

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Pupil achievements

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



**Green Cards** – Felicity Garfield-Jones (6K), Luke Holmwood, Imogen Affleck, Ethan Duggan, Hiba Murtaza (5N), Thiago Ficagna-Seeber, Thomas Birchenough, Rowan Simkins, Shabanna Holmes-Gupte, Cooper Lewis (5V)

**Pen Licences** – India Jilka, Jaxon ley, Eva Geale (3B), Arthur Wolfe, Marcy Stroud, Nancy Dolling, Cerys Gregory (3R)

### Harvest celebration

We would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations this week. We collected an amazing amount of food items that were gratefully collected by the Salvation Army. The food will be distributed via the Horsham foodbank to those families less fortunate than ours.

The School Council

*“It was very generous to have all the food from our parents”-*  
Holly S, *“ It will help lots of people”-* Amelie T.



### Staff profile

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



*Hello, my name is Sarah Bell.*

*At Holbrook, my role is a Teaching/Learning Assistant in Year 3.*

*I really like working at Holbrook, as it is a very friendly and welcoming community.*

*In my spare time, I really enjoy walking the paths around Horsham and the South Downs.*

*My favourite subject at school was History.*

*If I wasn't a teaching assistant I would work outdoors in Conservation for something like the National Trust or RSPB.*

*One of my favourite quotes is “Some are born great, others achieve greatness.”*

*Twelfth Night*

### Covid-19 update

The following extract (in italics) is taken from the latest West Sussex letter to parents sent separately.

*The reality is that, while you and your school continue to remain vigilant, Covid-19 is still in our communities and cases in West Sussex schools are very high and rising. We need to keep working together to limit the spread of the virus. Here are some simple things you can do to support your school:*

#### ***Close contacts should take a PCR test***

At Holbrook, if there is a positive case in your household, we would strongly encourage you to get a PCR test for your child and keep them at home until the result comes through. This absence will be authorised for Covid-19 reasons.

*As an extra protective step, the Government is asking close contacts to also take a home test (LFD) before they attend school. This important step will greatly reduce the chances of your children bringing the virus into school. This includes primary children and we know that even young children soon become familiar with this quick testing.*

Due to the increase in cases, we are currently reviewing our plans for the second half of the Autumn term which may result in strengthening our risk assessment further, for example reintroducing bubbles, limiting face-to-face parents/carers events, assemblies and educational visits. Further information will be communicated next week.

### **Team Holbrook**

Can you help Holbrook staff raise £750 to raise money to help children and young people access sport?

A group of staff including Mrs Boulton, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Filson, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Baird and Mrs Craen are running the Great South Run in memory of Mrs Craen's daughter, Mia Craen. Further details and donations can be found on their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holbrookgreatsouthrunwhatwouldmiadotrust?utm\\_term=aXK8KvV9G](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holbrookgreatsouthrunwhatwouldmiadotrust?utm_term=aXK8KvV9G)

### **Diary dates**

<b>Autumn 2021</b>	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	FoH Non-uniform day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM break
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographs
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term
Date tbc	EYFS & KS1 Nativity productions

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes