

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the spring term.

Sports news



Tag rugby tournament

We had a very successful morning at the Tag Rugby competition on Tuesday morning at the Rugby Club. We played 6 groups games and a final play off, meaning we finished 5th out of 14 teams. The team displayed great teamwork and fantastic positive attitudes.

Cross country

Following the area cross country event last month, Marcy and Henry represented the Central Sussex team at the county finals on Wednesday morning at Crawley Rugby Club. It was a challenging and muddy course but both of them finished with a smile on their face and enjoyed this prestigious occasion.



Cricket day

Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils enjoyed street cricket taster sessions with Sussex Cricket today. This was to promote the free street cricket sessions run at the Holbrook Club on a Wednesday from 7-8pm - it would be great to see some of the children there.

Overall, another fantastic sporting term with a large number of children participating in festivals and tournaments.

Mrs E Wright



Y6 Amberley trip

Yesterday, Year 6 embarked on a trip to Amberley Working Museum as part of their topic on the Victorians and how Horsham has changed since the arrival of the railway in the 1850s. Whilst there, we learned about the quarry during the Industrial Revolution and how the invention of the steam engine and railway transformed how they worked, it was very interesting and we even got to have a ride on their steam train!



During the afternoon, we returned to Horsham Town Centre and explored the town centre looking for evidence of Victorian buildings and specific landmarks hidden in plain sight! It was a lot of walking but we had a great day and learned much about Horsham.

Mr Hudspith

House Cup

The overall winner of the House Cup this term is Phoenix – well done!

| Centaurs | Dragons | Phoenix | Unicorns |
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| 2661 | 2506 | 2671 | 2481 |



Chess Tournaments

Well done to all the 37 children who took part in the UK Chess Challenge, which involved seven rounds of matches against a different opponent each week. Both tournaments were very close and all children developed their game play as a result. The Year 3&4 winner was Abi Kelly, with Boris Geshkov winning the Year 5&6 event. Runners up were Luke Easter and Matheesha Samarakoon respectively.



Staffing update

Today we said 'Au revoir' to Miss Windwood (TLSA Woodpeckers), who starts her maternity leave very soon. We welcome Mrs Devaney to the Holbrook team to cover this role.

Afternoon Tea

It was lovely to see more parents at our afternoon tea this week. Thank you to those that attended this informal event to find out more about Online Safety at Holbrook. The next meeting is planned for Thursday 9th May and further information will be sent early next term.



Bee Garden competition

Thank you for all your entries to the Bee Garden competition. They were amazing and it was so hard to pick only two. The winners are Boris (Hawks) and Shahlyla (Foxes). They win a flower starter kit from Chartwells and Easter egg. *Mrs Filson*



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

| CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59 | FOR WEEK COMMENCING |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 th April 2024 | 15 th April 2024 |
| 11 th April 2024 | 22 nd April 2024 |
| 18 th April 2024 | 29 th April 2024 |
| 25 th April 2024 | 6 th May 2024 |
| 2 nd May 2024 | 13 th May 2024 |
| 9 th May 2024 | 20 th May 2024 |
| May Half Term | |
| 23 rd May 2024 | 3 rd June 2024 |

Eco-Council – thank you

Thank you for the anonymous donation to our Eco-Council. It was a very kind gesture. We will make sure that we use the money wisely.

Mrs Filson and The Eco-Council



**EXTRA! EXTRA!
 READ ALL ABOUT IT!**



Holbrook Primary School are excited to release our **first ever** edition of The Holbrook Herald! A team of enthusiastic editors have been given exclusive press access around the school to get the 'inside scoop' on lots of the exciting events that we have taken part in this term. They have worked incredibly hard and put time and effort into producing this

fabulous publication, which even includes games! Our editorial team should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you and well done to all involved: Eva, Amelia, Erin, Harrison, Evie, Angelica, Bianca, Ivy, India, Henry, Charlotte, Hattie, Marcy, Millie, Abigail, Niamh, Takara, Harry, Natalie, Josie, Olivia and Iris.

We also have an EXCLUSIVE interview with the one, the only, MC Grammar!

The Holbrook Herald

Instead of Picture News, this week we are excited to share with you the first edition of our very own Holbrook Herald.

Well done to Mr Thompson and his team of budding journalists for all their hard work. Please click [here](#) to read the paper.

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

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| Spring 2024 | |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 19th June | Sports Day-more details to follow |

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
 Headteacher

