

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

## Holbrook Curriculum

### Y2 Drusillas Park trip

Year 2 had a lovely day learning about all the different animals at Drusillas Park. They explored the zoo and saw lots of different creatures including penguins, red pandas, camels and meerkats. There was also a workshop where the children learnt about animal categories and had the chance to stroke a real snake and rat. Rides on the Safari Express and other attractions finished off a memorable day.



### Kurling

On Tuesday, a mixed group of 30 KS2 children trialled some New Age Kurling equipment from Horsham District Council, with a view to buying some sets for use in PE lessons. They practiced kurling their stones at different targets from a variety of distances and seated positions and became quite tactical and competitive by the end! *Mrs E Wright*

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

On Wednesday our Year 4 and 5 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors met with Millais Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in the Studio. It was a fantastic afternoon where the children planned an engaging presentation including drama performances to share with Year 4. All agreed that bullying was not okay and the main message was that you should be yourself! *Mrs Latham*



### Year 1 Victorian Seaside Day

As part of their learning about how things have changed, Year 1 children experienced a Victorian Seaside Day, which included Victorian costume, Punch and Judy show and dipping their toes in the water. It was great fun learning about what has changed and what is the same.



### Rounders Tournament

Two teams of Year 5 & 6 children had a very hot day for their Rounders tournament at Millais on Wednesday. They played in 4 group games and their final play-off game ended up being against each other, with the B team prevailing as narrow winners. Despite some tough, marginal losses, all children improved in their batting and teamwork and there were some excellent catches taken too. Well done to everyone. *Mrs E Wright*



### Reception Litter Pick

Reception pupils organised a litter pick this week and were shocked at the amount of litter that they picked up around the school within a short period of time. As a result, they produced some lovely posters which they shared in today's assembly.



### Transition

It was lovely to meet our new Reception children and parents at our new intake meetings last week. There will be further Stay and Play sessions and our current Reception children will play an important role in helping the new children familiarise themselves with the EYFS environment.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, children (in Reception to Year 5) will visit their new classrooms and teacher/s in the first of two transition sessions. We will inform you of the new classes on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The second transition session takes place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### Open Afternoon

As part of our transition events, we will be holding an open afternoon for parents and carers on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 3:15pm – 4:45pm.

This will be an opportunity for parents and children to visit and share their child's learning with their current class, as well as visiting their child's future teacher. **The school day will finish at 3pm for all pupils** giving staff a quick break before we reopen the classroom doors. Parents and children are welcome to use the field during this time to play or even have a picnic but please make sure your child/ren are supervised at all times.



### Sussex nature Recovery Prize draw

The Sussex Nature Recovery team invites children to show what nature means to them by taking a photo, drawing a picture, or writing a poem in response to four statements about nature.

Individuals can submit up to 5 photos, drawings or poems. Submissions will be posted on their website and each artist, poet, or photographer will be entered into a prize draw to **win one of ten £25 gift card**. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### Staffing

At the end of the term we will be bidding a fond farewell to teachers Mr Kenny, who is taking a teaching role nearer his home, Miss Harding and Mr Thompson who come to the end of their short-term contracts and Teaching Assistant Mrs Young. All four have made valuable contributions to the school for which I am most grateful and I am pleased that Mrs Young will continue her important role as a Holbrook governor.



We are pleased to welcome teacher, Miss Midmer to the Holbrook team. Finally, many congratulations to Mrs Souques who is expecting her first child later this year.



## Safeguarding – Sun safety

A reminder 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.



## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?' – see below.

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What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?

## In the news this week

This summer, the 2024 Olympics, held in Paris, will run from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August, and the Paralympics will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Games will see the world's greatest athletes come together in France's capital city to compete for their place at the top of the podium. For many athletes, these Games are the peak of their sport, with a gold medal as the highest accolade. The competitors are likely to have spent months and years training for numerous hours per day to prepare.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your knowledge of the upcoming 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ask someone at home to share their experience with you.
- Will you be watching any of the events? Which sports do you find most interesting and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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	
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>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Transition 1- children to meet their new teachers</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Horsham Children's Parade
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production 7pm

<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Open Afternoon</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production 7pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	FOH Summer Fair 11-3
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Achievement Assembly 1.45
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Transition 2</b>
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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