

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception classrooms

Our new Reception children started school this week and have quickly settled into their newly refurbished classrooms. We would like to express our immense gratitude to the Friends of Holbrook for their amazing fundraising efforts in helping the school have such a wonderful learning environment for our youngest pupils.



Looking ahead to September

2025, the dates for prospective new parents to tour the school have been published and can be found on our website [here](#). If you know of any families who might be interested, then please feel free to forward these details to them.

Curriculum news

On Tuesday, all children in Years 1 - 4 had a half an hour taster session with Dan from 'Train Wild'. After school sessions will be running on a Thursday (please see external clubs information sheet for booking details.

Train Wild Fitness Club is focused on delivering high quality outdoor based fitness sessions, filled with fun



and games whatever the weather! Train Wild is all about building confidence and resilience in children. It's about motivating, supporting each other, building each other up and working together as a team. It's not about who is the fastest, or the strongest, this is training where effort and team work above all else counts for everything. *Mrs E Wright*

Thinking Garden News and Volunteer Request to help with clearance

Thank you to everyone who helped start the clearing and weeding of our overgrown Thinking Garden. We estimate that with a couple more similar sessions, we should be at a stage where we can start planting. If you are able to help on either of the following dates, we would be very grateful:

Saturday, 21st September 9- 11am (adults only)

Saturday 5th October 9-11am (adults only)

You will need to bring your own pruning tools/cutters, but we will supply tea/coffee and snacks. Please contact me at the email at the end of this section, if you can help on either of the above dates.

We are also planning to edge some of the planting banks with sleeper-like timber. Later in the year, we will be adding more wood chippings to the Thinking Garden path. As our budget is tight, if you know of anyone who could help with either of these at a reasonable rate, please could you let me know.

Thank you for all your support with the renovation of the Thinking Garden,

Dawn Filson eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com



Curriculum information

Thank you to those of you who have attended the parent information meetings so far, please see the dates below for those still to come.

If you are unable to make the meeting all the information is in the curriculum area of our website, alongside the termly overview from teachers and the curriculum map for the year. Please follow the link below to access the correct area of the website:-

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

New and updated Seesaw codes are being sent out today. Please see our [home learning policy](#), for guidance on expectations for learning at home.



Term-time absence

A reminder that absence from school can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances e.g medical appointments, family bereavements, exams etc. There is no legal entitlement to holidays during term time and these will automatically be classed as unauthorised.

In line with the DfE guidelines and the West Sussex Code of Conduct, a child who accrues 10 or more unauthorised absences (equivalent to 5 days) in a 10-week period is referred to the Local Authority, who will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to parents. If you are unsure or require further clarification, please visit the school website [here](#) or contact the school office.

School Funding - Census Day

Census Day 3rd October is important for school funding, as the number of pupils eating school lunch on this day contributes to our funding. If you would like your child to have a meal that day, then please note that you need to book before 19th September. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday the 27th of September from 9.45am until 11.15am. All are welcome, where we will have a range of cakes and refreshments available for a donation to Macmillan. Baking donations on the day will be most welcome and don't worry if you are unable to make it on the day you can still donate [here](#). Please note that unfortunately this event is not for the children in school.

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. We ensure that our pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Throughout our curriculum, we provide activities and opportunities that equip our children to stay safe and develop essential life skills.



Where there is any concern about the wellbeing/safeguarding of a pupil in school this is referred to the Local Authority MASH team for advice, support and further action where required. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her

parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Parents and members of the public can also make referrals to the West Sussex team on 01403 229900 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or 033 022 2664 (other times).

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues are Mrs Davies (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Brooks (Assistant Headteacher) and myself.

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
19-September	30-September
26-September	07-October
03-October	14-October
10-October	21-October
17-October	28-October
Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)	
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th Sept	Y6 Residential
Monday 16 th September	Y5 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 8.50
Tuesday 17 th September	Y2 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 2.30
Wednesday 18 th September	Y1 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 2.30
Tuesday 24th September	EYFS Parent Information Meeting – 2.20
Thursday 26 th September	Y4 Swimming Starts
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning -Hall 9.45-11.15
Thursday 3rd October	Y3 trip to Butser



In the news this week



How can photos shape the world?

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59,228 entries! The winners will be revealed on 8th October and displayed in the Natural History Museum in London. To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this year, the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise conservation successes and stories of hope.

Things to talk about at home...

- Can you think of any wider benefits of people learning about the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?
- Do you enjoy photography? Do you prefer looking at or taking photos?
- Do you have a favourite photo? What is it of, and who took it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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This week's topic for discussion is 'How can photos shape the world?'

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes, Headteacher