

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Pupils in Year 4 took part in a virtual Titanic experience presented by the Titanic Museum in Southampton. They learnt more about the famous ship and its doomed voyage, as well as how it was built, the technology that was used, the fact it only had three working funnels but added an extra one for show! And our museum guide was related to one of the survivors.

It was a wonderful experience and we thank all the parents who supported it by providing and buying cakes at our Y4 cake sale.

Mrs Noake



Year 6 enjoyed their Science learning with a practical investigation dissecting pigs' hearts. They learnt about the structure of the heart and how it works with our lungs to pump blood around the body.



Reception children had fun in the outside area this week; constructing their own car with building blocks and tyres and building Granny's house from the story of Little Red Riding Hood.



Safeguarding

Just a reminder that if you are concerned about the welfare of a child, or you think a child is being harmed, abused or neglected, the best way to report your concerns is to make a safeguarding referral using [the online safeguarding referral form](#) on the West Sussex County Council website.



The online form is the best way of reporting your concerns, but if you would prefer to report your concerns by telephone, you can do so using the following telephone numbers:

- 01403 229900 (Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 17:00)
- 03302 226664 (if you require the Emergency Duty Team outside of office hours)

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around **75% of families are losing out** on this support.



TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Click on this link [Childcare Choices](#), to see if you are eligible. You can also find out more about the scheme [here](#). Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care.

Health matters

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries contained in this handy [poster](#) from the NHS and UK Health & Security Agency. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone school office every day to let us know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. Thank you.



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (Including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about..

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

Picture News

This week’s topic for discussion is ‘Who should be involved in key discussions for the world?’ – see below.



In the news this week

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?



Who should be involved in key decisions for the world?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
30 th January	10 th February
13 th February	24 th February
20 th February	3 rd March
27 th February	10 th March

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 3 rd February	Young Voices at the O2
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 17 th - Fri 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	INSET DAY- school closed to pupils
Wednesday 26 th February	Y5 trip to Herstmonceaux
Tuesday 4 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 6 th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 7 th March	<u>Holbrook</u> World Book Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher