

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Holbrook Curriculum

Author visit

Today saw the return of author Sophy Henn to Holbrook to support our work on encouraging a love of reading across the school. Children from years 2-5 took part in a fantastic draw-along session with Sophy, learning some top tips and tricks for creating and drawing characters from her new Happy Hills series - as well as creating our very own Dave Squiggles!

Some fantastic work was created - please do come along to our school library after school on a Tuesday or Wednesday to see some of the artwork produced by Sophy and our aspiring comic book illustrators!



Parents have asked about still ordering books - if you contact Julie at The Book Nook in Hove on 01273 911988 or info@booknookuk.com she will be able to organise a signed copy with the previously advertised discount (although postage would need to be paid). *Mrs Reeves*

Year 3

Year 3 were very fortunate to have a visit from Divinder Kaur on Friday 3rd May. Divinder came to discuss the Sikh faith with both classes, and answer our many questions. We really enjoyed finding out more about the Sikh community. *Mrs Reeves*



Year 4

On Friday 3rd May, Year 4 were lucky enough to go on a trip to Bohunt School to watch a performance by the brilliant Kidenza Children's Orchestra. We were introduced to the different instruments in the orchestra and enjoyed listening to a variety of music, which the children all said was "awesome!".

Mrs Dodsley

Year 2 Sports Festival

On Wednesday morning, 16 Year 2 pupils went to Leechpool school for a Target Sports festival. In the glorious sunshine, they experienced activities such as archery, ultimate frisbee, disc golf, skittles and many more. It was fantastic for these children to experience their first out of school sporting event and they represented the school impeccably.

Mrs E Wright



Intra-house Boccia Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon, 24 children from years 2-4 were chosen to represent their house teams in an intra-house Boccia competition. They played 3 games and 2 shootouts and the points scored have been contributed to the house cup. The winners were Centaurs with 18 points, followed by Unicorns with 12, then Phoenix with 8 and finally Dragons with 6. Well done to everyone involved. *Mrs E Wright*



Safeguarding – Sun safety

Although the hot, sunny weather is not set to last, we encourage the children to develop healthy habits to stay safe in the sun – namely to drink plenty of water, apply sunscreen before school, bring a hat and move to the shade if too hot.

Coffee morning

It was lovely to see more parents at our coffee morning this week. Thank you to those that attended this informal event to find out more about Home Learning at Holbrook. The next meeting is planned for June and further information will be sent early next term.



Donations

Thank you for all your kind donations of money or time for our forthcoming Garden and Reception projects.

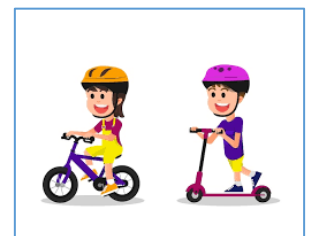


School Library

A reminder that our school library is open to parents and children after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00 – 3:30pm. We have a wide range of books suitable for all of our children, from Reception to Year 6, and are very grateful to the parents who help us to enable this to happen. It would be fantastic to open on other days of the week, so if you are interested in volunteering then please contact the school office.

Bike and scooter racks

It is great to see lots of families walking, scooting or cycling to school. For those children who scoot to school, there are blue scooter racks near the entrance to the Hall for you to use. If these are full or your child cycles to school, then please use the bike racks that can be found at the back of the school, near the Year 6 classrooms. To ensure everyone's safety, please do not allow your child to cycle or scoot across the playground at drop-off or pick-up times – thank you.



Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is **'What is our identity?'** – see below.



In the news this week

Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them. The four aboriginal spears are all that remain of the forty or so that British explorer, James Cook, and his team took from the Gweagal people more than 250 years ago. On their arrival in Australia in 1770, they became the first known Europeans to reach the country's east coast.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response with someone at home to the news that the spears are being returned after 250 years. Do you both feel the same?
- > What belongings are important to you? Do you have any items from grandparents or other relatives that have special value to you?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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 th July 2024	15 th July 2024
11 th July 2024	22 nd July 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

SUMMER TERM	
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 20th May	Y5 Egyptian Museum
Wednesday May 22 nd	Class Photos
Thursday 23 rd May	FOH Non uniform day-cash donations please
Friday 24 th May	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
Tuesday 11 th June	EYFS trip to Washbrooks Farm
Friday 7 th June	FOH Non uniform day- bottles please
Saturday 15 th June	FOH Summer Fayre
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports day -KS2 am EYFS/KS1 pm
Thursday 27 th 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
Sunday 7 th July	Horsham Children’s Parade

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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