

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



This week we were honoured to host Mrs Nye's investiture in the company of Mrs Nye's friends, family, members of the school community and representatives of WSCC. The King's representative, Lady Emma Banard, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex presented Mrs Nye with her British Empire Medal. Mrs Nye was awarded the BEM for services to road safety. Many congratulations Mrs Nye!

Curriculum news

Y4 Fishbourne trip

Last Friday, Year 4 visited Fishbourne Roman Villa on a trip to enrich their learning about the Romans. They enjoyed taking part in several workshops and a tour of the amazing mosaics that still exist.



KS2 Open Morning

This morning we opened our doors for a Key Stage 2 Open Morning and were delighted to welcome so many parents/carers to come and see us in action. Thank you for sharing in the children's learning and for the many lovely compliments you made about the children, our curriculum and staff.



Sports news

Some Y3 & 4 pupils had a fantastic morning at The Bridge on Wednesday, despite the cold. The children kept themselves warm taking part in a variety of different sports, including; dodgeball, basketball and lacrosse. They even discovered some talent for some new sports that had not been tried out before.

Mrs Davies

Friends of Holbrook

Next Friday 6th December is the second of our non-uniform days in support of the FoH Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 7th December 11am – 2pm. This time we would welcome donations of bottles (alcoholic) for the ever-popular bottle stall. The FoH team are working incredibly hard to make this another festive success that is enjoyed by our community and raises invaluable funds for the school. All offers of help (however small) are welcome.



Safeguarding – online safety

Please find attached the autumn term parent/carer newsletter from West Sussex's Thriving in Education team.

The topic is WhatsApp and wellbeing which is a response to it coming to our attention that parents and carers are not always aware of some the harmful content being shared by children and young people via WhatsApp. Particularly concerning is the feature of disappearing messages which means that there is no evidence trail of messages that have been sent, additionally messages sent using this function cannot be screenshot. Further information can be found via this [link](#).

**Thriving in
education**

Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is **‘What does it mean to feel included?’** – see below.

TAKEHOME

2nd - 8th December



In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5–11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- > Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- > Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
05 th December	16 th December- <i>Christmas Lunch week</i>
26 th December	6 th January 2025
2 nd January	13 th January
9 th January	20 th January

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Friday 6 th December	FOH Non-Uniform day- bottle donations please
Sat 7 th December	FOH Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity to Y1 parents 9.15
Wed 11 th December	KS1 Nativity to Y2 parents 9.15
Thursday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Carols at St Mary's 7pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas assemblies at St Marks
Wed 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes- Headteacher