

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



## Curriculum

### VE day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holbrook had a wonderful time celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day.

Throughout the school, children learnt about the importance of the day, producing beautiful pieces of art, writing, and lots more. In the afternoon, we all came together for a 'street party' where we enjoyed our cakes and had a whole school playtime. It was a very enjoyable and memorable afternoon. Thank you very much to Miss Sisson for organising such a great event.



### Spring concert

Wednesday evening our musicians took to the stage to perform a spring concert to an audience of almost 100! There were recorder and piano performances, songs by the choir and individual and small group singing performances. All of the children worked so hard and performed brilliantly on the night and we are so proud of what they achieved. We are hoping to put the proceeds of the concert towards a whole school music experience – so watch this space!

### School Council

On Friday 2nd May we had the MP for Horsham, Mr John Milne, visit the school. Our school council representatives took this as an opportunity to ask him some questions. We asked him whether he had to wear a uniform, to which he replied that he always had to wear a suit in order to present himself smartly. When asked about the best and worst parts of his job, he told us that the best part was being able to help people, whereas the worst part was being recognised when he was about in Horsham. We asked him about the possibility of schools having more money in order to buy equipment which he was fully in favour of, however also pointed out that there were many other sectors that are in need of money too. All in all, it was a very informative and interesting visit. I feel that there are potentially some future MPs of Horsham on our school council!



*Mrs Trickey*

## Sports news

### Target Sports Festival

It was a pleasure taking Year 1 and 2 to a Target Sports Festival today. The children got so much out of it and really enjoyed the wealth of activities on offer. There were four stations of around 8 different activities which children rotated. They included many hand eye coordination activities and team work, which our children displayed really well. Some activities focused on sports such as target shooting, bocchia, boules, bowling, rounders, cricket and many many more. The children all said they had a fabulous time and would love to go again. *Mrs Harman*



### Rugby

Four of our Y6 pupils represented Horsham Rugby Club in the National Tigers Challenge in Minehead recently. They showed great resilience and teamwork and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Well done Jaxon, Harrison C, Harrison W and Callum.



### Safeguarding – drop-off and pick-up

Due to their age, the vast majority of our pupils are dropped-off and collected by children, family members or childminders. A reminder that if you would like your child to be collected by a different person, then please inform your child's class teacher or the school office. Please also contact the school office if you are likely to be late, so we can make arrangements to keep your child safe.

For older pupils (Year 6 and 5), should you wish your child to walk to/from school independently, then please confirm this via an email/letter to your child's class teacher or the school office.

### Internet safety for parents

Save the date - on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, Years 4-6 will have a visit from Alan O'Donohue from the EXA foundation. As well as running STEM workshops for the children, he is hoping to host a Internet safety parents' workshop as well. Further details and timings will follow shortly.



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
29 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> June
5 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June
12 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
19 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June
26 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> July

**Picture News**

This week's topic for discussion is 'What everyday items could be changed to help others?' – see below.



## In the news this week

Three teenagers from Indore, India – Dhruv Chaudhary, Mithran Ladhania, and Mridul Jain – have created a salt-powered fridge. Their goal is to support hospitals in rural areas around the world that lack access to electricity. Their invention, called the Themavault, was submitted to The Earth Prize, a global competition which aims to inspire young people to solve world-wide problems.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- > Share your thoughts on the new fridge invention. Who do you believe will benefit most from it?
- > Make a list of everyday items at home. Which make your life easier?
- > Can you think of an item you use that could be improved? How?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
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
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	YR trip to Washbrooks Farm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	FOH non uniform day (chocolate tombola donations)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS2- am EY/KS1-pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability starts
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	FOH Non uniform day (Bottle tombola donations)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Drusillas
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	FOH Summer Fayre

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes  
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