

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

*Below: Felting creations from Year 5*



*Below: Christmas baubles from Year 4*



*Right: The Reading Ambassadors sharing a Christmas story with Foxes class*

### Christmas Productions



It was lovely to share our Christmas productions with parents, families and the community this week. All the Year 1 and 2 performances of 'The Big Little Nativity' were full of brilliant acting, singing and dancing and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Reception children also performed 'The Sleepy Shepherd', their Christmas Nativity play to parents. The children were truly amazing with their wonderful acting, speaking, singing and signing.

All of the shows reminded me of the talented children we have and the dedicated staff, who bring those talents to the fore and ensure that everyone is included. Well done all!



### Carol Concert

On Thursday evening, the Holbrook school community packed out St. Mary's Church for our KS2 Carol Concert. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a memorable and special event. The children's beautiful singing, clear readings about the Christmas story and well-acted tableaux scene enabled us all to feel the festive spirit.

Thank you for your kind donations to our retiring collections this week. The money will be divided between two local charities (The Springboard Project & Cancer research UK).

### Christmas assemblies

This morning the whole school visited St. Mark's Church for three special Christmas assemblies led by Reverend Stilwell. The children sang beautifully and learnt more about the Christmas story. Thank you to all our parents who volunteered to help us walk to the church.



### Christmas Lunch & Dress-up day

Next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, is our Christmas Lunch and Dress-up day. Children can wear anything 'Christmassy', e.g a Christmas jumper, Santa hat, Christmas colours, tinsel. There is no need to buy anything special for the day.

### Christmas Parties

The Friends of Holbrook have once again very kindly funded the Christmas parties for each year group. These will be run by Kicks Dance and the children may come to school in their party clothes. EYFS & KS1 take place on Tuesday with KS2 on Thursday. Friends of Holbrook are also supplying Christmas crackers for the Christmas Lunch as well – thank you!



### Safeguarding – safe parking

Please ensure that you do not stop to drop your child off on the yellow zig zag lines on the roads around Holbrook school. There are several signs 'No stopping on entrance markings' which also make this clear and Rule 238 of The Highway Code states, *You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.* This restriction is in force at all times.

Stopping in these prohibited areas causes congestion but more importantly could cause a serious accident for a member of the Holbrook community. A reminder that extra parking is available at Tythe Barn and St. Mark's Church, where parents can park n'stride with their child/ren.

### Sports news

This week, our KS2 children have been enthusiastically taking part in trials for the exciting sporting events coming up in the spring term. These events are competitive, and we selected children who performed particularly well on the day.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring every child has the chance to enjoy sporting opportunities off-site. We take part in a wide range of activities, both competitive and non-competitive, so if your child hasn't been chosen for an event yet, there will be plenty of opportunities ahead. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Mrs Davies

### Happy Holbrook

We are pleased to announce that in the New Year we are going to be holding toddler stay-and-play sessions at school - Happy Holbrook. This is open to anyone in the community with children who are under school age.

We would like to welcome them into our school community for a fun filled afternoon of play, stories and refreshments. It will be a great chance to meet some of the school team, other families and let the toddlers explore in a safe, welcoming space.

Please pass this on to anyone who you think may be interested, our first session is on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January at 1.30pm.

Mrs Davies



CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
25 <sup>th</sup> December	5 <sup>th</sup> January
1 <sup>st</sup> January	12 <sup>th</sup> January *inc Census meal
8 <sup>th</sup> January	19 <sup>th</sup> January
15 <sup>th</sup> January	26 <sup>th</sup> January
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> February

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS & KS1 Dance Parties
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch/Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Dance Parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	last day of term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET- school closed for pupils
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Happy Holbrook toddler stay &amp; play session 1.30</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Maths open morning</b>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes-Headteacher