

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

## Curriculum

### Year 4 & 5 STEM workshops

We had a very informative morning learning about some of the skills involved in STEM work. We were challenged to think of strategies that could lead us to answers (finding the combination to a padlock) and to accept that mistakes lead us on to more discoveries. We used close observation skills to answer questions and worked as a team to deliver insights and information. *Mrs Trickey*



### Stoolball

Year 6 enjoyed learning all about how to play Stoolball at Horsham cricket club on Wednesday. The team played games against other schools, winning against Shelley, losing to Kingslea and a very close loss by only one point to Slinfold! In the end, they learnt how to work as a team and grab points wherever they could. The consensus was that it's a game which is a mixture of both rounders and cricket combined - they are now hoping to teach their classes how to play. *Mrs Davies*

### Horsham Children's Parade sneak peek

Sandrine, our artist, came to help us to cover our creation in tissue paper so that it is ready for parade day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Children also made crowns and will be making 'stick butterflies' to add to the parade. Please come and support us on the day – it would be great to see as many Holbrook families as possible. *Mrs Trickey*



## Online safety

Thank you to all the parents who came to our online safety workshop led by Alan O'Donohoe from Exa Networks. There was very positive feedback with parents commenting that it was "very useful" and "informative". Alan gave out a Parent's Guide containing advice and tips to help parents support their children, which can be found [here](#).

Later Alan delivered workshops to Years 4 and 5 (see above). He emailed me today to express his *"sincere gratitude for the wonderful day. It was truly a highlight among my school visits this year, and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience."*

*It was a pleasure working with the children and staff, and I was also delighted to receive some lovely feedback from the parents who attended the online safety workshop. The positive engagement from everyone made the day particularly rewarding for me."*

The screenshot shows a document titled "Online Safety: A Parent's Guide" with the Exa Networks logo. The text includes: "Helping you support your child to explore safely, confidently, and with care." "Technology is evolving rapidly, transforming how we live, learn, and connect. It offers exciting opportunities but also presents challenges — even the most tech-savvy adults can struggle to keep up with the latest developments. For our children, who are still developing the skills to make safe choices, the risks can be greater." "Children's Curiosity Meets the Online World" "Children are naturally curious — it's how they learn and grow. Schools are required by law to provide safety measures such as filters and supervision. At home, you play the most important role in guiding your child's digital journey. Rather than try to eliminate risk entirely, help them learn to navigate it with your support." "A New Parenting Milestone: Introducing Technology" "Like teaching road safety or how to use a kitchen knife, introducing technology should be thoughtful, gradual, and supported. Every child is different. Think about when your child is ready and set clear boundaries to help them explore safely." "Stay Curious — Not Just Concerned" "Your best tool as a parent? Curiosity. Show genuine interest in your child's online world — the games they play, the videos they watch, and who they talk to. When children feel heard and supported, they're more likely to come to you if something feels wrong." "Understand the Risks: The 4 Cs of Online Harm" 

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- **Contact:** Being approached by strangers, including those who may try to exploit or groom children through games, social media, or messaging.
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 At the bottom, it says: "Exa Networks, 100 Bolton Road, Bradford, B10 1DS. Registered Company Number: 04020327. Exa is a trading name of Exa Networks Limited. © Copyright Exa Networks Limited 2022." Social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter are also present.

## Safeguarding

The poster is for "The Pavilions In The Park" and features two workshop listings. At the top left is the "Places Leisure" logo with the tagline "Part of Places for People" and "Because Community Matters". The main title is "What's on at The Pavilions In The Park". The first listing is for a "Water Safety Workshop for Stages 2-3" with a photo of children in a pool. The text says: "Join our fun, 30-minute water safety workshop for Stages 2-3 swimmers, as part of Drowning Prevention Week. Includes beach safety, survival basics, and a Rookie Lifeguard taster." Below the text is a button that says "Tap to find out more". The second listing is for a "Water Safety Workshop for Stages 4+" with a similar photo. The text says: "Take part in a 1-hour water safety workshop, during Drowning Prevention week, for Stage 4+ swimmers. Learn survival skills, first aid, CPR, and try a Rookie Lifeguard session." Below this text is also a "Tap to find out more" button. At the bottom left is the website "thepavilions.placesleisure.org". At the bottom right are logos for "Places for People Leisure Ltd. working in partnership with Horsham District Council" and "Horsham District Council".

A message from Caroline at The Pavilions - *As part of the RLSS's drowning prevention week this year, here at the Pavilions in the Park we are running free Water Safety workshops on Sunday the 22nd June. We will be covering CPR, water safety, beach safety, survival skills and more in our sessions either 2 -3 pm or 2 - 2:30/2:30- 3 pm dependant on abilities. We are hoping parents will be willing to come along too (under 8's must be accompanied by an adult).*

*Water safety is so important and we would love to get as many children (and their parents!) as we can booked into these free workshops to give them all important information particularly before summer holidays!*

Please click on the image for further information about this opportunity.

## Library wish list

In addition to our class wish lists, we now have a library wish list for anyone who might be considering making a donation to the school. This will support us in our plans to make our wonderful library even better. The library (and class) wish lists can be found using this link <https://amzn.eu/bo1PL4X> Thank you



This week's topic for discussion is 'What do animals need to be happy and healthy in zoos?' – see below.

# TAKEHOME

9th - 15th June



## In the news this week

Zoos, aquariums and safari parks in Great Britain will soon have to follow new rules to help them take better care of animals. These rules say that animals must have bigger and better spaces to live in. The changes will help many different animals, including elephants, stingrays, snowy owls and octopuses. Elephants, in particular, will be given much more room to move around and explore.

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

- > Have you ever visited a zoo? Talk to someone at home about their experience.
- > If you could design the perfect zoo, what would you include to keep the animals happy and healthy?
- > Do you think zoos help people care more about animals and nature? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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### CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	14 <sup>th</sup> July
10 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July

### Diary Dates (new additions in bold)

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	YR trip to Washbrooks Farm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	FOH non uniform day (chocolate tombola donations)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 Careers Fayre
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
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June-Wed July 2nd	Y4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Workshop-managing big emotions
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes  
Headteacher