

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Pupil achievements

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



Green Cards – Fraser Labate (6K), Faith Loomes, Daniel Twaites, Finley Warne, Amelia Clough, Luke Easter, Niamh Corrigan (Rabbits), Joseph Wisniewski, Jasmine Duggan, Everly Hughes, Effie Jull, Jessica Yetman (Badgers)

House Cup

There is a new ribbon around the House Cup this week, congratulations Unicorns!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
189	226	242	275



Eco schools committee



The Eco-Schools organisation is looking for children from 10 years upwards to join the national Eco-school's Eco-committee. Children don't have to be an eco-school councillor to apply, but do need to have a keen desire to make a difference to our environment. Many Holbrook children have demonstrated their passion to help the environment in a variety of ways, so I wanted to share this opportunity with them.

Mrs Filson

<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/eco-projects/national-eco-committee/>

Staff profile

This week, we would like to introduce you to another of our new staff members



Hello, my name is Miss Reed.

At Holbrook, my role is Reception Teaching & Learning Support assistant.

I really like working at Holbrook because the staff are so welcoming and always ready to help one another out.

In my spare time, I really enjoy reading books and spending time with my gorgeous dog Poppy.

My favourite subject at school was drama.

If I wasn't a teacher I would probably own lots and lots of cats!

My favourite quote "you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think" - Winnie the Pooh.

Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?



Improving
children's
mental health

The Parenting Smart website can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Safeguarding



The following advice comes from the Child Accident Prevention Trust; *During term time, the majority of child road accidents happen in the afternoon and evenings, especially in the autumn and winter when it gets dark earlier in the day. The general principles of being visible to motorists are:*

- *During the day, bright and fluorescent clothing is best*
- *At twilight and night time, reflective clothing or tape that is picked up in car's headlights is best*
- *Always choose routes and cross at places that are well lit*
- *Where possible, cross the road at a pedestrian crossing.*

The message for pedestrians and cyclists is to wear bright clothing during the day and reflective clothing or accessories after dark. Drivers should be especially careful around schools and mindful of their speed when visibility is poor.

Team Holbrook

Thank you for all the kind donations we received towards the 10-mile Great South Run last Sunday. We all completed the course and so far, have raised £1,835 for What Would Mia Do? Trust. The money raised will help families, who might otherwise struggle, to purchase sports equipment for their children.

Thanks, Holbrook Running Team

Diary dates

Autumn 2021	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	HALF TERM break
Monday 1 st November	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 9 th November	School photographs
Thursday 11 th & Tuesday 16 th November	Parent Consultations
Monday 29 th November	Flu vaccinations
Friday 10 th December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Friday 17 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Date tbc	EYFS & KS1 Nativity productions

Have a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes