

Dear Parents/Carers

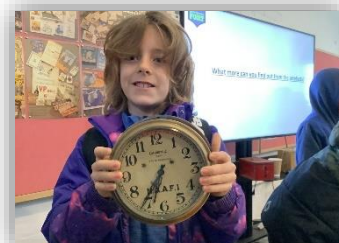
Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news



Year 5 visit Newhaven Fort

Last week Year 5 visited Newhaven Fort as part of their learning about World Wars I and II. There was a chance to look at artefacts such as a baby's gas mask and a clock from the NAAFI. The children also went into an Anderson shelter and experience what it would be like to be in an air raid.



Choir visit Skylark House

On Tuesday afternoon the year 6 choir visited Skylark House to bring a little Christmas joy.

Which is exactly what they did! The residents enjoyed listening to the Christmas carols that the children sang. They even joined in for a couple and kept asking for more. There were many smiles all round and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We look forward to hearing them in full swing at the Carol concert on Wednesday.

Mrs Davies



Year 4 Team Games Festival

A group of Year 4 pupils went to The Bridge this week to take part in a Team Games Festival. Activities included basketball, netball and lacrosse and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part, showing great application and team work. Well done!



House Cup

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

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
514	456	531	577

Holbrook pupils in the news

Congratulations to Hattie Laws who (together with her partner) won the South East Regional Acro Gymnastic competition. Two of our pupils, Henry Carver-Bates and Angelica Plaska have been taking part in the Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme, and on Saturday 2nd December they will be performing in the West Sussex Music Winter Concert at Worthing Assembly Hall. They have completed a year of instrumental lessons and taken part in weekly orchestra rehearsals.

You might be interested to know the Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme returns in January 2024, with the first term being absolutely free. Free group lesson, orchestra session and instrument hire. Please see the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter.

Festive activities

December is upon us and we have a busy final two weeks of Christmas activities planned, which kick off with our Year 1 & 2 productions on Tuesday & Wednesday, our Carol Concert for Years 3-6 on Wednesday evening and Reception production on Thursday. We finish off the week by visiting St. Mark's Church for Christmas assemblies with Reverend Coldicott on Friday. The children have been busy practising and are really looking forward to the events. We are still looking for parent volunteers to walk to St Marks on Friday morning. If you can help please let the office know.

FOH Christmas Parties

We are very fortunate that the Friends of Holbrook have once again funded Christmas parties for the children this year. The parties will be during the school day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their parties on Tuesday 12th and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take place on Thursday 14th - these will be delivered by Kicks Dance. The children may come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party.

Thank you

We have received a 'Thank you' from the Royal British Legion for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. Our collection total was £165.20.

Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is 'Who is responsible for Antarctica?' – see below.



In the news this week

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- > Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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 & Christmas Jumper 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,



Ian Holmes

Headteacher



Starting JANUARY 2024!

Back for another year the incredible TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

Free group lessons on orchestral instruments for
children aged 7 - 11

✓ Free for term one

✓ Free Instrument hire

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