

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to our final newsletter of the spring term.

### Easter

It was wonderful to be able to welcome Reverend Stilwell back into school this week. The children enjoyed an Easter themed assembly. Over the past three days, the whole school has taken part in an Easter trail around the school grounds. Our House Captains laid the trail and classes enjoyed finding the hidden eggs, as well as solving the anagrams and number problems. Every child received a chocolate Easter Egg or alternative at the end. Thank you to the Friends of Holbrook for donating these treats.



### Rugby festival

On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 travelled to Horsham Rugby Club to take part in the very competitive Horsham Schools Tag Rugby Festival. The children played at a very high level and finished third in their group stages, having lost two of their matches by a single try in some very high-scoring matches. They then went through to the plate competition, where they won both of their matches convincingly. They scored many very impressive tries whilst demonstrating excellent levels of teamwork and respect to their opponents – this was reflected in them being awarded the sportsmanship award. They all represented Holbrook brilliantly and had a wonderful afternoon! *Mr Hudpsith*

### Ukulele concerts

Last week year 4 pupils performed a special concert to parents. This was the culmination of their Term 2 Learn ukulele tuition with a specialist from the West Sussex music service. Both children and parents enjoyed the occasion.



### House Bench Ball tournament

Once again, we had a very exciting competition with 56 children from years 3 – 6 participating in the event. The group stage had some very close games decided by only one point, which resulted in Dragons and Unicorns finishing joint top and Centaurs and Phoenix joint third. However, this all changed in the semi-finals with Centaurs and Phoenix winning their respective matches.

The final was another very close game with Centaurs ending up the eventual winners 4-3 against Phoenix. Unicorns won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off against Dragons 5-4.

There was some great team work on display throughout the afternoon and plenty of sporting behaviour, as the event was enjoyed by all. Well played everyone.

### House Cup

The overall winner of the House Cup this term is Dragons – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
2714	2977	2528	2871



## Safeguarding

A message from Julie Finn, West Sussex CC Road Safety Officer.

*Our aim is to educate our residents and keep them informed with Road Safety-related topics. One way we try to achieve this is via our Road Safety Facebook page. To assist us with this and keeping the children and their families in your community safe, I would be very grateful if you could send a message out to your parents, providing them with the following link to our Road Safety page*

*- [https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC/?locale=en_GB)*

*All ages can benefit from the information we post, which in turn could help to make your children's journeys to and from school, safer, healthier, and overall easier for everyone. Thank you.*

## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'What qualities should a positive role model have?' – see below.

# TAKEHOME

7th - 13th April

## In the news this week

Ex-England football manager, Sir Gareth Southgate, has shared his thoughts on young people, and his fears that many are spending too much time online, gaming and using social media. He stated how important it is for young people to have positive role models beyond social media influencers. Drawing on his own experiences during a talk for the BBC, he said the UK needs to do more to encourage young people – particularly young men – to make the right choices in life and not be afraid of failure.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Who are your role models? What qualities do they have? Ask someone at home about their role models.
- > Do you think anyone can be a role model?
- > Taking into consideration what Sir Gareth Southgate said, do you feel it's important to have role models who aren't online influencers? Why?



What qualities should a positive role model have?

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
10 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
17 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April
24 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> May
1 <sup>st</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May
8 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May

## Diary Dates

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Book Fayre
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day of Summer term
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Concert
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class Photos
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Y6 Bikeability starts</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>FOH Summer Fayre</b>

## Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn term **Starts:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

*INSET DAYS-Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026*

**Christmas Break: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

Spring Term **Starts:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Ends:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Break: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Summer Term **Starts:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Ends:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

*Further INSET Days tbc*

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Kind regards,



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