

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum

Tag Rugby



On Tuesday, a mixed group of Year 3&4 students attended a tag rugby festival at Horsham Rugby Club. They rotated around a carousel of 6 activities and then played 3 matches to put the skills into practice. It was wonderful to unearth some new rugby talent!

Badminton

On Wednesday, a small number of Y6 pupils attended a badminton competition at The Bridge along with one other school. Having completed a unit of work on badminton this half term, it was great to see them utilise their skills in proper match play scenarios of both singles and doubles. Jacob came out as the overall winner so well done to him!



Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at Consultation evenings this week. These events help provide important information about your child's learning and well-being, and really strengthen the home-school partnership that we know makes a difference.

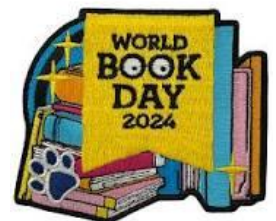
Thank you



Red Nose Day and World Book Day

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March by having a dress down day (wearing red if possible!) in return for a minimum donation of £1.

World Book Day-A reminder that this Thursday is World Book day and we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible sharing the children's work over the week- please see the email sent on 23rd February for more details. It's also a dressing up day with all the children (and staff) can dress up as their favourite book or poetry character. Alternatively, they could come in their pyjamas/onesies with a bedtime story.



Horsham Matters

We recently received the following email from Amalia Lovett, Network and Campaigns Lead at Horsham Matters.

Dear Mr. Holmes, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for your donation of £325.00 to Horsham Matters. Please send our sincere thank you to the staff, children and parents that were able to donate. We depend on donations to continue our work in the community and to be able to support those most vulnerable. Donations like yours go a long way to helping us do just that. I am attaching a certificate that you can proudly display in your school or share with your parent community.



Health matters

Threadworms are common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP, see this [link](#) from the NHS . If you think your child may have threadworms, it is important that you treat your child and everyone in the household, even if they do not have symptoms. This is available from your local pharmacy. There are things you can do to stop becoming infected again:

- wash hands and scrub under fingernails – particularly before eating and after using the toilet
- keep fingernails short and encourage children to wash hands regularly
- bathe or shower every morning and rinse toothbrushes before using them
- wash sleepwear, sheets, towels and soft toys (at a hot temperature)
- disinfect kitchen/bathroom surfaces and vacuum and dust with a damp cloth
- make sure children wear underwear at night – change it in the morning

Do not:

- do not shake clothing or bedding, to prevent eggs landing on other surfaces
- do not share towels or flannels and do not bite nails or suck thumbs and fingers

If you or your child has threadworms there is no need to stay off nursery, school or work.

Head Lice - we 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. There is no need to see a GP or keep your child off school.

Free mental health webinars

The Charlie Waller Trust is offering a series of free webinars exploring practical, evidence-based information and strategies for parents, carers and educators to support children and young people with their mental health. The series of webinars begins on 4 March 2024, with expert mental health trainers and guest speakers covering a range of topics. Find out more about the series [here](#), or click the link to register for each of the individual webinars below:

- [Helping your child understand their emotions and practical strategies to help](#)
- [Spotting signs that your young person is struggling with their mental health](#)
- [Anxiety in young people: spotting the signs and supportive strategies.](#)

Picture News

This week’s topic for discussion is ‘How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?’ – see below.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- > What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book day
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 27th March	Y6 trip to Amberley
Tuesday 19 th March	Bags2School
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday- School Closed
April 1 st - April 14 th	Easter Break
Summer 2024	
w/c April 29th	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday May 22nd	Class Photos
Friday 24th May	INSET- school closed to pupils.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Ian Holmes