

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival this week, which were collected by our School Council representatives. We were pleased to welcome Reverend Tim, who led our Harvest assemblies and helped the children think about the values at the heart of the harvest season. Our donations were collected by Horsham Matters, and they would also like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Holbrook community for your continued generosity and support.



Curriculum news

Clockwise - Year 1 enjoyed using the Apparatus in P.E, Year 2 pupils programmed Beebots to navigate their maps, Year 3 enjoyed Yoga sessions and Year 5 built rockets to investigate reversible and irreversible changes.



Guinness World Record Attempt

As part of the National Year of Reading, Year 2 pupils took part in a Guinness World Record attempt to have the most people reading online between 9am and 9pm. They enjoyed a reading of *Super Uma* by Rashmi Sirdeshpande, followed by a draw-along activity with illustrator Nakul P. We have sent in our results and look forward to hearing whether we are World Record breakers.



Parent Consultations

The booking system went live this 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. *Don't forget if you have an ISP- parent consultations are incorporated within this meeting, so you don't need to book an appointment.* We look forward to seeing you after half-term on the 3rd and 5th November.

Parent Consultations

early.years.training@westsussex.gov.uk

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Considering childminding: Your first steps

West Sussex County Council is offering a selection of **free** online information sessions for those interested in finding out more about childminding as a career.

FIND OUT MORE HERE

Childminding - Free information session for parents and carers interested in becoming a childminder

Do you know someone who might be interested in a career in childminding?

The West Sussex Early Years Education and Childcare team has a selection of events for those interested in taking their first steps towards a career in childminding. This includes a free online information session that is perfect for anyone considering becoming a childminder. This event has already supported a number of West Sussex residents into childminding over the past 18 months.

Please click here to learn more about the webinar and book your place. If you have any questions, please email early.years.training@westsussex.gov.uk.

SEND Café at St. Mark's Church

The next SEND Café at St. Mark's Church takes place next week on Tuesday 12th October.

SEND CAFE

MONDAYS, 10am-12pm
12th Oct
9th Nov
14th Dec
St Mark's Church,
Horsham

Join us to meet with other parents of SEND children to chat, share, and connect with people who understand your journey

Children are welcome to come along too. We are aware that Mondays don't work for everyone so please do get in touch if you can't come along but are interested in other SEND Family events and support.
Email: familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk

Christmas card competition from John Milne (Horsham MP)

As MP for Horsham, I write to invite your pupils to take part in my annual Christmas Card Competition, which is open to all children of primary school age.

Every pupil at your school is welcome to submit a design, and I will send a certificate to everyone who takes part. The winner and runners-up will receive book tokens, and the winning design will be used for my Christmas card this year, which will be sent to key contacts and businesses across the Horsham constituency.

I have set out a few competition details below:

- *Please send us the original design, not a photocopy.*
- *Send your designs on A4 paper (the winning design will be printed on A6).*
- *Creativity and fun is encouraged, but please avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and other stick-on items which don't reproduce well once we send the design to print.*
- *Remind pupils to write their full name, age, and school year on the back of their designs – otherwise we won't know who the winner is!*

Please note: the name, age, year group and school will be shown on the winning card, so please do not include entries where pupils/parents/guardians would not want this information shared.

All designs must be received by Friday 6th November 2026. Please send all entries to my constituency office: Suite 2, Ground Floor, Springfield House, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG. Thank you.

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 external 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 12th Oct-Year 2 & Year 5

Tues 13th Oct– Year 4 & Year 5

Wed 14th – Year 1 & Year 3 plus Year R

Thurs 15th Oct– Year 1 & Year 6 plus Y4 swimming

Fri 16th Oct– Year 4 & Year 6

Mon 19th Oct-Year 2 and Year 4

Tues 20th –Year 3 and Year 5

Wed 21st – Year 1 and Year 3 plus Year R

Thurs 22nd – Year 2 and Year 6 plus Y4 Swimming

DIARY DATES (new dates added in bold)	
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Y3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Fri 23 rd Oct	Inset day-school closed to pupils

Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct	HALF TERM
Tues 3 rd Nov	Parent Consultations
Wed 4 th Nov	Photo day
Thurs 5 th Nov	Parent Consultations
Fri 13 th Nov	Y1 Trip to Hever Castle
Fri 20 th Nov	Y5 Trip to Newhaven Fort
Tues 24 th Nov	Y4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Tues 8 th Dec	KS1 Nativity to Y1 Parents
Wed 9 th Dec	KS1 Nativity to Y2 Parents
Thurs 10 th Dec	EYFS Nativity to Parents
Thurs 10 th Dec	KS2 Carols at St Marys

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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