

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Year 5 pupils helping to design the front cover for our KS2 Carol Service programme. The service takes place at St. Mary's church next Thursday at 7pm.

School Choir Visit to Skylark House and Westlake House

This week our choir visited the residents of Skylark house and Westlake House to sing Christmas carols old and new. Thank you to the Residents for the invitation.



Christmas Library

The Reading Ambassadors have been decorating the library for Christmas. There are plenty of Christmas stories for children to enjoy reading and listening to. Hedgehogs class had a special Christmas story read to them by the Reading Ambassadors.

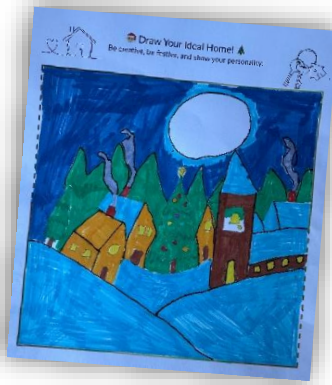
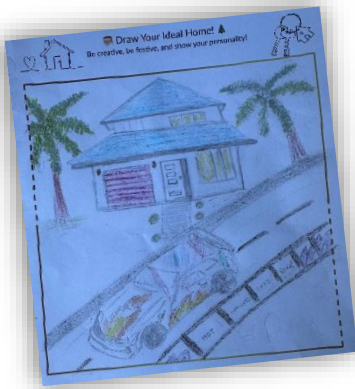


Friends of Holbrook

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and volunteer at last Saturday's Christmas Fair, which was a wonderful community event. It was lovely to see so many Holbrook families, past and present, on the day.

After shortlisting the 3 top entries from so many fantastic submissions, the winner (as voted for during the Christmas Fayre) of the Festive Home art competition was Gracie in Hawks with her Capybara & Rabbit Mansion. Congratulations, a festive movie with treats courtesy of Hayley Georgiou Property took place for their whole class this afternoon. Thank you so much to all your children for their fantastic entries.

Melissa , Secretary - Friends of Holbrook



Wish Lists

Class Wish Lists – a huge thank you to all those who have sent in items from the Amazon class Wish Lists. The teachers have been delighted with the additional resources that you have kindly donated.

Please remember to add the year group and your name to the gift message. Due to data protection rules, we cannot see who has purchased the item.



Festive collection

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Festive Food collection.

We have now forwarded the collection to Horsham

Matters, who will distribute it to local families over the next few weeks.

Mrs Filson and the Eco Council

Christmas Productions

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Christmas performances next week. I would like to mention a couple of safeguarding matters that will help the events run smoothly and safely.

Year 1 & 2 and EYFS performances - As parents, it's tempting to capture every second of our child's nativity on camera — but I would encourage to be fully present in the magic of your child's nativity — those moments are best captured in your heart, not just on your camera. Photographs and videos will be permitted, however any photos/videos taken are for personal use only and must not be uploaded to social media or shared by any other means. You will be asked to sign a sheet on the day.

KS2 Carol Service - Photographs and videos are not permitted at St. Mary's church for the KS2 Carol Service. For safety reasons at the end of the service, we will be asking the children to find their parents and leave the church in year group order, starting with the youngest children, Year 3. This should enable everyone to leave the church in a safe and orderly manner. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Governor elections

At the recent parent governor elections, Mrs Emma Wright gained the most votes and was duly elected to the school's Governing Board. Mrs Wright's educational experience will be very useful for the Board and I look forward to working with her over the next few years.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR CHURCH VISIT

To enable each of the assemblies at St Marks Church on **Friday 12th December**, we will be looking for a number of parents helpers. If you are able to help at any assembly, please let the school office know. The assembly times are as follows:

9.30am EYFS/KS1

10.15am Y3/4

11.00am Y5/6

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
25 th December	5 th January
1 st January	12 th January
8 th January	19 th January
15 th January	26 th January
22 nd January	2 nd February
29 th January	9 th February

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity to Y1 parents 9.15
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity to Y2 Parents 9.15
Thursday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Marys 7pm
Friday 12 th December	Assemblies at St Marks
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch/Christmas Jumper day
Friday 19 th December	last day of term
Monday 5 th January	INSET- school closed for pupils
Friday 9 th January	Happy Holbrook toddler stay & play session 1.30

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes
Headteacher