

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum

RE week

We have celebrated an RE week across the whole school this week, focusing on religious festivals. Each year group has focused on a different religion and took part in a range of activities such as creating posters, listening to visitors from that religion, making crafts and even a paint throwing celebration in Year 5!



Choral Day

On Monday, a group of pupils from Year 5 had the opportunity to visit Christ's Hospital school for a Choral Day. Throughout the day, they took part in workshops lead by the talented David Lawrence from Young Voices. After a delicious lunch, the children watched the band parade whilst the students marched into the hall - quite incredible! The children were such a credit to the school; they were enthusiastic, polite and sang beautifully. *Mrs Dodsley*



Ukulele concerts

It was a busy week for year 4, as they performed a special concert to parents. This was the culmination of their Term 2 Learn ukulele tuition with a specialist from the West Sussex music service.

Sports news



Ten children in years 3 and 4 enjoyed the tennis festival held at the Holbrook Club on Tuesday. All of them showed enthusiasm and participated well with the rotational activities on offer both on the indoor and outdoor tennis courts.

The following day, a group of year 4 children took part in the Sportshall athletics event. In both events, all children were excellent representatives of Holbrook school.

Mrs E Wright



House Bench Ball tournament

This year's tournament proved to be a very exciting competition with 66 children from years 3 – 6 participating in the event. The group stage ended in a three-way tie with the teams separated by goal difference alone. Both semi-finals were close contests and the final was even closer.

In the final, Phoenix went into a 2-goal lead, only for Dragons to pull one and then another back to leave the scores level at 2-2. During extra time, both teams had chances to win the game and it became end-to-end stuff. With a tie looming, Phoenix managed to score a dramatic golden goal with twelve seconds left on the clock.

There was some great team work on display throughout the afternoon and plenty of sporting behaviour, as the event was enjoyed by all. Well played everyone.

Safeguarding – online safety

Social media used inappropriately outside school can cause problems in school. The minimum age limit for many apps such as WhatsApp and TikTok (both 13+) make these inappropriate for primary age children and we would not recommend them. However, if you do permit your child access, then it is recommended that you follow these top tips;

- Check out the apps and sites they are using
- Talk about age ratings
- Make use of parental controls – use private rather than public accounts
- Be proactive - use opportunities such as news, to start conversations about what your child would do
- Encourage your children to 'think before you post.'
- Report – encourage your child not to respond or retaliate to any form of bullying or inappropriate communication. Instead, help them to report it and keep any evidence.

We will continue to inform parents of any inappropriate or unsafe internet use, should this occur. Further information can be found on our website [here](#).

Afternoon Tea

Don't forget our next parents' meeting is next week Tuesday 26th March at 2:15pm. The topic is internet safety and we'd love to see you there.



Ten Little Toes

Ten Little Toes is a registered charity supporting families experiencing hardship and family crisis across West Sussex with Children aged 0-12. They understand that families may need support for a wide range of reasons, they do not need to be in receipt of other benefits to qualify for help.

What do they provide?

- Clothing, Shoes and Coats for children aged 0-12
- Cots and Moses Baskets - all with brand new mattresses
- Highchairs, stair gates, baby monitors and safety equipment
- Prams and Strollers
- Baby Formula, Bottles and Sterilisers, breast feeding equipment
- Nappies and Wipes, toiletries for the whole family



Please contact the school in confidence if you would like us to make a referral on your behalf.

Picture News

This week’s topic for discussion is ‘Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?’ – see below.



In the news this week

Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world’s five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £321 billion to £688 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people) has fallen. If this trend continues, the world will have its first trillionaire within 10 years, whilst poverty may not be eradicated for another nearly 230 years.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on this week’s story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
- > Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
- > Do you think more should be done e.g., by governments, to reduce the gap between the world’s richest and poorest people?



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
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 6 th May	Bank Holiday- school closed
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday May 22 nd	Class Photos
Friday 24 th May	INSET- school closed to pupils.
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May	Half term- break

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Ian Holmes