

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Dot Day

This week, children at Holbrook used the wonderful story 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds as inspiration for a collaborative art mural all about the importance of Growth Mindset. We wore colourful, patterned clothes and talked about the differences between a Growth Mindset and a Fixed Mindset in our morning assembly. The children's ideas included perseverance, positive attitudes, learning from mistakes and not being afraid to try something challenging. Each year group used a different artist or media to create amazing dots. We look forward to sharing our Dot display with you shortly!

Miss Harding



Curriculum

Science

Year 6 investigated the structure of a pig heart (as it is similar to a human one) and created anatomical models using salt dough.



History

Year 4 children really enjoyed a virtual visit from Southampton SeaCity Museum as part of our Titanic topic. The children learnt about real life passenger stories, practised using Morse code and decided who they would want to put in the lifeboats!

Indoor Athletics



Yesterday 18th January athletes from Year 6 represented the school at the indoor sports hall athletics competition at the Forest school. They competed in a range of disciplines including chest throw, standing long jump, speed bounce, vertical jump, target throw and a range of sprints and relays. It was tough competition but as always Holbrook showed great teamwork and we finished 5th overall out of 9 schools.

Mrs Harman



Health matters

Headlice - Most schools are likely to have a few children with head lice at any one time. We no longer send 'alert' letters as they could potentially be required every day of the school year and frequently lead parents to treat their children preventatively, which is neither effective nor advised. Head lice infection cannot be prevented, and over-use of insecticide treatments may lead to resistance. It remains parental responsibility to detect and administer treatment for head lice to their own children.

Although schools no longer have 'nit nurses' or do termly checks, we do still have an important role in supporting parents in managing the problem. If your child is suspected of having head lice we will inform you directly and request that you check your child and treat if necessary. We would encourage you to check your child for head lice once a week using a nit comb, which are available from the local chemist. Treating head lice is not a problem. Detection and effective ongoing treatment of head lice is key to reducing outbreaks. This [link](#) provides further information from the NHS.

Finally, we understand some children like to wear their hair down but we do ask that long hair is tied up (boys and girls) to minimise head to head contact in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) from West Sussex CC

Make sure your child has received the MMR vaccination.

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles, mumps and rubella. Check your child is up to date with their MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/



Older children and adults who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection and it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/

P.E reminder

Occasionally, a child may not be able to take part in P.E lessons for medical reasons e.g sprain. In these situations, please can you send in a note or email to the office/class teacher to clarify the matter so that staff can make necessary arrangements – thank you.

Safeguarding

One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12. This concerted increase – driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely. This [link](#) provides a guide to some simple but solid smartphone safety tips.



Picture News

This week’s topic for discussion is ‘**Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?**’ – see below.

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In the news this week

Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted. He believes that fully autonomous vehicles, in which people become passengers in their own cars, will arrive in the UK that year and follow a gradual rollout. The government introduced a bill in a speech by King Charles III that paved the way for autonomous cars, without a safety driver, after pressure from industry, MPs, and Sir Patrick Vallance in his recent review of technology regulation.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think you would like to travel in a self-driving vehicle?
- > Make a list of the positives and negatives of self-driving vehicles.
- > Do you believe we will see more self-driving vehicles on the roads over the next few years?

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
25th January 204	5th February 2024
Half Term week	
8th February 2024	19th February 2024
15th February 2024	26th February 2024
22nd February 2024	4th March 2024
29th February 2024	11th March 2024
7th March 2024	18th March 2024
14th March 2024	25th March 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Spring 2024	
Thursday 1 st February	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC Number day
Monday 12 th - Fri 16 th February	Half term
Monday 19 th February	INSET- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 29 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book day

Have a lovely weekend.

Ian Holmes

