

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

#### Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm visit

Yesterday, our Year 3 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to Butser Ancient Farm as part of their exploration of the Stone Age. Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of hands-on activities, including crafting clunch from chalk, discovering how ancient paints were made, shaping clay pots, and even trying their hand at archaeology. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this a memorable and enriching experience!



#### Year 5

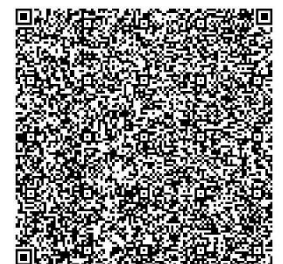
Take a look at this fabulous display of children's finished motivational posters, using typeface and design to share inspiring messages.

#### Year 2

Here is a photo of Year 2 enjoying their computing learning where they had to predict, test programs using Beebots.



Thank you so much to our fabulous year 6 children for holding a successful coffee afternoon last week in aid of Macmillan cancer charity. It was such a great afternoon, where the children had donated all of the cakes and then helped to serve everyone that came to support the event. First count looks in the region of £350 raised! Which is a fantastic amount. If you were unable to make it and would like to donate, you can still do so using the QR code here Thank you so much for supporting this charity and the children and well done to all the hard work of year 6.



*Natalie Davies - Deputy Headteacher*

## Safeguarding – Anger Management in Children - NSPCC

Every year many thousands of children are referred to Childline for anger issues. Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare. Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Violent thoughts frequently bubble underneath human interactions. Anger is the quickest way for those thoughts to become reality. For this reason, it is tightly regulated in our society. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall a foul of strict controls on violent conduct. However, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in. This can be hard knowledge to impart, but the NSPCC has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>



### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assemblies take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Mrs Souques and the new school council are organising 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 Horsham Matters. Thank you for your support.

### Child-friendly Behaviour policy

Last year's School Council worked hard to produce a child-friendly behaviour policy that is based on our Behaviour policy which can be found on the school website. The children have been given a copy to bring home that covers the positive behaviours that link to our values and rules, how we celebrate good behaviour, what behaviours are not acceptable and what happens if we make a wrong choice. We would encourage you to ask your child to share this with you as a point of discussion. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

### Mentoring

The mentoring sessions start next week, where children will have the opportunity to talk to their teacher about their progress and new targets.

To facilitate this the children will have sessions with the Brighton and Hove sports coaches, **instead** of the usual PE lessons (apart from where stated, together with swimming which will happen as usual). Please see the timetable below to find out when your child has coaching sessions and ensure that your child is wearing PE kit on that day.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct- Year 1

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct-Year 2

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> -Year R, Year 2 and Year 5

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Oct-Year 3 & Year 4 (swimming)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct- Year 4

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> -Year R & Year 6

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Oct-Year 4 & Year 5

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year R, Year 2 & Year 3

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct- Year 1, Year 6 & Year 4 (swimming)

## The Importance of Hygiene at School

Maintaining good hygiene is essential for keeping our school community healthy and happy. Regular handwashing, proper use of tissues, and personal cleanliness help prevent the spread of germs and illnesses. We encourage all pupils to follow these habits every day, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing them at home too – thank you.



## Friends of Holbrook

Friends of Holbrook are pleased to announce their Neon Disco which takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The cost is £4 per ticket which includes a drink, snack and glow stick. For more information and to book visit <https://tinyurl.com/FOH-Disco>



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
9 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
30 <sup>th</sup> October	10 <sup>th</sup> November
6 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November
13 <sup>th</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November
20 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December

<b>Diary Dates (new additions in bold)</b>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am New intake tour 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am New intake tour 3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of Holbrook Discos
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Consultations 1 3:20-6:20pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3:30pm New intake tour 4
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Consultations 2 3:20-6:20pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 trip to Hever Castle
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual & sibling photos
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y5 trip to Newhaven Fort
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Holbrook Christmas Fair

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher