

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### We Love Reading

Here is a photo of the children in year 3 who completed our Olympic summer reading challenge- to read at least 10 mins a day over the first half term. We had some fantastic results, with special mention to William and Luke who clocked up over 5000 and 2000 minutes respectively! *Mrs Reeves*



### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



All 20 of our KS2 ambassadors came to the KS1 assembly to introduce themselves and talk about bullying. They also introduced the Quiet time boxes, which will be used by KS2 at breaktimes. *Mrs Latham*



### Reception visit to Washbrooks Farm

On Tuesday, Hedgehog and Otter classes made their first trip to Washbrooks Farm. The children were very excited to travel by coach and enjoyed seeing lots of farm animals. They even stroked a goat, horse, tortoise and guinea-pig, as well as learning lots about the animals themselves. Farmer Pete gave a tractor ride around the farm and there was even time for a play on the pirate ship, trampolines, slides and bouncy pillow in the amazing playground.



### Summer Fair

I am sure you are aware that the Friends of Holbrook had to make the difficult decision to postpone the Summer Fair due to the inclement weather forecast for tomorrow. The new date is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July and we hope that summer has finally begun by then. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



## Girls Cricket

The girls cricket team had a brilliant day at their tournament on Thursday, which was held at Horsham CC. Despite losing their opening game (to the eventual winners), they won all their other matches convincingly and finished runners up overall. The improvement in their batting, bowling and fielding across the course of the day was evident and they were rightly proud of themselves at the end. Well done girls - a fantastic achievement. *Mrs E Wright*



## Sports Day

We are looking forward to our Sports Day next week and the children have been practising hard for it. A separate email has been sent with timings and we look forward to seeing you.

## Safeguarding

There are still a few parents who are stopping and/or parking on the yellow zig zag lines and no stopping area opposite the school car park gates. Today this caused a traffic jam, which involved cars having to reverse back across the area where children cross the road. A reminder that the Highway Code states, 'You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping'. A polite email reminder will be sent to anyone contravening these rules. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who park sensibly.



## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'Should we always be prepared for an emergency?' – see below.



## In the news this week

The UK government has launched a new website, [prepare.campaign.gov.uk](https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk), designed to help people plan for potential dangers and equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and resources to respond effectively. Households are encouraged to understand the hazards in their local area by checking their long-term flood risk and signing up for flood and weather warnings. Creating an emergency plan is another key aspect of being prepared, including deciding on escape routes and keeping important phone numbers to hand.

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

- Do you have any plans in case of emergencies in your household? Is it something that you prioritise?
- Have you, or anyone at home, ever experienced an emergency? Were you prepared for it? If so, if it happened again, is there anything you would do differently?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## Thinking Garden News

Thank you to everyone who helped with gardening work last Saturday. We started to clear the Thinking Garden and Mr Wills trimmed back the hedge at the back of the school. Here are photos of the Thinking Garden before we started cutting back brambles, and afterwards. We will need to do some more clearing and cutting back and will let you know about more dates soon.

Thank you-*Mrs Filson*



### CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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)

SUMMER TERM	
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
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Horsham Children's Parade
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production 7pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production 7pm
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>FOH Summer Fair 11-3</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Achievement Assembly 1.45
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 BBQ 6pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Anti Bullying Workshop for parents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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