

# Newsletter Friday 8th November 2024 Ambition Belonging Courage

# Key dates:

Monday 11th- Friday 15th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week Tuesday 12th Nov- Odd Socks Day Thursday 14th Nov - Head and SLT meeting: therapeutic approaches to behaviour 5.00pm Friday 15th Nov - Children in Need Wednesday 20th Nov – Y1 and Y2 Multi skills festival 1.30pm Wednesday 20th Nov - SEND coffee afternoon 2.30pm

# **House Point Results**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we say goodbye to Susan Alexis who is leaving us to begin a career working with older children. She will be very much missed and we wish her luck in her new role.

Congratulations to Rebecca Hatrick who will take over as our new deputy headteacher on 18th November. She is excited and enthused to take on the role and extend her work as a leader to ensure BPA is a fantastic place to be.

There is a lot planned next week, including anti bullying week, Remembrance Day and Children in Need. We are also running a parent workshop on Wednesday 14th November on our behaviour policy and the therapeutic approaches to behaviour at school. We hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend

Ms Ley



#### Children in Need - Friday 15th November

We are taking part in fundraising for BBC Children in Need 2024. All children are invited to wear home clothes, dress in yellow or wear spots to celebrate Children in Need Day.

Please make a donation to this fantastic charity via Parent Pay. You can access our Donations Page here:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1 7005

All the money raised will go towards supporting children and young people in our communities who really need support this winter and beyond.

Right now, 30% of young people under 18 are affected by poverty across the UK, that's why our support is so important. Your donations enable BBC Children in Need to continue to be there for children in our local area, helping them to be the best they can be, and supporting them when they need it most.

# SEND Coffee - Wednesday 20th November, 2.30pm

During this session we would like to share with you resources to support children with difficulties with cognition and learning. We look forward to seeing you then.





#### Year 6 Fossil Relief Printing

Over the course of this term, the children in Year 6 have been developing art work inspired by the marks and textures of fossils. This is linked to their science learning early in the term. They have developed detailed drawings with a focus on mark making which they used to create a printing plate. On Wednesday, they learnt the skills of relief printing and their finished artwork was quite beautiful.

## Locality Cross Country Event, Yr 3,4,5,6 at the Weald

Our Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 girls and boys took part in the locality cross country on Jubilee Fields on Wednesday afternoon and we could not be more proud of them. This was a race between the strongest available runners from different schools, so the standard was high. All children finished the race strongly and we are excited to hear how we fared overall once Mr Meaney has performed the necessary calculations. A special congratulations to Arnold in Y3 who finished 3rd in the Y3/Y4 boys' race, Andrea who won the Y5 girls' race and Olivia who won the Y6 girls' race.

**Chair of Governors - "**With Mr Timmins relocating to Worcester at the end of next week, we needed to recruit a new Deputy Headteacher. As Chair of Governors, I joined Ms Ley and the Deputy CEO of Sussex Learning Trust for this process on Monday. Mrs Hatrick expertly demonstrated her knowledge, skills and experience but also communicated her passion for Billingshurst Primary Academy. We are delighted that she will continue her career with us"

### BPA Bees -

Before half term, the children were busy designing their Christmas cards. Order cards will start coming home in bookbags today. Please place your orders by midday on Thursday 14th November.

Our Christmas trug raffle will be launching soon! Keep an eye out for more information next week.

Horsham District Council is investing in Billingshurst and wants to hear from pupils and parents at The Weald as to what improvements to local facilities you would like to see. To have your say, please go to <u>https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Better-Billingshurst</u> If you require any assistance, please contact **Rory Minchin** by emailing Rory.Minchin@horsham.gov.uk

Letters home this week : Panto reminder Weald Book Awards (Year 6) Multi-skills (selected pupils only) KS1 Christmas costumes





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