

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

## Harvest Festival

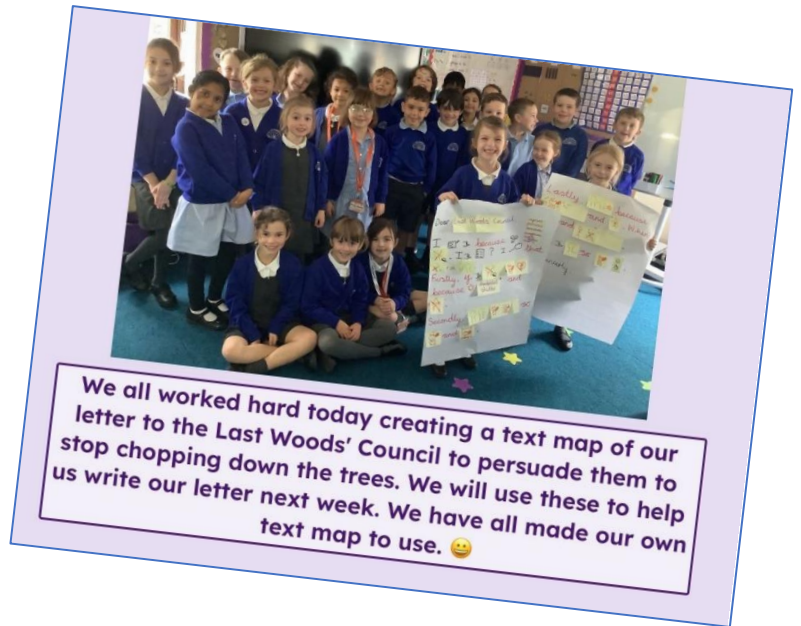


On Wednesday we held our annual Harvest Festivals with two assemblies led by Mandy Leddin, Children's Worker at St. Mark's Church. The children sang their Harvest song beautifully and then thought about where our food comes from and how it is grown. We also thought about those less fortunate than ourselves and then Reverend Tim Stilwell, the new vicar at St. Mark's, led a closing prayer.

Thank you for your amazing donations, once again you have been very generous and the food items have been gratefully received by Horsham Matters foodbank.

## Curriculum news

This week we share some of the learning from Years 2 and 3.



## Parent Consultations

The booking system went live last weekend and we are delighted that so many parents have already signed up to our first consultation evenings of the year. There is still time and space available for those that are yet to do so and should you require any assistance, then the school office will be happy to help you. We look forward to seeing you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> October.



## Reception 2025 Parent Tours

We have a number of tours for prospective parents considering a place for their Reception child starting September 2025. The list of dates can be found [here](#) and on the school website. If you know of any families considering schools, then please let them know of this opportunity as we still have some spaces for the advertised dates and will add more according to demand.



## Healthy snack reminder



Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable at break time under the government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. A reminder that Key Stage 2 children can bring in a healthy snack from home at break times. This should be a piece of fruit or vegetable rather than items such as chocolate bars or pastries. Any other arrangements e.g special diets should be confirmed with the child's class teacher.

## Thinking Garden Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with session three of clearing the Thinking Garden. Our next clearance session will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am. If you are able to help cut back or clear plants, please let me know at my class email address: [eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com](mailto:eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com). No garden experience is needed!



We are also in urgent need of wooden sleepers to use for edging and to make benches for the garden. If you know of a company who would be willing to sponsor us or offer a generous discount, please let me know. *Mrs Filson*



## Safeguarding

A Home Office study has found that approximately 350 children are injured in accidental fires every year. Naturally, this highlights the importance of educating young people on fire safety – ensuring they're aware of what precautions they can take to keep themselves protected around flammable materials and naked flames.

It can be difficult to know where to start when teaching children and young people about this potentially life-saving topic. This guide from the National College, offers expert advice on how to educate those in your care about fire safety. It breaks down the steps you can take to protect youngsters in common situations – from bonfire night to lighting a few scented candles. Click on the image for a larger version.

## Staffing update

At the end of this half-term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs E Wright and Mrs Brewster. Mrs Wright has been instrumental in teaching across many year groups, as well as developing PE and sports during her time at Holbrook and we were very proud to achieve the Gold Sportsmark recently. Mrs Brewster has been an integral part of the office team efficiently dealing with administrative tasks which staff, parents and children have appreciated. We wish them well in their new jobs.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Thompson (HLTA) and Mrs Coomber (Administrative Assistant) to the Holbrook team who will be taking up their posts after the break.

### Eco Competition

The Eco Council is running a competition to celebrate autumn and being outdoors. This year our theme is 'Your Favourite Tree'.

We would like you to think of a creative way to tell others about your favourite tree. Ideas include:

- a piece of art
- a photo
- a poem / piece of writing
- or any other way you can think of!

Please pass your entries to me (Mrs Filson) with your child's name and class or email them to my address: eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com. The closing date for the competition is Friday, November 8th.

Thank you. *Mrs Filson and the Eco Council*

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
24 <sup>th</sup> October	4 <sup>th</sup> November
31 <sup>st</sup> October	11 <sup>th</sup> November
7 <sup>th</sup> November	18 <sup>th</sup> November
14 <sup>th</sup> November	25 <sup>th</sup> November
21 <sup>st</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> December

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Phonics Meeting Y1 & Y2 Parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Phonics meeting for EYFS Parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations-all years
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET Day- school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 Trip to Hever Castle
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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