

# School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Can you believe it's March already? I had a fantastic time accompanying Bigbury class to Carswell Farm on Thursday this week – muddy boots and smiles all round. What a joy to see our oldest children engaged in so much learning - without even realising it!

A little reminder that from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March the road between Brixton and Yealmpton will be closed for road works. We know this will be an inconvenience for our families travelling into school and that this may cause some children to be a little late. Please do not worry, we completely understand. Hopefully we'll be back to normal the following week.

This week we celebrated so many wonderful achievements in our celebration assembly. We are all very proud of you and love sharing your success with the whole school. I would like to make a special mention to Ellen in Wonwell class who has been exceptionally kind and donated her cut hair to The Little Princess Trust charity – what a star!

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all dressed up for World Book Day next week (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March).

I hope you all have a good weekend!

- Small but Mighty

Mrs Honywill  
Headteacher



# Diary Dates

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## Spring Term 4

19.2.24	Non pupil day
7.3.24	World Book Day (Dress up) Details to follow
11.3.24 and 13.3.24	Parent's Evening Appointments
15.3.24	Red Nose Day Mufti
25.3.24	Cricket Workshop – all classes (PE kits) Details to follow
27.3.24	Easter Bonnet competition Egg rolling HSA Easter Egg Hunt
28.3.24	Easter Service at the Church (TBC)

## Carswell Farm Dates

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Wonwell

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothecombe

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Stoke



# Forest School



One of the things that makes our school so special is our locality and the incredible spaces we have around us. I talk about this a lot when welcoming visitors to the school – it's what sets us apart and makes us unique, and I'm really proud of this. I'm passionate about our commitment to outdoor learning and the experiences we can offer the children, above and beyond the curriculum. I want our children to continue to be inspired by the natural world – it is the best classroom and richest resource.

As a school, we recognise the many benefits of forest school including:

- Increased self esteem and self confidence
- Improved social skills
- Increased enthusiasm
- Problem solving skills
- Emotional well being
- The development of language and communication skills
- Improved motor skills
- Improved motivation and concentration
- Increased knowledge and understanding of the world



We see these skills first hand every week and enjoy sharing all the photos with you!

## Autumn Term:

Forest school and Farm School

## Spring Term:

Forest school and Farm School

## Summer Term:

Forest school and Beach School



Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 1, 2, 3
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 1, 2, 3

We are finalising Beach School dates for the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up as a parent volunteer.

At forest school this week, the children applied their history learning to make some natural art; recreating some sources they had learnt about such as terracotta pots and trading using boats! They thought carefully about the materials they used for each part and how they could make patterns. They were resilient and developed new ways when their first idea didn't pan out! Great team work!



# Classroom News

## Nursery and Reception

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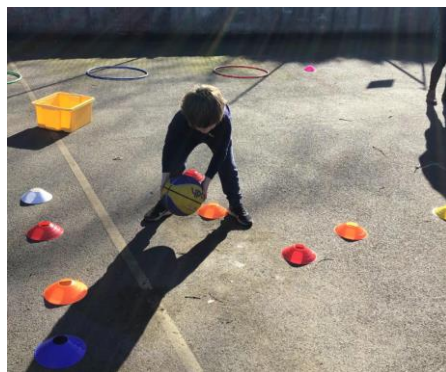
It has been wonderful to welcome Mrs Mitchell back this week! Stoke Class have been very busy and creative! The children worked as a team to create a fantastic obstacle course outside, developed bat and ball skills, created small worlds for dinosaurs and used wooden shapes to create the shapes of different dinosaurs.



## Year 1 and Year 2

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In PE Wonwell class have been learning ball skills such as travelling, passing and bouncing. How lovely to finally be out in the sunshine! In maths, they have been busy bees exploring mass. The children have been learning to read standard units of measure on scales, comparing and weighing objects using standard and non-standard units of measure. They then recorded and presented our learning to the class.



## Year 3 and Year 4

You've heard of Taco Tuesday but have you heard about Taco Thursday? Last week, Mothecombe class planned their own recipes for both a meat and vegetarian taco. They chose the healthy ingredients which contribute to a balanced diet and this week they have made them. There were some very nice smells wafting through the school...yummy!



## Year 5 and Year 6

Bigbury class had another fantastic day at Carswell Farm! They investigated different types of soils and learnt about lots of different organisms that depend on the soil. They collected soil samples and then later investigated the different layers and created a pie chart to explore the composition. They also learnt about milk production by tasting a variety of milks and then ate some grass that came from the cows' pasture. They had to decide which milk matched the different grasses!





## VILLAGE CLOTHES SWAP TO SUPPORT HOLBETON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

WHERE: MILD MAY COLOURS PUB, HOLBETON

WHAT TIME: 6.30-8.30PM

COST: £10 A TICKET (INCLUDES A DRINK AND SOME NIBBLES)

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

PRIOR TO THE EVENT PLEASE DROP OFF ANY UNWANTED CLOTHES (ADULTS AND CHILDRENS) TO THE SCHOOL OR PUB AND WE WILL COLLECT AND ARRANGE READY FOR YOUR PERUSAL AT THE EVENT. YOU WILL THEN BE ABLE TO TAKE 5 ITEMS HOME WITH YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY UNWANTED CLOTHES YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO JOIN THE EVENT!

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE FROM  
HOLBETON SCHOOL, THE VILLAGE SHOP OR THE PUB

**10**  
A DAY

10 ways to help  
balance your physical  
and mental health

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## What could you do?

- Say good morning to adults in your school
- Help your classmate solve a problem
- Ask a lonely person to join in your game

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# In the News

Something to talk about....

You may like to use the questions at home to discuss this week's world news.



## In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- > What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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