

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Sports – badminton & rugby



The Year 3 badminton festival at Collyers was a great success, where the 10 children from year 3 were amazing. Wonderful behaviour and great communication, teamwork and resilience displayed by all, plus lots of fun! There were over 10 different stations where the children participated in fun skills based games before playing low key matches at the end. Lots of fun had by all.

The year 6 girls had a wonderful afternoon at the Millias rugby festival. The girls engaged in fun skills based stations, before playing tag rugby matches against other schools.



Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Villa



We had an exciting day at Fishbourne Roman Palace, learning all about the Roman way of life. The children took part in workshops, where they created mosaics of their own, before they saw the real ancient mosaics in the palace.



MG Leonard visit



Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from the author MG Leonard on Monday. She led an assembly for the children, where she talked about how her interest in beetles led to her becoming an author and writing her first book Beetle Boy. She then went on to read the first chapter of her new book; The Ice Children, and took questions from the children, followed by a book signing.

A wonderful and inspiring visit for all of the children.



Eco matters

On Monday December 4th and Tuesday December 5th, we will be collecting festive food items on behalf of Horsham Matters. Donation trolleys will be available on those days near our KS1 and KS2 entrances.

In 2022, Horsham Foodbank gave out 9,069 food parcels; nearly half of these were for children.

Last year, the children at Holbrook were very keen to help others with their festive food donations. See the separate Parentmail for a list of items that Horsham Matters would particularly appreciate this Christmas.

Thank you for your help,
Mrs Filson and the Eco-Council

Safeguarding

This week has been Road Safety Week. During an assembly, Key Stage 1 children were reminded about the Green Cross Code and how to cross a road safely. The theme of the week is 'Let's Talk about Speed' emphasising how we can have safe journeys without speeding. This is particularly important in Holbrook School Lane, so please drive slowly and safely when driving near the school. Thank you.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS - POST BOX

From **Monday 4th December**, the school Christmas Post Boxes will be available for pupils to post their cards.

The last posting day will be Wednesday 13th December. Year 6 pupils will act as post people each day to sort and distribute the cards. **Please ensure your child addresses the card with the name and class of the recipient.** There will be 4 post boxes around school:

- Yellow end for Reception and Year 1 pupils
- Blue end for Year 2
- Red end for Year 3 and 4
- Green end for Year 5 and 6



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH VISIT

To enable each of the assemblies at St Marks Church on **Friday 8th December**, we will be looking for a number of parents helpers. If you are able to help at any please let the school office know. The assembly times are as follows:

9.30am EYFS/KS1	10.15am Y3/4	11.00am Y5/6
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Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is **'How can we show compassion to others?'**

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

Things to talk about at home ...

- As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?

- Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
30 th November 2023	11 th December 2023
21 st December 2023	2 nd January 2024
28 th December 2023	8 th January 2024
4 th January 2024	15 th January 2024
11 th January 2024	22 nd January 2024
18 th January 2024	29 th January 2024
25 th January 204	5 th February 2024
Half Term week	
8 th February 2024	19 th February 2024
15 th February 2024	26 th February 2024
22 nd February 2024	4 th March 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Autumn 2023	
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 13 th 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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