

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

#### Christmas Productions

It was lovely to share our Christmas productions with parents and families this week.

Both the Year 1 and 2 performances of 'A King is Born' were full of brilliant acting, singing and dancing and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Reception children also performed 'Everyone Loves a Baby', their Christmas Nativity play to parents. The children were amazing with their wonderful acting, speaking, singing and signing.

All of the shows were joyous occasions and everyone involved should be very proud of themselves.



#### Carol Concert

On Wednesday evening, once again, the Holbrook school community packed out St. Mary's Church for our KS2 Carol Concert. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a memorable and special event. The children's beautiful singing, clear readings and well-acted tableaux scene enabled us all to feel the festive spirit.

Thank you for your kind donations to our retiring collections this week. The monies will be divided between two local charities (Horsham Matters and Horsham Community Responders).



#### Christmas assemblies

This morning the whole school visited St. Mark's Church for three special Christmas assemblies led by Reverend Coldicott. The children sang songs, watched a video clip and learnt how we are all important. Thank you to all our parents who volunteered to help us walk to the church.

#### P.E

This term, year 6 have had the opportunity to learn junior golf in their PE lessons. In their final lesson this week, they were given the task of designing their own golf game and purchasing the equipment using the budget they were given. It was great to see not only great golf skills on show, but also excellent collaboration and creativity. Next term it will be the turn of year 2 & year 5. We will also be running an after school JOLF club on a Wednesday for further opportunities like this. Mrs E Wright



## Christmas Library

The library has been decorated by the Reading Ambassadors and Mrs Reeves. Each class has enjoyed visiting to open the book advent calendar and listen to some festive stories around the Christmas tree.



## West Sussex Recycle Toys to Read campaign

Thank you to everyone who donated toys to the school. We came 6<sup>th</sup> overall (and top in the Horsham area) in the Recycle Toys to Read campaign will receive £100 of vouchers to buy more reading books for the school.

Mrs Filson



## Festive donations

Thank you for donating so many festive items to our foodbank collection. Members of the Eco-Council helped to collect and pack the food items, ready for delivery to the local charity, Horsham Matters. Mrs Filson and the Eco-Council



## Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is 'What is it like to live through an uncertain time?' – see below.



## In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- How do you imagine the people of Grindavik feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

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
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
28 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half Term week	
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Autumn 2023	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 FOH Christmas dance parties
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 FOH Christmas dance parties
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term
Spring 2024	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	School closed for INSET day
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y3 Swimming starts</b>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes

Headteacher