Dear Parents/Carers,

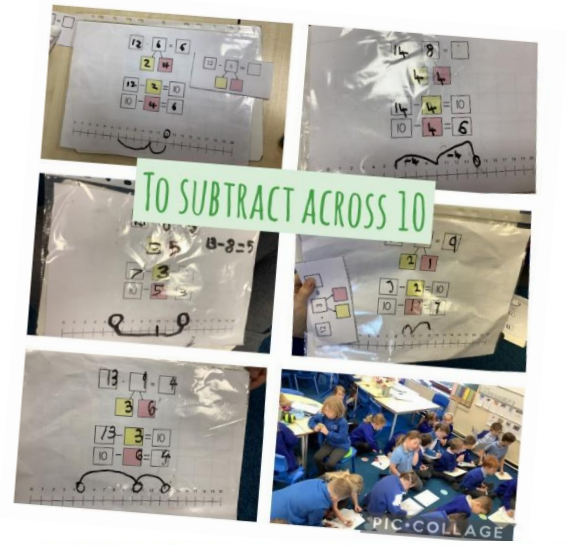
Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Year 5 enjoyed some library time with year 2, where they read with a partner from a different year group.



Year 2 have been learning how to subtract across 10.





Year 1 have started their history topic ahead of their visit to Hever castle next week. They were looking at objects from the past and present and trying to find clues to help identify them.



Year 4 used squares to measure different areas.

Year 3 Butser trip

On the last day of half term, Year 3 went to Butser Ancient Farm in Hampshire. It is an active historic research and education centre trialling and testing ways our ancestors lived. We got to try many of the activities that they would have used 3,000 years ago including wattling (building fences) and clunching (building walls of houses). We were archaeologists digging up the past and even made some jewellery from copper wire. We had a brilliant day and would say it is the best trip ever!







World prematurity day is coming up next week – small babies, big potential, raising awareness of premature birth and the impact that it can have. We are a prem-aware school and have been recognised for supporting the unique learning and developmental needs of children born prematurely. If your child was premature and you would like us to know about this, please either contact the class teacher or our Inclusion lead Mrs Little.



We are now able to recycle printer cartridges at school. Good news, the school can receive funding for each one we recycle. The box will be kept in the front entrance, so please bring in your empty printer cartridges to the office, or send them in with your children.

Friends of Holbrook News – Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November, 12pm–3pm £1 entry per adult

Our Christmas Fayre is nearly here! Join us for a festive afternoon with a silent disco, kindly sponsored by Kicks Dance, our Elf Craft Workshop, games, raffle, tombolas, homemade cakes and more.

Non-school uniform dates

- Thursday 12th November (**Year 1 ONLY)** and Friday 13th November (rest of the school). Please send your child in with a bar of chocolate, a clean teddy, or £1 for our Fayre tombolas.
- Friday 27th November (whole school)
  Non-school uniform day. Please send your child in with a bottle, alcoholic or soft, for our bottle tombola.

Collection boxes will be out at morning drop-off on all three days.

Raffle tickets have been sent home in book bags this week – please return stubs and money to the school reception before the fayre.

<u>Calling all bakers</u>

We'd love your homemade cakes and bakes for our cake sale. To keep everyone safe, please attach a list of ingredients to each item, clearly label any allergens and **<u>keep all bakes nut-free.</u>**

Drop bakes off on Friday 27th November or bring them along on the day.

Our volunteer sign-up is coming soon. Even an hour makes a real difference! If you'd like to get involved now, please email Laura at FOHIChair@holbrookprimaryschool.com.

Thank you for supporting Friends of Holbrook. Every pound raised goes straight back into our children's school.

Road Safety Poster Competition

In assemblies this week, we discussed crossing roads safely and the importance of being seen by drivers now that it's getting darker earlier. We have also launched a design a road safety poster competition which is open to all year groups.

If your child would like to design an A4 poster, please can they write their name and class on the back and hand it to Mrs Filson by the end of Monday, November 16th. Winners will be selected by Mrs Nye, our lollipop lady. The winners will be announced in our Celebration assembly on Friday, November 20th.

Uniform Reminder

Thank you for making sure your child/ren come into school looking smart in their uniform. Just a reminder: No jewellery is to be worn. Children with pierced ears may wear small studs only- no hoops for safety reasons. We understand painted nails look lovely during the break, but please remove any nail varnish before coming back to school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Diary dates

DIARY DATES (new dates added in bold)	
Thurs 12th Nov	**Y1 non uniform day (chocolate donations)**
Fri 13th Nov	**Rest of the school non uniform day (chocolate donations)**
Fri 13th Nov	Y1 Trip to Hever Castle
Fri 20th Nov	Y5 Trip to Newhaven Fort
Tues 24th Nov	Y4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Fri 27th Nov	**Non Uniform day- (bottle donations)**
Sat 28th Nov	**FOH Christmas Fayre**
Tues 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity to Y1 Parents
Wed 9th Dec	KS1 Nativity to Y2 Parents
Thurs 10th Dec	EYFS Nativity to Parents
Thurs 10th Dec	KS2 Carols at St Marys
Wed 16th Dec	**Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch**

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes

Headteacher