

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Y6 Bikeability

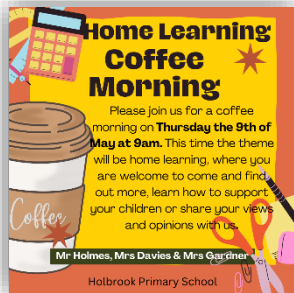


This week the Year 6's have been undertaking 'Bikeability' training with West Sussex instructors. They started on the school playground to master the basics - riding steadily in a straight line, turning while cycling one-handed, signalling and bicycle maintenance. Once they had proven their skills, they went on the roads of Horsham to perfect and apply their skills. They all had a wonderful time and grew greatly in confidence and can safely cycle while understanding and following the rules of the road. Well done Year 6! *Mr Hudpsith*



### Football

The Y6 boys football team won resoundingly in their friendly against Shelley on Thursday. It was great to see the improvements they had made and how encouraging they were of each other at all times. There were goals for Jack B, Jack C, Jacob, James and Thomas, resulting in an 11-2 victory! *Mrs E Wright*



### Coffee morning

Please join us at our next coffee morning for parents on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8:45am in the studio. This time the theme is home learning, where you are welcome to come and find out more and how to support your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Safeguarding

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who park safely and considerately at pick up and drop off times. However, there are still a few parents who are stopping to drop children off on the yellow zig zag lines and 'No stopping on entrance markings' signs, which could result in a serious accident. Please note, we will be sending a polite reminder to those drivers who continue to park in this dangerous manner.



### Digital Dependency Workshop for Families

The charity, Now and Beyond aims to improve access to mental health provision and resources in educational settings. They recently offered an online parents webinar about how to deal with digital dependency as a family. This session provides practical advice and knowledge to empower their children to enjoy healthy relationships with tech and social media. It confronts the elephant in the room that is – parents' own relationships with tech. The webinar link can be found [here](#).





### Mini London Marathon

We're very excited to be taking part in next week's Mini London Marathon, raising funds for the rejuvenation of our Thinking Garden!

Children may wear their trainers all next week to run/jog/skip/walk around the track. [Here](#) is the link again for sponsorship. Many thanks to those that have already donated.

### Picture News

This week's topic for discussion which links to my assembly about resilience is 'Can the past help us learn about modern life?' – see below.



## In the news this week

A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in northwestern Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today. It was thought that Neanderthals' lives weren't as sophisticated as this or as similar to those of modern humans. The researchers looked at sites of both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens and compared how things like tools and animal bones were positioned in the living area. They found Neanderthals organised their items depending on the different tasks and activities they were doing.

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

- > Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- > How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- > Think about how organised or tidy people at your home or school are. Is everyone the same?

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	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
Thursday 23:59	
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
20th June 2024	1st July 2024

27th June 2024	8th July 2024
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

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

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday- school closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Morning
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Author Sophie Henn visit
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class Photos
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>FOH Non uniform day-cash donations please</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS trip to Washbrooks Farm
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>FOH Non uniform day- bottles please</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	FOH Summer Fayre
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day -KS2 am EYFS/KS1 pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Drusillas Zoo
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y4 Sayers Croft trip
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 transition day to secondary schools
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Horsham Children's Parade</b>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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