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To Flourish & Grow

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe how quickly the time is going already this term! It has been another busy week in school with children focused on their learning and engaging with their current history topics. When I pop into the classes, it is lovely to see the children wanting to share their learning with me by showing me that they have been up to in their lessons.

I met with the school council this morning to discuss two events coming up later this term: World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) and Comic Relief Day (Friday 20th March). The children have gone back to their classes to discuss ideas for a dressing up theme for World Book Day and fundraising ideas for Comic Relief. We will let you know what the children across the school have decided in due course, but in the meantime, do please pop these dates in your diaries.

Next Friday afternoon, I will be welcoming two of our Governors into school, Daniel Connellan and Linda Thorogood, to meet with the staff and children and to see the school in action during the day. Our Local Governance Committee plays an integral part in the strategic management of the school, as well as supporting and challenging the school leadership.

Have a good weekend,

Kind Regards

Katie Welsh

Head of School

TERM DATES: 25/26

Term Dates: 05/01/26—27/03/26

February

Tuesday 10th February— Inter-house Gymnastics (HT)

Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February—HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February—Non Pupil Day

March

Thursday 5th March— World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March— Interhouse Cross Country (Chappel)

Friday 20th March—Comic Relief Day

Wednesday 25th March— Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm

Friday 27th March—PTFA Break the Rules Day

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April—EASTER HOLIDAYS



Attendance

Week Commencing 19/01

Willow	Beech
95%	95%
Chestnut	Maple
98%	94%

Attendance

Week Commencing 26/01

Willow	Beech
96%	90%
Chestnut	Maple
98%	95%



Celebration Time

A big **congratulations** to the following pupils who will receive star of the week certificates in our celebration assembly **last Friday!**

Willow: **Brennan**

Beech: **Zac**

Chestnut: **Oliver**

Maple: **Finley**

The **lunchtime award** last week went to **Fred!**

A **huge well done** to **George** who won our Zoe Bear award!



A big **congratulations** to the following pupils who will receive star of the week certificates in our celebration assembly **today!**

Willow: **Alfie C**

Beech: **Rose**

Chestnut: **Albie**

Maple: **Kaitlynn**

The **lunchtime award** this week goes to **Preston!**

A **huge well done** to **Sophia** who won our Zoe Bear award!



Congratulations to the following children for their *Book Bingo* accomplishments!

4 In a Row: Arthur, Sukhmani, Neve, Maisie, Frankie

10 Books: Maisie, Rika, Stefan, Esther, Frankie, Reuben

A **huge well done** to the following children who have **COMPLETED** Book Bingo for this year:
Fred, Carly, Emily L and Laelle.

MVPS:

(week ending 23/01)

Dexter (910)

Fred (762)

Tadi (436)

MVPS:

(week ending 30/01)

Rosella (1,373)

Bonnie (928)

Fred (292)



CLASS SCORES

Week Ending

23/01

MAPLE: 57

BEECH: 32

CHESTNUT: 16

CLASS SCORES

Week Ending

30/01

CHESTNUT: 70

MAPLE: 64

BEECH: 12

MAPLE CLASS NEWS!

Last week in Maple Class, they survived the desert, avoided yellow-spotted lizards, protected their water, outsmarted the Warden and proved just how resilient they really are!

What started as a story in a book became a full immersive experience—teamwork, problem solving and determination! It brought our writing to life as the children went on to write their own survival guides for Camp Green Lake!



WILLOW CLASS NEWS!

We have continued our exciting 'Space' theme this week! The children created their own PLSS (astronaut backpacks!) through junk modelling, carefully selecting and joining materials to bring their ideas to life. This activity encouraged creativity, problem solving and thoughtful use of everyday materials. The finished backpacks looked

We have been made aware of the below product recall and thought this would be helpful to share with parents as this may be a product you have at home. The advice is to stop using the product immediately and keep out of the reach of children. Thank you!



You are invited to join us at our upcoming events

Open Morning
Friday 27th February

Year 7 Experience Evening
Tuesday 3rd March

Book your place today

✉ admissions@holmwood.house

www.holmwood.house/admissions/visit-us/



INSPIRING INDIVIDUALS

Free Family Fun Day!

Blow away those winter blues!

Join us in the Kingsland building and car park with a whole day of community fun!


- ★ Live Music
- ★ Bouncy Castle
- ★ Games
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Dance Performance
- and much, much more!

Saturday 21st February
11am - 4pm



Office for Product Safety & Standards

Product Recall

Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft	
Aspect	Details
Images	
PSD Number	2601-0364
Product Type	Hobby/sports equipment – Arts/Crafts/Needlework Sand Supplies
Product Identifiers	Brand: Hobbycraft Product number: 6686021000 (below the barcode on product packaging)
Product Description	Box of mixed craft supplies including vials of coloured sand.
Country of Origin	China
Counterfeit	No
Risk Level	Not provided
Risk Type	Health Risk
Risk Description	The product presents a risk to health as the vials of sand included in the set may be contaminated with a small quantity of asbestos. Asbestos is a banned substance because it poses a risk to health even at low levels of exposure. The product does not meet the requirements of the General Product Safety Regulations 2005.
Corrective Measures	The product has been withdrawn from the market and recalled from end users by Hobbycraft. We recommend owners stop using this product immediately and keep it out of the reach of children. Follow the below instructions for details on disposal and return of the product. For further information, access the Hobbycraft website at: www.hobbycraft.co.uk/recall or call customer service on 0330 026 1400.
Online Marketplace	N/A
Notifier	Local Authority Trading Standards

