

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter with our first page dedicated to sports events.

Holbrook are County Champions!

What an amazing day for our dodgeball team! Albert, Arun, Luke, Everly, Faith, Jasmine, Ben, Daniel and Murilo took part in the county finals at the K2. They played 6 games in total, each one lasting 6 rounds. The team worked fantastically together, supporting each other throughout and did not lose one round in the heats, securing them a place in the final. After a nail-biting start, they pulled it out of the bag and achieved a convincing win of 10-2 against Gleneigh Park. As a result, the team were awarded gold medals and a winner's trophy and have secured a place in the regional finals in June. *Mrs Davies*



Football

Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous time at the football festival at Heron Way. The children got stuck in and had a great time playing some friendly matches against other schools.

Mrs Davies

Rugby

Year 6, got out and enjoyed the sunshine on Tuesday afternoon at Horsham rugby club, taking part in the Horsham Schools



tag rugby competition. The children played brilliantly coming 3rd overall. *Mr Hudspith*



Athletics

Year 4 pupils had a fabulous time at the inter-school athletic event. There was some stiff competition but there were some amazing individual performances, and everyone should be very proud of themselves. A huge thank you to Peyton and Bill from Year 6 who helped to score. *Mrs Harman*



Please remember that ALL children need to be in PE kits on Wednesday ready for the athlete visit and sponsored HIIT work out. Scan the QR code to sponsor the children and raise funds for new sporting equipment for the school.





Junior Parkrun

We had a fantastic turn out for our first Holbrook Junior parkrun on Sunday. The sun was shining and over 40 pupils and their families came to shake off the cobwebs and run, jog or walk the 2km route. A special mention to Bobby who did not make it into the photo but came in 3rd place! Hopefully we will see you all again this Sunday.

Mrs Boulton

Curriculum

This week we have Year 1 pupils making windsocks, Year 2 designing an exercise routine, Year 3 drawing around each other and labelling digestive systems and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors taking an assembly.



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L:O To design an exercise routine and teach it to others.



Year 5 enjoying learning outside and creating their moon bases for their DT project.



Chess Tournaments

Well done to all 32 children who took part in the UK Chess Challenge, which involved seven rounds of matches against a different opponent each week. Both tournaments were very close and all children developed their game play as a result. The Year 3&4 winner was Aubyn, with Luke winning the Year 5&6 event. Runners up were Sam and Abi respectively.



Charity cake sale

On Thursday 16th April there will be a cake sale outside the Year 6 classrooms run by Delilah in year 6 to raise money for Bliss - a charity which supports premature babies. Year 6 will be responsible for providing the cakes, but the cake sale is open to other year groups for purchasing. Thank you! Mrs Souques

Governors' Day

The Governing Board held their annual Governors' Day yesterday which is always a lovely occasion in our school calendar. Our governors spent some time in classrooms, observing our inclusive practice, and seeing first-hand the exciting learning taking place across the school. It was also a great opportunity for pupils to showcase their work and for governors to connect with the children, staff, and wider school community. We're grateful for the time and support they give throughout the year, and this special day highlights the positive impact they have on school life.



Health and Safety

As you may have seen in the press, there is an outbreak of meningococcal disease group B (MenB) in Kent. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is leading the response, and West Sussex County Council's Public Health team is staying in close contact with them and local partners. The control measures put in place in Kent are aiming to prevent further cases. **There are currently no cases of this infection linked to the Kent situation in West Sussex.** It is important to remember that meningitis spreads through close and usually prolonged contact. School pupils should continue to go to school and do their normal activities unless directly advised otherwise by the local health protection team. Symptoms to look out for and updates on the national and local situation can be found [here](#).



From 2015, the MenB vaccine has been available on the NHS as part of routine childhood immunisations, so those aged over 10 have not received it as part of the routine schedule. It is therefore important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of the infection, which can found via the following links:

- [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself](#)
- [Meningitis](#)

There are numerous strains of the meningococcal infection. Teenagers are routinely offered the MenACWY vaccination in year 9, which protects against MenA, MenC, MenW, and MenY. If someone missed this vaccination at school, they could still get it, up until their 25th birthday, by contacting their GP.

Alison Challenger
Director of Public Health

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
2 nd April	13 th April
9 th April	20 th April
16 th April	27 th April
23 rd April	4 th May
30 th April	11 th May
7 th May	18 th May

COFFEE, CAKE & CONNECTION:

THE HORSHAM PARENT HUB

THE FOREST SCHOOL, HERON WAY AND KINGSLEA WARMLY INVITES HORSHAM PARENTS AND CARERS TO JOIN US FOR A COFFEE MORNING.

COME ALONG TO ENJOY SOME TREATS AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES. REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ATTENDING FROM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, HORSHAM JOB CENTRE PLUS, YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES, AND MANY MORE ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE HERE TO HELP SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES.

ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE ENTERED INTO OUR FREE RAFFLE, WHICH WILL BE DRAWN DURING THE EVENT. WE HAVE SOME FANTASTIC PRIZES GENEROUSLY DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING FAMILY SWIMMING PASSES, A DRIVING RANGE VOUCHER FROM HORSHAM GOLF, ENTRY TO BOCKETTS FARM, CLIP & CLIMB SESSIONS, RESTAURANT VOUCHERS, TICKETS TO NINJA WARRIOR AND PLENTY OF EASTER EGGS TO BE WON!

MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT'S A CHANCE TO RELAX, ENJOY A COFFEE, AND CHAT WITH OTHER LOCAL PARENTS IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING LITTLE ONES ALONG.

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

9:30AM-11:30AM

HURST CAFE (HORSHAM YOUTH CENTRE, HURST ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 2DN)

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE

CAKE, COFFEE, CATCH-UP, FREE RAFFLE

Coffee, Cake & Connection

This is a FREE event for parents and carers at the Hurst Café next week. The event is being run by some of our partner schools from the Horsham Schools Partnership that Holbrook is a member of. Please see the poster for further details.

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Mon 23 rd March	Y5 Choral Day at Christs Hospital
Mon 23 rd March	Y1 Football Festival - Leechpool
Tuesday 24 th March	KS2 Cross Country at Christs Hospital
Wed 25 th March	Luke Delahunty Visit
Wed 25 th March	Y3 Athletics at the Bridge
Fri 27 th March	End of term
Mon 13 th April	Summer Term starts
Thursday 16 th April	Cake Sale for Bliss
Friday 1 st May	Happy Holbrook session
W/c 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 22nd May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
Wed 17 th June	Sports Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher