

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival this week, 280kg was collected by our School Council reps. Mandy from St. Mark's church led two assemblies around the theme of 'sharing' – you may have already been told about the doughnut story! The donations were collected by Horsham Matters and they would also like to pass on their thanks to our Holbrook community.



### Curriculum news

Clockwise from top left;

Year 2 enjoying Doodledance, Year 1 having fun with maths, Year 3 learning outside about the materials involved in Stone Age art and Year 4 practising their 8 times tables.





## Parent Consultations.

The booking system went live last week and we are delighted that so many parents have already signed up to our first consultation evenings of the year. There is still time and space available for those that are yet to do so and should you require any assistance, then the school office will be happy to help you. We look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Families can visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) to check if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking [here](#).

Many parents and carers do not realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school term, there is still the option to save up funds. These links may be useful:

- [How TFC can help towards the cost of children’s summer holiday activities](#)
- [Information on getting TFC](#)
- [The Family Information Service's Facebook page](#)
- [Help paying for childcare web page](#)
- [The Family Information Service website](#)

## Friends of Holbrook

A reminder that the Friends of Holbrook Neon Disco 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>



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# Become a School Appeal Volunteer



Help with school admission appeals – volunteer today!

Who can apply?

- People from all walks of life are welcome!
- No specific qualifications needed – just fairness and impartiality.

Your role:

- Hear appeals from parents/carers and schools.
- Ensure fair and respectful treatment.
- Make independent decisions based on evidence.

Skills we value:

- Communication, listening, analytical thinking, teamwork.
- Confidentiality and professionalism.

Time commitment:

- Appeals happen throughout the year.
- Panels may meet in person or virtually (You will need to use your own device).

Training & Support:

- Full training provided, expenses reimbursed.
- Supported by experienced clerks and governance teams.

Why it matters:

- Your contribution ensures that pupils and schools have their voices heard.

**To arrange an informal chat about this role and if it is right for you contact: [appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk)**

## School Appeal Volunteer opportunity

West Sussex CC are inviting parents to help with school admission appeals. Please see the poster for further details of this opportunity.

## Scrooge

HAODS (Horsham Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society) are performing [Scrooge](#) at the Capitol in Horsham over Half Term. Molly and Peyton from year 6 are performing alongside other local children and would love to see you there.



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
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
27 <sup>th</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
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
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Remembrance Assembly
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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