

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family had a restful and enjoyable break. As we begin the new school term, I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome both our returning families and those joining us for the first time. We are excited to have your child as part of our school community and look forward to a term full of learning, growth, and new opportunities.



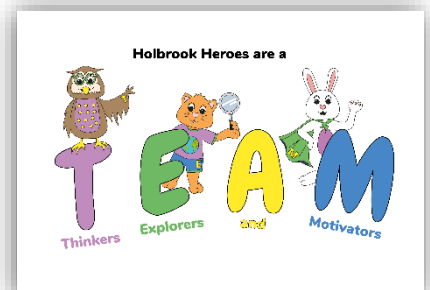
As always, my colleagues and I have been extremely impressed with the way that every year group has quickly settled into new classrooms and routines, as well as their desire to do their best with learning and behaviour. Our teachers have been hard at work preparing lessons that will challenge and engage pupils, fostering a love for learning, as we look forward to another great year of learning at Holbrook.

The children look very smart in their uniform and I would like to thank you for your support in preparing them for school. A reminder that children should be wearing school shoes (Shoes - plain black with a flat heel (Velcro, bar or lace fastenings). If you have been unable to purchase these yet or your child's shoes are broken, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Should you need financial assistance with any item of school uniform, please contact the school in confidence.

Growth Mindset

Over the past three days, the children have engaged in a variety of assemblies, lessons and activities that reinforce a growth mindset.

A growth mindset is the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through dedication, effort, and learning from mistakes. Unlike a fixed mindset, which assumes that talents and intelligence are static, a growth mindset encourages children to embrace challenges, persevere in the face of setbacks, and view effort as a pathway to mastery. This links well with our Holbrook Learning Skills (below right).



By fostering a growth mindset in your child, you can help them understand that making mistakes is part of learning, and success comes through hard work, curiosity, and persistence. Praising their effort rather than just their achievements helps build resilience and a love for learning.

How You Can Support Your Child

Here are a few other ways you can support your child as we begin this new term:

1. **Establish a Routine:** Help your child develop a consistent routine balancing schoolwork, rest & leisure.
2. **Encourage Reading:** Reading at home is one of the best ways to reinforce learning and foster curiosity.
3. **Stay Informed:** Keep up with school news and activities by checking our website and communication channels regularly.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has completed the Summer Reading Challenge so far. A special mention to Toby (Year 3) who completed three reading challenges over the summer break.

Good news – there is still time to complete the challenge and earn ten house points for your house team by bringing your medal/certificate into school, see below.

*This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers is available in libraries until **Saturday 14 September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer! You can save time by filling out the [Finisher Form](#) before you visit – please complete one per child. Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading.*



Parent information meetings

We will be holding meetings for parents of each year group shortly. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the curriculum, trips/visits, how to support your child and much more. For those who are unable to attend, information will be available on our website after the meeting.

Communication

We believe that communication between home and school is essential for success. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher via email or phone if you have any questions or concerns. Detailed information about events and activities will be sent in future communications and can also be found on our school website.



Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'How can we respond to unexpected events?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

9th - 15th September



How can we respond to unexpected events?

In the news this week

Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but have currently been in space for three months. The Boeing Starliner spacecraft they were supposed to return on has a problem, so they need to wait for a different space capsule to bring them home in February. The astronauts will continue researching whilst they are there.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think the astronauts felt upon hearing the news that they would be staying much longer in space than originally planned?
- Can you think of a time you were in an unexpected situation or a time when you needed to change your plans? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
12-September	23-September
19-September	30-September
26-September	07-October
03-October	14-October
10-October	21-October
17-October	28-October

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Monday 9 th September	Y6 Parent Information Meeting -Hall 3.10
Wednesday 11 th September	Y4 Parent Information Meeting -Studio 2.40
Thursday 12 th September	Y3 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 8.50
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th Sept	Y6 Residential
Monday 16 th September	Y5 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 8.50
Tuesday 17 th September	Y2 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 2.30
Wednesday 18 th September	Y1 Parent Information Meeting- Studio 2.30
Thursday 26 th September	Y4 Swimming Starts
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning -Hall 9.45-11.15
Thursday 3rd October	Y3 trip to Butser

We are committed to making this term successful and enriching for all of our children, and we are grateful for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that your child has a positive and productive experience.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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