

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



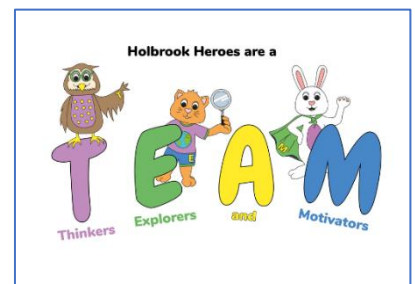
Curriculum new

Just some of the learning taking place at Holbrook this week. Year 5 have been imaginative in creating their own civilisations based on the book Weslandia. Year 3 continued their scientific investigations into light and colour. Year 4 practised their geography skills, using an atlas to find rivers of the world. Reception children enjoyed sharing their treasure boxes with each other and Year 2 explored the variety of microhabitats around the school, as part of their science topic.



Holbrook's Learning Skills [\(link\)](#)

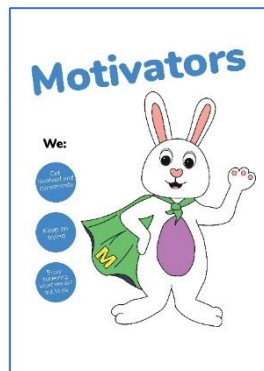
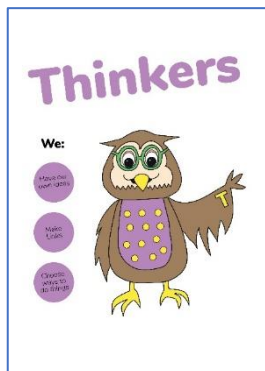
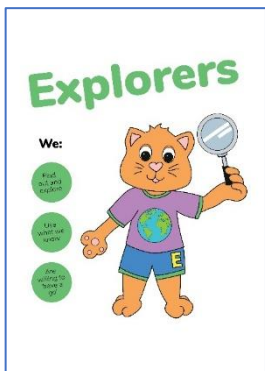
As well as ensuring that we have a broad and balanced curriculum that is enriched by meaningful, motivating and memorable experiences, we also teach the children how to learn. These learning skills are the positive attitudes to learning and transferable skills that enable pupils to be life-long learners, well equipped for modern day Britain. We are committed to inspiring pupils to become independent, responsible and successful learners.



We believe that effective and successful learners

are Thinkers, Explorers And Motivated and each of these characteristics has 3 strands. Each class has an

owl, cat and rabbit soft toy which are handed out within school and stickers are also awarded when the children impress us with these skills. If your child has a sticker, please congratulate and ask them more about it.



Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals?

Free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- [Universal Credit](#) (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- [Income Support](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)
- The guaranteed element of state [Pension Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (provided you're not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](#) and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- [Working Tax Credit run-on](#) - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals (ie. KS1), it is important that you continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding. This is additional grant the school can invest in, providing extra support for your child in school.

For more information, please contact the office.

Applications must be made online [here](#).



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assemblies will take place on Wednesday 8th October - Mrs Souques and the new school council will help to organise this and our request for donations. We are very appreciative of the efforts of many families in collecting and donating tins and packets of food or hygiene products for a local charity. Further details will follow in due course.

Eco-News: A new Pollination Education Station to be installed at Holbrook

Our pollination station is being installed next Tuesday 23rd September. Just a reminder that to build the station, we need help sourcing the following items: fir cones, fallen bits of bark, roof slates and sheep wool. I will be collecting the above items outside my year 5 classroom, so if your child is able to bring any of these items before then, we would be very grateful.

Thanks, Dawn Filson



PARKING /DRIVING REMINDER



Please consider the children's safety when parking and do not stop, park, drop or pickup on the zig zag and lined parts of the road. Remember to park with consideration for all our neighbours, especially for those residents who have white lines outside their properties to access their driveways.

Don't forget there is additional parking at the church and Tythe Barn.

CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
25 th September	6 th October
2 nd October	13 th October
9 th October	20 th October
23 rd October	3 rd November
30 th October	10 th November

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 22 nd September	School clubs start this week
Friday 26 th September	Y6 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm
Monday 29 th September	FOH AGM 6pm
Thursday 2 nd October	9:15am New intake tour 1 & Y3 trip to Butser
Thursday 2 nd October	Census Day
Wednesday 8th October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 9th October	9:15am New intake tour 2
Thursday 16th October	9:15am New intake tour 3
Friday 17th October	Friends of Holbrook Discos
Tuesday 21st October	Parent Consultations 1 3:20-6:20pm
Wednesday 22nd October	3:30pm New intake tour 4
Thursday 23rd October	Parent Consultations 2 3:20-6:20pm
Thursday 6th November	Y1 trip to Hever Castle
Wednesday 12th November	Individual & sibling photos
Friday 21st November	Y5 trip to Newhaven Fort
Saturday 29th November	Friends of Holbrook Christmas Fair

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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