

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Sports news

Years 1 and 2 took part in an athletics festival at The Bridge this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a wide range of athletics events and were a credit to the school. *Mrs Harman*



### Curriculum news

Year 5 made poppies using felt in art this week, these will form the basis of a display for Remembrance Day, ready for their service on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.



Year 1 and Year 2 have been using the Beebots in their computing this week. Year 1 making mazes to control their Beebots around. Year 2 have created maps and experimented with algorithms to ensure their Beebot followed their directions.

It has been a busy week for science experiments across the school, including mini rockets in Y5 and paper aeroplanes in year 4, where the children investigated changing one variable to make their plane go further. Chloe found out that the higher the starting point the further her plane went.



### **Holbrook Governors**

I am pleased to confirm that Mr Stuart McLoughlin has been appointed as the new Chair of Governors of Holbrook school. He has succeeded Mrs Shirley Gardner, who has stepped down after three years in the role. I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude here, for her strategic leadership of the Governing Board during this period, where the school has continued to develop and improve. I am very pleased that she has agreed to continue to be a governor at Holbrook. Please find a message from Mr McLoughlin below.

*I am delighted to have been recently appointed as Chair of Governors at Holbrook Primary School. In terms of my relevant experience for the role, I was a teacher of PE and History who was fortunate enough to become the Headteacher of four different secondary schools over a 17-year period before retiring in 2020. Since then, I have worked as an education consultant supporting schools in London, Essex and Southend. I have also previous experience of being a governor of three primary schools, including Holbrook, and was the Vice Chair in each.*

*I live in the local community; my granddaughter used to attend Holbrook, so I know the school very well. I am a lover of music and sport. Aged 11, I chose Spurs as my football team and carry the scars of supporting them for over 50 years! I am also passionate about cricket and played for Roffey CC for many years. I am now a keen cyclist and ride with Horsham Cycling where I am club secretary.*

*I think Holbrook Primary is a wonderful school and look forward to working with Mr Holmes, the staff and the other governors on the school's continued journey of improvement. I am also looking forward to getting to know the parents and carers of the school who I know are incredibly supportive. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Gardner, the previous Chair, for her dedication, diligence and hard work in successfully leading the Governing Body - she is a great role model for me to follow. Mr McLoughlin*



### **Parent Consultations**

Just a reminder that due to Parent Consultations next Tuesday and Thursday, **KS2 pupils will finish at 3pm.** We look forward to seeing you.

## Safeguarding – online safety

Memes are everywhere - quick, witty, and wildly shareable. For many young people they are more than jokes, they're a way to connect, express themselves and interpret the world. But behind the humour, there can be risks. This guide helps adults understand how memes work and why they matter to young people today.

From misinformation to insensitive jokes and permanent digital footprints, this guide highlights the potential pitfalls of meme culture. With practical tips on digital literacy, empathy and open conversations, it empowers parents to help children navigate online humour in a thoughtful, safe, and respectful way.

Click on the poster for more information.



## Head Lice

Please be aware that we have received some reports of headlice in school. Remember if your child has hair longer than shoulder length they need to tie it back in a full ponytail/braid in order to prevent the spread.

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
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
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET – school closed to pupils
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET - school closed to pupils
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
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Holbrook Christmas Fair

<b>CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES</b>	
<b>CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59</b>	<b>FOR WEEK COMMENCING</b>
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

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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