

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



Curriculum

On Tuesday the children enjoyed a visit from the author M.P Robertson with a special assembly and workshops based around his wonderful stories and illustrations.

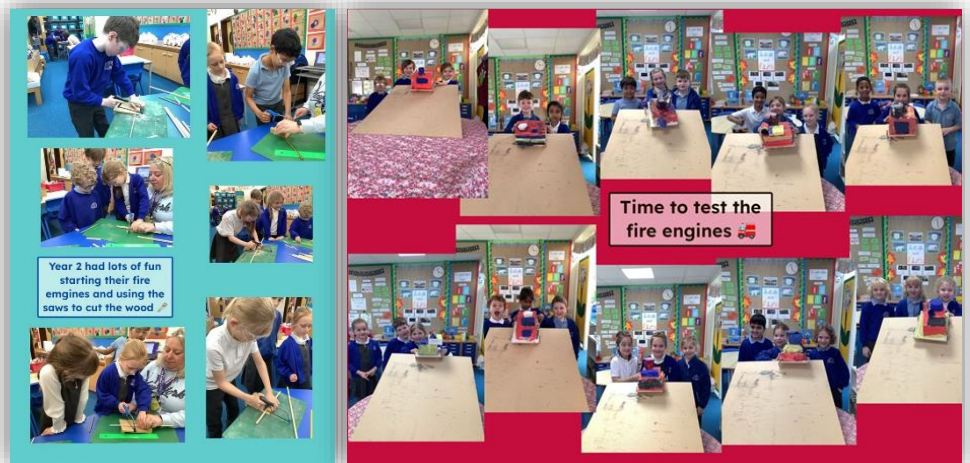


DT projects

Years 2 and 4 have been busy this week learning a variety of skills in their Design & Technology projects.

Year 2 designed and made a fire engine before testing the models' capabilities in moving down a slope with a cup of water intact.

Year 4 designed and made a card monster with a mouth that operated with a pneumatic device.



Eco-Council

Meet our new Eco-Council reps who met with Mrs Filson for the first time this week. The Eco-Committee meet regularly throughout the academic year, plan and deliver environmental projects, and inspire their schoolmates and wider school community.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generous donations for Red Nose Day today. There was a sea of red in today's assembly and the School Council reps delivered a special Red Nose Day quiz to their classmates.



The children in Year 5&6 have recently benefited from a free, 70 minute, lifesaving skills session offered by [Little LifeSavers Charity](http://www.littlelifesavers.org). The charity is volunteer led and is looking to recruit more volunteers in this area.

Could you help by volunteering?

The volunteer process is very straightforward and is all online. It takes just 3-4 hours of your time to complete, and you do not need previous CPR experience. The charity provides full support and equipment. You will need an enhanced DBS certificate which is registered with the Update Service. If you don't have this, then the charity can apply for it for you for a small one-off contribution of £15.

Volunteering can be great fun with friends, and it is a brilliant way to give back to the community and feel good. By inviting parents to join the charity as volunteers, it means the children at our school and others will benefit from receiving crucial lifesaving skills sessions this year and in future years to come.

Please have a look at the volunteer information leaflet attached and visit www.littlelifesavers.org or email info@littlelifesavers.org for more information or to sign up. NB volunteers do not have to be parents so please spread the word to your own networks if you are not able to help yourself but you know someone who might be interested.



Bee Ready for Bees Garden Competition

This week in a KS2 assembly, the children learnt about the importance of bees. Chartwells are inviting children to create a collage garden that would be welcoming for a bee. Below is a link to a template the children can draw on (although entries are also welcome on standard A4 or A3 paper too).

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A winner will be selected from KS2 and also from KS1/Early Years. Each winner will receive a flower garden starter kit and an Easter egg. Please can all entries be handed to Mrs Filson (Eagles) by the start of Wednesday 27th March. The winners will be announced the following day.

Mrs Filson



Attendance Award

We were delighted to receive an award from the Fischer Family Trust for our school attendance for the Autumn Term. This national award placed Holbrook in the top 10% of FFT Primary School in England. Thank you to parents/carers for ensuring that your child's attendance is the best it can be, as we know this makes a difference to their achievement and progress.



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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
May Half Term	
23rd May 2024	3rd June 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Spring 2024	
Wednesday 27 th 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 29 th	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 2 nd May	Y4 Swimming starts
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday- school closed
Mon 13th- Fri 17th May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday May 22 nd	Class Photos
Friday 24 th May	INSET- school closed to pupils.
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May	Half term- break

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Ian Holmes