

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term. It is great to be back at school after the Easter break and both children and staff have been working hard, enjoying their new learning adventures together. Watch out for the termly information letters to keep you informed about our curriculum offer and children's learning.

Today, I held our first Celebration Assemblies in the Hall since 2020! The children listened and behaved brilliantly, particularly those who had not experienced this before and it was lovely to be back together again sharing in the children's achievements.

Pupil achievements

This week we celebrate and congratulate the following children and their achievements;

Merits – Bronze: Holly Plinston, Amelia Beales (5N), Sophie Bliss (5V) Silver: Lottie Menhennett (6H)

Spelling – Champion: Ruhika Kottapalli (6K)

House Cup

This first winner of the House Cup this term is Phoenix – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
209	210	257	226



Cricket Festival



Yesterday, ten Year 2 children took part in a Cricket Skills Festival at Tanbridge House School. Despite the rather chilly conditions, the children enjoyed a variety of skills sessions and learnt more about the wonderful game of cricket. They listened well to instructions and explored the skills involved through selection 8 fun activities. Skills involved were catching, throwing, aiming, and running. Lots of fun had by all and as always Holbrook children made us proud with superb behaviour and super teamwork.

If your child is aged 5-8, then [All Stars Cricket](#) provides a fantastic first experience where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies including: Backpack, Cricket bat, Cricket ball and personalised t-shirt with your child's name.

Staff news

Miss McLoughlin (Y6 Teaching Assistant) will be leaving Holbrook shortly to take up a new job with Barnardos. Miss McLoughlin has been a valuable member of staff supporting many children with their learning in the classroom, as well as running a variety of sports clubs and organising tournaments and festivals playing a big part in Holbrook's P.E success. We wish her well in her new role.

Uniform

Visitors to the school often comment on how smart Holbrook pupils look in their uniform. Please remember shoes should be black with a flat heel and have no embellishment or logo, with velcro, bar or lace fastenings. In addition, please ensure that children have the correct PE kit, which consists of House colour T-shirt, blue/black shorts or skorts (blue/black jogging bottoms if cold). Hair past shoulder length should be tied back. Thank you for your help in maintaining these high standards. Should you need any assistance (financial or information) in uniform matters then please contact the school office.



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

As covid safety measures are relaxed, we are planning more events this term. We will keep you informed via the newsletter, Parentmail and the school website.

Summer 2022	
Saturday 30th May	FOH Plant and Pre Loved Uniform Sale
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th May	The Code Show
Friday 6 th May	Choir trip Young Voices concert at the O2
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 16 th May	YR/Y1 Drama Workshop
Wednesday 18 th May	Alternative Sports Festival
Thursday 19 th May	Governors meeting
Monday 23rd May	Parent Practical workshop-calming strategies
Thursday 26 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee picnic
Friday 27 th May	School closed for INSET day
30th May – 3rd June	HALF TERM
Friday 10 th June	Class Photos
Monday 27th June	Parent Workshop- anxiety
Monday 4 th – 6 th July	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential trip
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Transition day
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of the Summer term
Friday 22 nd July	Additional day off school to honour Queen's Platinum Jubilee during June half term

Term and INSET dates for 2022-23 can be found on the school website [here](#).

Have a relaxing and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes