

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum

Cross country

It was a very wet and muddy day at Christs Hospital for the cross-country event. The children ran 1.2km for the year 3/4 teams and 2km for our year 5/6 teams, in very tricky conditions. Both girls' teams came 3rd, with the boys coming 7th and 10th. We even got a couple of spots in the county finals too! A fantastic performance from everyone. *Mrs Davies*



Swimming gala

Our year 5 & 6 swimmers took part in an inter-school swimming gala at the Pavillions on

Wednesday. They enjoyed the experience of competitive races and gained a lot of confidence from the event. The A and B teams finished 4th and 6th respectively. Well done! *Mrs Harman & Mrs E Wright*



Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that the spring term consultation meetings take place next week (Tues 27th & Weds 29th Feb). This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss their learning and progress and there are still a few appointments left. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far and we look forward to seeing you at these meetings. ***A reminder that Key Stage 2 pupils finish slightly earlier at 3pm both days.***



Coffee morning

We held the first of our regular meetings for parents this week. Thank you to those that attended this informal event to find out more about Diversity in Holbrook. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March at 2:15pm and further details will be sent shortly.

Reading at Home

Children who read are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem, as well as being more likely to do better at school and later life. We know that everyone's lives are busy these days but the proven benefits are such an important investment in your child's life. Thank you very much for your time and effort in hearing your child read at home.



Self-regulation

The ability to manage our feelings, thoughts and behaviours in effective ways – known as self-regulation – is gained gradually through childhood and into adolescence. Learning to deal with everyday difficulties is acknowledged as a pivotal element in young people’s development but can prove trickier for some children to master than others.

In the #WakeUpWednesday guide this week, you’ll find expert suggestions on ways of supporting children as they build their ability to self-regulate. Demonstrating how you process your own emotions – and selecting appropriate literature and other resources – figure in their collection of practical tips on helping young ones on their journey towards self-regulation. Click on the poster for further details.



Neighbourly consideration

The school is still receiving reports about inconsiderate parking in Holbrook School Lane, which this week included the use of bad language in the earshot of our children. We do not condone either of these incidents, which are out of tune with our school values of Co-operation, Respect and Tolerance and we wish to co-exist with good neighbourly relationships. Please be aware that our neighbours will be reporting any further incidents to the police.

Picture News

This week’s topic for discussion is ‘How can you make your voice heard?’ – see below.



In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

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
29th February 2024	11th March 2024
7th March 2024	18th March 2024
29th February 2024	11th March 2024
7th March 2024	18th March 2024
14th March 2024	25th March 2024
Easter Break	
4th April 2024	15th April 2024
11th April 2024	22nd April 2024
18th April 2024	29th April 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Spring 2024	
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 29 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 1st March	FOH Discos
Thursday 7 th March	World Book day
Tuesday 19th March	Bags2School
Friday 29th March	Good Friday- School Closed
April 1st- April 14th	Easter Break

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Ian Holmes