

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term. It is great to be back at school after the Easter break and both children and staff have been working hard, enjoying their new learning adventures together. Watch out for the termly information letters to keep you informed about our curriculum offer and children's learning.

**Summer
Term**

Holbrook Curriculum in action



Golf - Year 3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Junior Golf session this week and are already looking to practising their skills again in the future.

Football - On Wednesday, the Y6 Girls football team finally got to take part in their rescheduled friendly vs Shelley School. They were sporting their smart

new kits which we recently won through the Primary Stars initiative. I can honestly say they played the best I've ever seen, based on their communication and collaboration, and the smiles on their faces throughout said it all. The final score was 11-1 with Iris, Ava, Meagan, Brooke (in her first ever match), Evie and Georgia all getting on the score sheet. *Mrs E Wright*



Rugby Tournament

Four Year 5 pupils (Harrison C, Harrison W, Jaxon & Callum) were part of the successful Horsham Sharks U10 team that won the Tigers Challenge last weekend. They beat 158 other teams at a tournament in Bognor Regis to win this national competition. Well played and congratulations!



Online safety

The school has recently subscribed to the West Sussex Digital Safety package, which provides parents with access to an Online Safety parents webinar recording, as well as a monthly newsletter. The link for the recording can be found [here](#) and the newsletter will be sent separately.

Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Chapman (Kingfishers) who is getting married soon. We wish her and her family best wishes for the big event. From the 29th April, she will be known as Mrs Latham.



Uniform




Visitors to the school often comment on how smart Holbrook pupils look in their uniform. Please remember shoes should be black with a flat heel and have no embellishment or logo, with velcro, bar or lace fastenings. In addition, please ensure that children have the correct PE kit, which consists of House colour T-shirt, black shorts or skorts (black jogging bottoms if cold). Thank you for your help in maintaining these high standards. Should you need any assistance (financial or information) in uniform matters then please contact the school office.



Safeguarding

Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and the wider community to share this commitment. For pupils to feel that they are able to do their best and achieve their true potential, it is important that they feel safe and supported in our school environment.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues is Mr Ian Holmes. Our Deputy DSLs are Mrs Natalie Davies (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Catherine Brooks (Inclusion Lead).

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for Child Protection		
		
Mr Ian Holmes Head teacher	Mrs Natalie Davies Deputy Head teacher	Mrs Catherine Brooks Assistant Head (Inclusion)

If you would like to speak to one of our DSLs please either call or email on:

Telephone: 01403272500

Email: dsl@holbrookprimaryschool.com

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion which links to my assembly about resilience is 'Can you learn to persevere?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

22nd - 28th April



Can you learn to persevere?

In the news this week

Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race. Jasmin is one of only twenty people to have successfully completed the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA. She crossed the finish line in March with less than 100 seconds to spare before the 60-hour cut-off time. Jasmin said she wanted to inspire others and test the limits of her capabilities.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you imagine how Jasmin might have felt when she finished the event? Make a list of the different feelings you believe she may have had.
- Can you think of a time when you found something really difficult? Were you able to complete the challenge or task? Talk about the experience and what you learned from it.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Poetry Competition

Southern Railway are calling on children aged between 5 and 13 to enter their poem into their poetry competition for a chance to have it displayed on trains and at stations across the network this summer. Additionally, winners will also receive complementary return rail travel for themselves and four family members.



To enter, children should write a poem about somewhere they love to visit on the train or where they live. The poem should be 50 to 150 words long and entry closes at 23:59 on Friday 10th May 2024. Full details can be found [here](#).

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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
30th May 2024	10th June 2024
6th June 2024	17th June 2024
13th June 2024	24th June 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

SUMMER TERM	
Monday 29 th May	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 2 nd May	Y4 Swimming starts
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday- school closed
Thursday 9th May	Coffee Morning
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday May 22 nd	Class Photos
Friday 24 th May	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
Saturday 15th June	FOH Summer Fayre
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports day -KS2 am EYFS/KS1 pm
Thursday 27th June	Y2 trip to Drusillas Zoo
Monday 1 st – Weds 3 rd July	Y4 Sayers Croft trip
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 transition day to secondary schools

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher