

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential

This week, Monday to Wednesday, Year Four went to the spectacular Sayers Croft Activity Centre. The children built dens, roasted marshmallows around a campfire, went for a walk in the river, as well as climbed humongous boulders and a very tall climbing wall! For many children, this was their first time away from their family and they were brilliant!

Niamh said, "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience!" "It was absolutely sensational and I would like to do the whole thing again!" – Ava.



Year 2 Drusillas Park trip

On Friday 27th June, year 2 had a fantastic trip to Drusillas Zoo. The sun was shining, so we got to see plenty of amazing animals and even had time to go on a few thrilling rides! The children were all beautifully behaved, and we would like to thank the parent helpers who helped to make it such a fabulous day.

District Sports

The annual District Sports was held at the Bridge last Friday. Our Year 3 and 4 squad finished 6th out of 9 schools with some really good individual performances. Year 5 and 6 finished 8th out of 9 schools. Again, there were some great individual performances; Arun won the Howler throw with a massive 36m and received a medal, Hattie made the sprint and hurdles finals, where she finished 7th and 8th, respectively and finally, James made the sprint final and finished 8th.



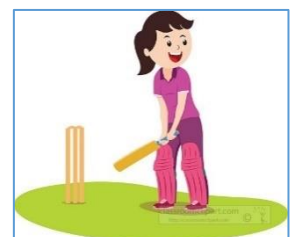
Some superb individual performances and the children should be proud of the effort they put in.

Mrs Harman

Cricket

Year 4, finally got to take part in their postponed cricket tournament on Thursday, which they had been looking forward to all term.

The children played 5 matches against local schools. To begin with everyone was a little nervous, but they soon got into the swing of things. We saw some fantastic fielding from Rose, super bowling from Isla and some amazing batting from George. Also, well done to Jasmine, Freya and Everly, who were new to the game but picked it up really quickly. Some superstar cricketers in the making - well done. *Mrs Davies*





Transition

On Wednesday, our Y6 pupils visited their new secondary schools in preparation for Year 7 in September. The rest of the school visited their new classrooms and teacher/s on Thursday, in the first of our two transition sessions.

Open Afternoon & Art Exhibitions

As part of our transition events, we will be holding an open afternoon for parents and carers on Wednesday 9th July 2:40pm – 4:45pm.

This will be an opportunity for parents and children to visit our Art Exhibitions (from 2:40pm) and then share their child's learning in their current class, as well as visiting their child's future teacher. **The school day will finish at 3pm for all pupils**, giving staff a quick break before we reopen the classroom doors. Parents and children are welcome to use the field during this time to play or even have a picnic but please make sure your child/ren are supervised at all times.



Horsham Children's Parade 2025

The annual Children's Parade takes place this Sunday 6th July in Horsham town centre. Look out for Holbrook's float and children, which is the first one in the parade. We will be leaving Denne Road at 11a.m and are scheduled to arrive at Horsham Park at 12 noon.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, the Summer Reading Challenge runs in libraries across the country to encourage children to keep reading over the holidays. This year's theme is Story Garden, inspiring a love of reading, nature and exploring the outdoors.

It will be launching in all 36 libraries across West Sussex on Saturday 12 July and running until Saturday 13 September. Children aged 4-11 will be asked to read books and complete reading challenges to collect stickers and will receive a special medal and certificate for completing their challenge. There is also a mini challenge for those aged under 4 years.

There'll be lots of fun activities and events happening throughout the summer too, so look out for more information in libraries and on our website.

You can register now, but the challenge will not start in libraries until Saturday 12 July. From this date you can start borrowing library books and work your way through the challenge. Click on the poster for further information.



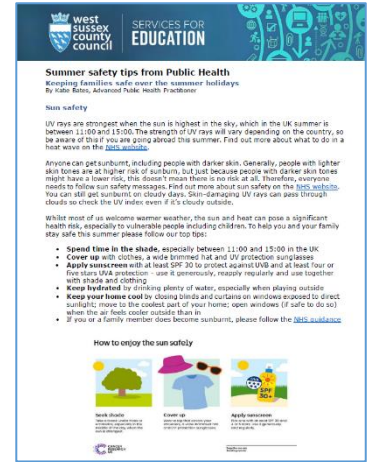
Safeguarding

West Sussex CC have produced a summer safety guide for parents, which includes tips regarding sun and water safety, tick awareness and safe farm visits. Please click on the poster for more details.



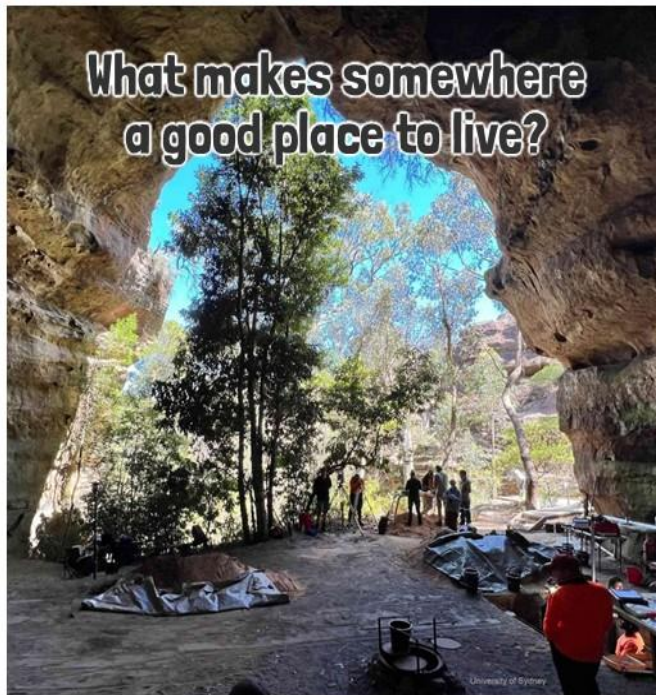
FoH Summer Fair

Thank you everyone who helped organise, volunteer and attend our Summer Fair last Saturday. The weather was wonderful and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying the occasion.



Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'What makes somewhere a good place to live?' – see below.



In the news this week

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

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
10 th July	21 st July
21 st August	1 st September
28 th August	8 th September
4 th September	15 th September
11 th September	22 nd September

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Tuesday 8 th July	Parent Workshop-managing big emotions
Wednesday 9 th July	Open Afternoon
Tues 8 th & Thurs 10 th July	Y6 Production
Monday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 BBQ
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET – school closed to pupils
Thursday 4 th September	Y1-Y6 back to school

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher