab. They can also be found using the following links below.

Natalie Davies - Deputy Head

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Safeguarding – road safety

We received a report of a near miss this morning involving a Holbrook child in Primrose Copse on the way to school. The child concerned stepped out into the road without looking, to catch up with her friends and was unaware of the car's presence. Please reinforce the road safety message if your child walks to school unsupervised to prevent any unnecessary and potentially serious accidents. Thank you.



Maths morning

On Friday 19th May, we would like to invite you in to school to share in the amazing maths that our children learn at Holbrook school. After a short introduction in the hall, there will be an opportunity to visit the classrooms to see maths in action. Further details can be found in a separate Parentmail and we look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible.

Picture News

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



In the news this week

An educational television programme for young people in Afghanistan has been launched by the BBC. The TV show has been created to help children, who have been banned from going to school in the country, and is aimed at children aged 11 to 16. The Taliban group, who took over the country in 2021, have stopped girls over the age of 11 from attending school. The weekly programme is called Dars, which means 'lesson' in Afghanistan's official languages.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the new TV programme for young people in Afghanistan.
- Thinking about how you learn, what is your preferred way, e.g., by listening, writing, doing?
- In what ways would your life be different without school?

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-

May Cut off Dates	June Cut off Dates
Thursday 4/5 for w/c Monday 15/5	Thursday 1/6 for w/c Mon 12/6
Thursday 11/5 for w/c Monday 22/5	Thursday 8/6 for w/c Mon 19/6
Thursday 25/5 for w/c Monday 5/6	Thursday 15/6 for w/c Mon 26/6
	Thursday 22/6 for w/c Mon 3/7
	Thursday 29/6 for w/c Mon 10/7

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

SUMMER TERM	
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 th –Friday 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
Wednesday 10 th May	Y3 Greek Workshop
Thursday 11 th May	Y4 swimming starts
Friday 19th May	Maths Morning 8.45-9.45
Monday 22 nd May	NSPCC workshops for Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 24 th May	Class Photographs
Friday 26 th May	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 29 th May-Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Monday 5 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 20 th June	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors training
Wednesday 28th June	Sports Day
Friday 30th June	Y2 trip to Drusillas
Saturday 1st July	FOH Summer Fayre
Monday 3 rd – Weds 5 th July	Y4 Sayers Croft trip
Wednesday 5 th July	Y6 transition day to secondary schools
Tuesday 11th July	Y6 Play 7pm
Wednesday 12th July	Y6 Play 7pm
Wednesday 12th July	Reception trip to Washbrook Farm
Thursday 13th July	Open Afternoon
Friday 14th July	Y6 Picnic
Monday 17th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 18th July	Y6 BBQ

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher