



# Holbrook News



## Happy Holiday.

This term has really raced past with so many activities and visits going on, all supporting learning throughout the school.

As the head teacher, there are very many parts of the job that make me feel very proud and one of these was the Nursery and Reception Nativity. The children and staff all worked so hard to make it such a success.

In just a term, our youngest pupils have settled so well into the school. Each performance was outstanding with children really showing their developing confidence, being able to stand up and perform to so many watching eyes! It was superb. A big thanks must go out to all our parents in helping at home with learning lines and once again, I must pass on my thanks to the EYFS team for their hard work and dedication. It really was a fantastic show. Over the week, Mr Connolly will be putting together films of the production for the blogs so parents, grandparents and children can watch, again and again and again!

Just to remind you, school finishes on Thursday for two weeks. I am sure you will find lots to do but please make sure that you encourage your child to keep practising their reading skills! There are lots of excellent books for children of all ages to read and the holiday is a perfect time to spend time with a good book, reading with your child or hearing them read. Don't leave it two weeks—it really helps your child's learning to continue if they keep up their reading fluency.

The Holbrook team would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families celebrating Christmas, a very merry Christmas, to wish you all a very a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing the children well rested, ready for their learning in the Spring term starting Tuesday 9th January.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Ord who has worked so hard for us in the school office, we wish you every success at your new school and send out a warm welcome to Mrs Owen who has joined our team.

*Mrs McCarthy*



## Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— New Years Resolutions

Thursday 21st Dec	3pm Start of Holidays
22nd Dec—7th Jan	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>
Monday 8th Jan	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>
Tuesday 9th	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL!</b> <b>Remember PE Kits</b> <b>School clubs start</b>
Wednesday 10th	
Thursday 11th	<b>Year 1, 3, &amp; 5 Awards Assembly</b>
Friday 12th	

Over the holidays you can do a lots of things to help you at school next term.

- Practise your sounds for RWI.
- Number facts—number bonds, number facts to 20 & times tables.
- Reading—Keep reading everyday

	Class	% Attend
1	6G	97.9
2	6W	96.9
3	1G	95.8
4	3C	95.7
4	6C	95.7
6	3P	95.6
6	4W	95.6
6	4F	95.6
9	3R	95.2
9	5R	95.2
11	1F	94.9
12	2C	93.9
13	RM	93.6
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>93.4</b>
14	1B	93.3
15	2S	93.1
16	4D	92.4
17	RS	92.2
18	5C	90.9
19	RW	90.6
19	2K	90.6
21	5S	88.7
22	Nursery AM	87.6
23	Nursery PM	72.6

## Attendance Report

Our attendance has been hit by the bad weather! Not because of the Monday when school was closed due to the snow, but the Tuesday when 150 pupils didn't come to school!

Well done to Year 6 classes that all finished the term in the top 4 places. Fantastic!

4-15 Dec

YTD  
95.6%



## Year 2

# Babushka Perform4mance

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm**  
**School Hall**

## Reception School Places for 2018

Applications for reception places for 2018 can be made on-line by logging onto [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk) and selecting the 'schools and colleges' tab. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2018.

If you do not apply you may not be allocated your choice of school.

**Don't leave it too late. Sign up now!**

## After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who signed up online for after school clubs, all letters will be issued this week.

There are still a few spaces left on Bangracise, Drumming, and Arts Club for Reception to Year 4. If haven't signed up and still wish to get a space please do so over the holiday and Mr Connolly will add you to the lists.

## Why is PE Kit important?

This question is asked by parents and pupils alike and perhaps this small space in the newsletter is a good opportunity to explain why it is needed.

Good PE kit (including shoes) allows pupils to move freely and safely around. Skirts and dresses could become caught on the high apparatus! Also pupils can become hot and sweaty when taking a full and active part in lessons, as adults we take part in sports in correct kit so it is a good habit to learn.

Why shouldn't my child just wear the football teams kit that they support?

This is a bit like asking:- Who plays football in Black and White Stripes? Why do cricket teams have different kits?

It is all to do with being part of one team, we wear a school uniform to give us a whole school identity and PE and school sport is part of this. Even more important that when it comes to sporting competitions like Indoor athletics, Agility or even Netball against other schools—we look like a team so we play as a team.

So if your child needs need new PE kit for next term please ensure that they come with the correct kit:- Navy Top, Black Shorts or tracksuit bottoms and suitable trainers.

The kit need not be expensive, you can buy the logoeed T-shirt from £3.25—£3.75 online from the uniform supplier and get some cheap black tracksuit bottoms or shorts (also available online) from Decathlon.



## Our School Needs YOU!

**We currently have vacancies for Two Parent Governors.**

**This is a very important role and we need two committed parents who would like to help build upon the OUTSTANDING work that we already do.**

**If you want to know more please make an appointment to speak to Mrs McCarthy to find out more information.**