

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Hedgehogs in Reception

On Wednesday our Reception children welcomed Graham from Hedgehog Rescue who visited with Henry and Harry. The children learnt lots about these nocturnal animals as part of their Knowledge & Understanding of the World learning. Graham emailed us afterwards and said;

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome that "Henry" and I received at Holbrook School this morning. As I mentioned, rarely do Reception-age children enter a room and sit so quietly as Otters and Hedgehogs did this morning! There were some very clever questions asked, and answers given too! "Henry the Hedgehog" said he is sorry that he stepped in his water dish!



Pupil achievements

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



Green Cards – Josie Alobaidi, Archie Jones, Alice Hampson, Boris Geshkov (4N), Jonah Hemingway, Gabriela Dore (Squirrels)

Karate Spelling – Champion belts for Macy Page, Fraser Labate (6K)

House Stars

This week's House Stars chosen by the House Captains are;

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
Willow Bland 5V	Olivia Beckham 3R	Charlie Oldfield 2R	Alex Muller 4N



Staff profile



Hello, my name is Michael Hudspith. At Holbrook, my role is Year 6 teacher and Years 4-6 Phase Leader.

I really like working at Holbrook as all the staff are so dedicated to ensuring that all of the children in our care are given engaging, challenging and enjoyable opportunities to learn and grow in a supportive and caring environment. I have always considered myself incredibly lucky that I genuinely love going to work every day, as no two days are ever the same!

In my spare time, I enjoy playing sport. My favourite sport to play and watch is rugby and I have been playing since I was five years old. I also enjoy playing football and golf. Apart from sport, I am a huge Star

Wars geek and love adding to my considerable Star Wars Lego collection. I have always loved reading and, my favourite books are 'Lord of the Rings' and 'The Silmarillion'.

My favourite subjects at school were Science and History, as I have always been a huge animal and nature lover, as well as someone who is fascinated by the past.

If I wasn't a teacher I think that I would probably be a sports journalist or worked outside as a park ranger. However, I cannot even imagine doing anything other than teaching.

My favourite quote is 'Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best' Bob Talbert

INSET day

On Monday, staff came together to continue our development of the Holbrook curriculum. This time we focused on Science, Art and RE, considering progression throughout the school, as well as ensuring that our curriculum provides meaningful, motivating and memorable experiences for the children. Our ultimate aim is for children to leave Holbrook as successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

Safeguarding - Considerate parking



Please remember to park with consideration for all our neighbours, especially for those who have white lines outside their properties. There have been a couple of recent incidents where some residents have been blocked in, so please allow room for them to access their driveways safely at all times.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have to use Holbrook School Lane for parking considerately and avoiding the yellow zig-zag lines.

Firework safety

Every year children, adults and animals are injured by fireworks. Please have a safe and enjoyable celebration if you are holding your own event or attending an organised display. The following posters remind us to take care of animals and the fireworks code.



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes