

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Sports news

A squad of Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a fun festival at the Bridge this week. They learnt plenty of teamwork skills associated with games such as Dodgeball, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity. Well done!



Curriculum news

Last Friday, Year 5 visited Newhaven Fort as part of their History topic about World War I and II. Ava C said, "It has some amazing historic artefacts that take you back in time" and Rose B said, "There were great views and it was really fun."



This week, Year 4 went to Fishbourne Roman Villa to learn more about the Romans. As well as a tour of the amazing mosaics that still exist today, the children enjoyed taking part in several workshops and practical activities.



Friends of Holbrook

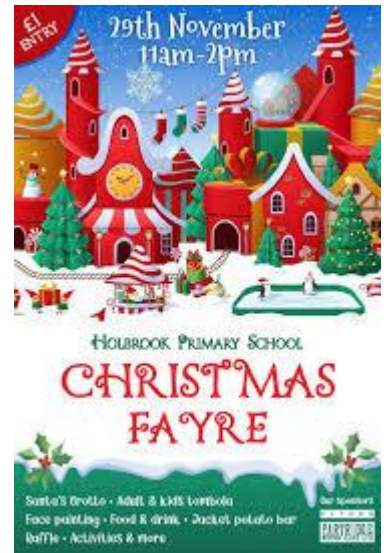
Thank you for your donations for the Friends of Holbrook Christmas Fair taking place tomorrow Saturday 28th November 11am – 2pm. The organisers have been working hard to ensure that this annual event is enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. We look forward to seeing you.

Parent workshop

Today's 'Chance to Chat' coffee morning was really well attended with twenty parents joining. Lucy Colborn from the Early Help Dedicated Schools Team led a discussion on 'Supporting my Child to Emotionally Regulate'. Thank you to all those who came along.

We will be holding a 'Chance to Chat' coffee morning every half term; each will have a theme, with time for discussion too. Please look out for a schedule which will be sent out soon

Mrs Nash



Festive collection

Festive food collection

We are collecting the following food items on behalf of **Horsham Matters**:

- selection boxes
- Christmas chocolates
- mince pies
- Christmas puddings
- tinned meat/vegetables
- long-life milk
- custard
- jam and spreads
- hot chocolate
- long-life desserts
- savoury snacks
- condiments (Ketchup, mayo, pickle relish etc).

Dates: Monday, **December 1st** and Tuesday, **December 2nd**
(before and after school at playground entrances)

We would be grateful for all donations.
Thank you.

Just a reminder that on Monday December 1st and Tuesday December 2nd, we will be collecting festive food items on behalf of Horsham Matters. Donation trolleys will be available on those days near our KS1 and KS2 entrances.

Horsham Matters has provided the following list of items they would be grateful for:

Festive treats (selection boxes, Christmas chocolates, mince pies, Christmas puddings); tinned meat/vegetables; long-life milk; custard, jam and spreads; hot chocolate, long-life desserts, savoury snacks, condiments (Ketchup, mayo, pickle relish etc).

Thank you for your help,

Dawn Filson and the Eco-Council

Attendance Guidance

New guidance from the DfE and West Sussex CC regarding school attendance means that Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) can now be issued for less than 5 days (10 sessions) absence should circumstances direct, for example, a parent taking steps to avoid the use of a fixed penalty notice by taking their child out of school for 9 sessions, as this would mean the threshold would not be met or where several term time holidays are taken of a few days each, or a 4-day absence during an inset week, following a bank holiday or end of term closure. Therefore, from January 2026, if a child is absent for a holiday for 8 or 9 sessions without authority during an Inset week, where there is a Bank Holiday or end of term closure, the school may make a referral to the Local Authority for consideration of an FPN.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS - POST BOX

From **Monday 1st December**, the school Christmas Post Boxes will be available for pupils to post their cards.

The last posting day will be Monday 15th December. Year 6 pupils will sort and distribute the cards. **Please ensure your child addresses the card with the name and class of the recipient.** **Cards with recipients that cannot be identified will be put into recycling.** There will be 4 post boxes around school:



- Yellow end for Reception and Year 1 pupils
- Blue end for Year 2
- Red end for Year 3 and 4
- Green end for Year 5 and 6

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH VISIT

To enable each of the assemblies at St Marks Church on **Friday 12th December**, we will be looking for a number of parents helpers. If you are able to help at any assembly, please let the school office know. The assembly times are as follows:

9.30am EYFS/KS1

10.15am Y3/4

11.00am Y5/6

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
4 th December	15 th December *incl Christmas lunch
25 th December	5 th January
1 st January	12 th January
8 th January	19 th January
15 th January	26 th January
22 nd January	2 nd February
29 th January	9 th February

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Saturday 29 th November	Friends of Holbrook Christmas Fair 11-2pm
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity to Y1 parents 9.15
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity to Y2 Parents 9.15
Thursday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Marys 7pm
Friday 12 th December	Assemblies at St Marks
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 19 th December	last day of term
Monday 5 th January	INSET- school closed for pupils

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher