

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.



Library refurbishment from Olivia Jolly, one of the Robins class Reading Ambassadors

We have now got a wonderful new library and it is woodland themed. Please come and visit at school and after school on a Monday, Thursday or Friday to get new books!

Please contact the office if you would like to help out in the library after school.

*I like the
mushroom and
log cushions
Peyton*

*I feel that it
looks like a real
forest - Fletcher*

*Thank you for making
our library look like an
indoor forest where
books grow on trees!
Darcey George*



*Thank you Mrs
Sullivan for making
our library look so
nice - Evie*

*I love it.
Thank you
so much - Isy*

*It looks really
nice and the
seats look
comfy! Theo*

New fencing

During the Easter break we were able to complete the final stage of our fencing project which means that the school perimeter is now completely secure with this metal fence. Unfortunately we had to lose the hedge in the process after checking there was no wildlife nesting there. A bid for new hedgerow plants from the Woodland Trust has been successful (thank you Mrs Filson) and we hope to receive these later in the year.

Staff news

We are pleased to announce that new Teaching Assistants Mrs Hans-Barker, Mr Howard and Mrs Kemp have joined our wonderful support team at Holbrook.



Congratulations to Miss Sisson (Otters) who is expecting her second child later this year. We wish her and her family best wishes for the big event.

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, black shorts or skorts (black jogging bottoms if cold). 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.



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. For pupils to feel that they are able to do their best and achieve their true potential, it is important that they feel safe and supported in our school environment.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues is Mr Ian Holmes. Our Deputy DSLs are Mrs Natalie Davies (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Catherine Brooks (Inclusion Lead).

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for Child Protection		
		
Mr Ian Holmes Head teacher	Mrs Natalie Davies Deputy Head teacher	Mrs Catherine Brooks Assistant Head (Inclusion)

If you would like to speak to one of our DSLs please either call or email on:

Telephone: 01403272500

Email: dsl@holbrookprimaryschool.com

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is highly relevant for this weekend, 'Can you prepare for emergency situations?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

17 - 23 April

In the news this week

Can you prepare for emergency situations

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe the emergency alerts are a good idea? How do you think they might help?
- Have you ever experienced an emergency? What happened and how did you feel? Have others in your home experienced an emergency?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Ordering Hot Meals

With upcoming possible industrial action, to minimise waste and cost to the school as a contingency we have cancelled any **KS1 and KS2 hot meals ordered for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.**

Hot Meals Ordering Cut off dates-

April Cut off Dates	May Cut off Dates
Thursday 27/4 for w/c Monday 8/5	Thursday 4/5 for w/c Monday 15/5
	Thursday 11/5 for w/c Monday 22/5
	Thursday 25/5 for w/c Monday 5/6

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

SUMMER TERM	
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 th –Friday 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
Wednesday 10th May	Y3 Greek Workshop
Thursday 11 th May	Y4 swimming starts
Monday 22 nd May	NSPCC workshops for Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 24 th May	Class Photographs

Friday 26 th May	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 29 th May-Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 20th June	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors training
Monday 3rd – Weds 5th July	Y4 Sayers Croft trip
Wednesday 5th July	Y6 transition day to secondary schools

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher