

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

The choir had an amazing time on Monday joining 8500 children to create the famous Young Voices choir.

After travelling up to the O2 in London, the children rehearsed before performing in front of a huge crowd. Some of the most favourite songs were the Hairspray mash-up and the pop melody. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came home with a few tired voices not just from all the singing but the cheering too!

We hope all the parents that were part of the audience enjoyed the wonderful experience as much as the children and teachers did.

Mrs Davies



NSPCC Number Day 2025

Today we celebrated Number Day with a wide variety of number activities in school. The children also dressed up in number clothing or costumes and we were very impressed by their creativity.



Sports news

A squad of KS2 children took on the Christ's Hospital cross country event, with year 3 and 4 running 2km and year 5 and 6 running 2.5km. The children attacked the course with determination and everyone finished, some improving on their places that they achieved before.

We were so proud of all the children that took part, with notable runs from Molly in Y4, Niamh in Y4 who came third overall in the Y3/4 girls' race, plus Arun and Marcy who ran qualifier times for the county event at the end of next month.



Children from years 3 and 4 took part in a sports festival at The Bridge on Wednesday. The aim was to learn about and try different sports, including; football, ultimate Frisbee, trigolf and disc golf.

The children had a fabulous time, trying out new skills and making friends from the other schools. Hopefully they have been inspired to give one of these sports another go at some point in the future. *Mrs Davies*



Safeguarding – scams and fake news

'Fake news' is a widespread issue in the digital world, and it's overwhelmingly likely that both children and adults will be exposed to it online. While some fake news is shared mistakenly by well-meaning individuals, it's also shared by scammers and other cyber-criminals to lend legitimacy to their con. This week's free guide offers expert advice on the specific ways scammers use misinformation and how to safeguard younger users against these techniques.

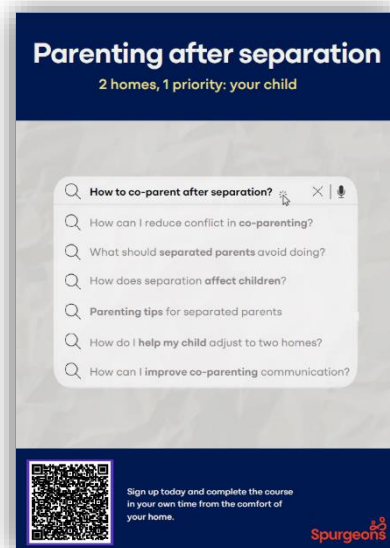
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Parenting course from Spurgeons

Spurgeons is a charity that offers a variety of services for families, children and young people. They provide support across communities in their family and children's centres, family hubs and counselling for children and teenagers.

The charity is offering a FREE online course 'Parenting after separation' to Holbrook parents and community. Parenting after separation can seem tricky, but putting your child's wellbeing first is the key. The course shows you how and provides essential tools and techniques to support separated parents during an emotionally challenging time.

Click on the image for further details



Garden news

Thank you to all the parents (and Seb from year 6) who helped clear the Thinking Garden last Saturday. We are now in a position to edge the borders with sleepers and Horsham Green Gym will be doing this over half-term. *Mrs Filson*

This week's topic for discussion is 'Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

10th - 16th February



Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?

In the news this week

The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- > Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- > What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
Thursday 23:59	
20 th February	3 rd March
27 th February	10 th March
Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
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
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