

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Digital Schoolhouse

This week year 6 enjoyed a great session learning more about Microbits (a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together) and what they can do - thank you to Mrs Hunt from Millais school for coming in and working with us. We are already looking forward to our next sessions.





House Captains

The Y6 children recently voted for the new House Captains. Well done to everyone who stood for election and congratulations to the following children who will lead their House over the coming year.

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
Olivia Shepherd	Lottie Menhennett	Thomas Miller	Lauren Stroud
Sienna Bishop	Beau Mattocks	Sophie Holmes	Riley Baker
Fraser Labate	Evie Alobaidi	Isabella Pembroke	Reuben Goddard
Joel Sheridan	Logan Ley	Edwin Paul	Ambonnay Arditti

Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to all those children who took part in the Holbrook Summer Reading Challenge. The **KS1** winners chosen at random from each class will receive a £5 book token; Jasmine Duggan(Badgers), Luke Easter (Rabbits), Erin Baxter (Foxes) and Naomi Walsh (Squirrels)

Parent Volunteers

Before the pandemic, we were fortunate to have a large group of volunteers who gave their time to support the school in many different ways e.g. library helpers, admin team, reading with children etc. We would like to gradually reintroduce some of these roles over the coming term and will be contacting those who have volunteered previously in the first instance. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering in school and have not done so before, then please register your interest by emailing us at office@holbrookprimaryschool.com and we will contact you shortly.

Safeguarding

Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and the wider community to share this commitment. We ensure that our pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Throughout our curriculum, we provide activities and opportunities that equip our children to stay safe and develop essential life skills.

Where there is any concern about the wellbeing/safeguarding of a pupil in school this is referred to the Local Authority MASH team for advice, support and further action where required. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues are Mrs Davies (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Brooks (Assistant Headteacher) and myself.

Diary dates

Currently, our intention is to plan as many events as we can safely accommodate. Obviously, we may have to alter, postpone or cancel these events depending on national and local guidance.

Autumn 2021		
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th September	Y6 Bowles residential trip	
Tuesday 21 st September - 8.45am	Year 1 meeting for parents	
Thursday 23 rd September - 8.45am	Year 3 meeting for parents	
Friday 24 th September - 8.45am	Year 2 meeting for parents	
Monday 27 th September - 8.45am	Year 4 meeting for parents	
Tuesday 28th September - 8.45am	Year 5 meeting for parents	
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	
Wednesday 1 st December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church	
Friday 17 th December	Last day of the Autumn term	
Date tbc	Harvest Festival	
Date tbc	EYFS & KS1 Nativity productions	

Have a lovely weekend Kind regards,

Ian Holmes