

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

## Curriculum

### World Book Week

The children have enjoyed World Book Week and seeing parents in school to share their reading (in EYFS and Key Stage 1) and poetry performances (in Key Stage 2). In today's special assembly, every child performed their year group poetry ranging from Reception's nursery rhymes to Year 6's The Highwayman poem. Here are a few photographs of some amazing book characters in school yesterday, when we celebrated World Book Day.



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### Y2 Fire Service

On Monday, Year 2 had a visit from the West Sussex Fire Service. The children learnt lots about keeping safe and what an important job our firefighters do. They were able to get into a fire engine, see the equipment and even wore some firefighting gear.



### Y5 Science

Year 5 pupils joined an online Zoom talk with Tim Peake about his experience on the International Space Station. Afterwards, the children worked together to create moon landers. The astronauts were hollow chocolate eggs and the challenge was to ensure that they didn't break on landing.



### Year 5/6 racket sports festival

A group of Year 5&6 children attended a racket sports festival at The Bridge on Wednesday morning. The activities on the carousel were squash, badminton, tennis and table tennis. It was great to see so many smiling faces whilst learning new skills and receive such positive feedback about the fun that they'd all had.  
*Mrs E Wright*

### FREE Table tennis sessions

Following on from some table tennis taster sessions during PE lessons before half term, Horsham Sports Services are running a free KS2 festival on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March @ Forest School, 5.30-7.00pm. It would be great to see some of our children so please book a place here <https://bookwhen.com/horshamttc/e/ev-s0q2-20240325173000>



## FREE Emotional Wellbeing webinars

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust are delighted to announce a couple of upcoming webinars for primary schools that will be covering **Emotional Wellbeing**. The webinars will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams by Specialist Community Public Health Nurses and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Below are the links to each session. Please note you cannot book onto these sessions in advance, you can only join at the time of the webinar and up to 5 minutes after the start.

**Emotional Wellbeing** webinars will be held on:

[Click here to join the meeting](#) – Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 8.30am

[Click here to join the meeting](#) – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – 3.30pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#) – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April – 8.30am

If you have any queries, or if you would like to find out more information about the secondary school webinars, please do not hesitate to get in contact: [sc-tr.hcpwestsussexschoolnurses@nhs.net](mailto:sc-tr.hcpwestsussexschoolnurses@nhs.net)

## Afternoon Tea

Our next coffee morning for parents is actually an afternoon tea. The reason for the rather misleading title is to provide a time for those unable to make a morning slot. The date is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm and the theme is online safety. Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is **'Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?'** – see below.

# TAKEHOME

11 - 17 March



## Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



## In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

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

- Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

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
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
25th April 2024	6th May 2024
2nd May 2024	13th May 2024
9th May 2024	20th May 2024

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

Spring 2024	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 trip to Amberley
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags2School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday- School Closed
April 1 <sup>st</sup> - April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break
Summer 2024	
w/c April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Y4 Swimming starts</b>
Wednesday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class Photos
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET- school closed to pupils.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Ian Holmes