

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Some pupils in Year 2 had the opportunity to participate in a multi-skills festival at The Bridge on Tuesday 14th November. The aim of the festival was to try a range of team sports and have fun. We certainly did that! Holbrook also were awarded the 'Spirit of the Games' award. This award is very special because a member of the coaching team could see Holbrook displaying perseverance, self-belief, respect for others, passion, honesty and determination, in addition to fabulous teamwork. A great afternoon. A special mention to Alex Brett and Logan Chitty who were awarded individual awards for great listening and super teamwork respectively.



Year 1 trip to Lewes Castle



On Tuesday Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Lewes Castle as a culmination of their Castles learning. Despite the weather, the children were able to peer over battlements and climb spiral staircases! They went armed with lots of questions about the history of the castle and by the end of our visit knew the answers to them all. Costumes were a highlight of the day and we were all surprised at how heavy the chain mail and helmets were. The children were all excellent ambassadors of the school.



Anti-Bullying Week

What a busy week it has been! From assemblies, to live lessons, online training for our anti-bullying ambassadors and even lessons led by the team too! Children have bought anti-bullying wristbands and composed and performed songs and raps around the theme of choice, challenge and change. All of this has helped to raise the profile of anti-bullying across the school and give children the tools to tackle bullying and raise concerns. We have definitely “made a noise” about bullying.



Christmas Trees for sale

Local Company Ilex Garden Management has kindly agreed to donate our Christmas tree this year-please see below to support them.



CHRISTMAS TREES AVAILABLE 24th NOVEMBER!

Wreathes (holly and fir) £15

Cut 4ft £30 🌲

Cut 5ft £40 🌲

Cut 6ft £60 🌲

Cut L 6-7ft £80 🌲

Cut XL 7-8ft £85 🌲

(Larger sizes also available upon request)



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Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is 'Are there some jobs that robots could never do?' – see below.



In the news this week

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon. The robot is in its first few weeks of trials at Amazon's facility in Seattle, USA, as the company tries to improve automation in its processes. To begin with, the robot is being taught to pick up and move empty boxes to ensure that they are ready for reuse. The yellow boxes, or totes, are used throughout the company's fulfilment process.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think that robots will be used more and more in workplaces and homes? If so, what do you feel they will be used for? Why?
- > Make a list of jobs that you think robots would be good at and a list of those that you think people will always be needed for.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
23rd November 2023	4th December 2023
30th November 2023	11th December 2023
21st December 2023	2nd January 2024
28th December 2023	8th January 2024
4th January 2024	15th January 2024
11th January 2024	22nd January 2024
18th January 2024	29th January 2024
25th January 2024	5th February 2024
Half Term week	
8th February 2024	19th February 2024
15th February 2024	26th February 2024
22nd February 2024	4th March 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Autumn 2023	
Thursday 23 rd November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 th November	Y5 Trip to Newhaven Fort
Saturday 2 nd December	FOH Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 th December am	KS1 Nativity to Y1 parents
Wednesday 6 th December am	KS1 Nativity to Y2 parents
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Thursday 7 th December pm	EYFS Nativity to parents
Friday 8 th December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS & KS1 FOH Christmas dance parties
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch & dress up day
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 FOH Christmas dance parties
Friday 15 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Spring 2024	
Tuesday 2 nd January	School closed for INSET day

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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