

School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

In our Friday celebration assembly, I always ask the children to share their most memorable moment from the week. This week, so many children said 'everything' ! In the classrooms, in our beautiful school grounds and at Forest School, there is a buzz for learning. All our children can talk confidently about their topics, interesting facts they have found out and they enjoy asking questions to find out even more!

This week, you will receive a letter about Class Dojo and inviting you to join your child's class. We will use Class Dojo to communicate more easily between home and school. Class Dojo will be the place to go to find out what's happening in your child's class, their topic, homework, and letters home. Photos of learning, memorable moments and whole school events will be posted on the Class Dojo stories for you to see.

We look forward to welcoming you to school for the craft opening morning this week.

– Small but Mighty!



Classroom News

Nursery and Reception

Last week Stoke class explored bridge building using different resources, linked to our literacy text 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. We have also been learning about whole part models and how numbers can be made up of smaller numbers. The children took their learning outside on the playground to explore the number 5.

We had our first fire at forest school where the children learnt how to use a flint and steel to make a spark, how to sit safely around the fire and how to toast a marshmallow!



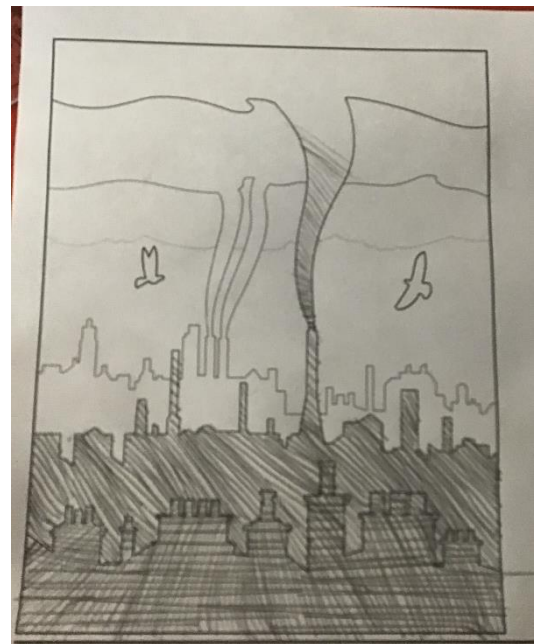
Year 1 and Year 2

Years One and Two have been exploring 2d and 3d shape, learning about all their properties. We also enjoyed our non-fiction unit learning about features of a non-fiction text and, more specifically, leaflets. We researched about Australian animals, gathered key facts and then presented them in a leaflet with subheadings. In DT we used our prior learning about dips and dippers and discussed food groups and the eat well plate.



Year 3 and Year 4

Another busy week in Mothecombe class as we have tried to keep up with the pesky dragons that seem to only want to cause chaos! We have also spent our week finishing our assessments. We have really enjoyed learning about area in maths and have all really understood the concept which has been great to see. Also, in Art, we have been looking at 'Urban landscapes' which links to our Art topic 'People and Places'. We have been practising our cross-hatching and fine line drawings. They look great!



Year 5 and Year 6

This week, Bigbury have been immersed in the poetic story 'I am Cat' by Jackie Morris. They have been learning it off by heart to create a whole class performance and explored language choices and style. We have been practising writing similes and metaphors and using the Power of 3, which will enable us to write our own 'I am' poems in the same style. We can't wait!





Forest School

In forest school Years 1, 2 and 3 learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali and how rangoli patterns are created to welcome people into their homes. The children worked in partners and used natural resources to create their own patterns. Some beautiful artwork was created!





Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2

Thursday 30 th November*	Christmas decoration making open morning for parents to attend 9-10am (all years)
Sunday, 3 rd December	Christingle at Holbeton Church 4.00pm
Monday, 4 th December	Last Week of After School clubs
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9:30am Village Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	School and HSA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2.00pm Village Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	Children' s Christmas lunch (don' t forget Menu selection needed by Friday, 1 st Dec)
Thursday 14 th December	2pm Carol Service KS2 performance KS1 children and parents invited
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Party afternoon - bring a plate of food - Mufti
Sunday, 24 th December	Family Christmas Service at Holbeton Church 4.00pm
Final week of term	No Clubs

Lost Property

Our lost property container is full! Please can you check it for any missing items and ensure your child's belongings are labelled with their name.



You can purchase very easy to use naming labels from Easy2name; [www.](https://www.easy2name.com/)

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We have an account with them, so if you use the code: **FR-HOLBETON-72** Every order generates 20% commission for the school and ensures you have a much better chance of being reunited with property your child has mis-placed!

Mrs Nash has been using these for over a year, no iron needed, just stick them on and they wash really well!

Christmas Fair

The elves at the H.S.A. are looking for some good quality, second handbooks for their secret Santa mission. If you have any picture books, chapter books or non-fiction books that would be appreciated by other children aged 3-6, 7-9 or 10-11, please pop them in the box at the school office - thank you for your support.

Our H.S.A. are also looking for Raffle Prizes for the Christmas Fair. If you work for, or know anyone who might be willing to donate a prize please get in touch.



Christmas Tree

Our Christmas Tree has been very kindly donated by Heathfield Cross Christmas Tree Farm, Modbury, PL21 0SB. We have promised to share their contact information as a massive thank you. 07494593304 – heathfieldchristmastrees@gmail.com

If you would like to start your Christmas off in true 'National Lampoon Christmas Vacation' style this is the place to go, you cut or dig your own Christmas tree 😊



P. E.

Each class has PE on the following days:

Bigbury	Monday
Stoke	Wednesday
Wonwell	Friday
Mothecombe	Friday



PE Kit:

Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day they have PE.

PE Kit includes:

- A blue polo top with the school logo
- Navy blue leggings, tracksuit or jogging bottoms
- A school jumper or navy blue jumper
- Trainers or plimsoles

Forest School

Week 5 28. 11. 23 Tuesday	Year 4, 5 and 6
Week 6 5. 12. 23 Tuesday	Year 1, 2, and 3



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register, entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

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