

Holbrook School News



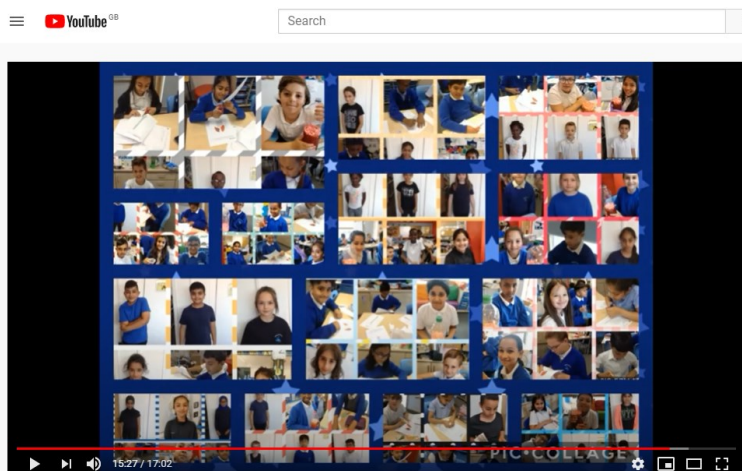
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So long, farewell...

Dear Parents & Carers,

It would be all too easy to start this newsletter talking about what might have been for those pupils leaving us in Year 6 this year, rather than celebrating the fantastic times they have enjoyed.

The Virtual Leavers Assembly that staff quickly pulled together only highlights a few of the many happy learning moments, many school trips and the many friendships made. So much learning has taken place over the years it leaves the pupils ready to tackle anything that life throws at them as they have already shown from the way they have dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a joy to see how the children have grown and developed over their time with us, and it is a slightly sad time for us in primary school because that we don't always get to see the young adults that they will become. If any Year 6 parents haven't already watched the film I highly recommend it, but maybe with a tissue handy.



As well as saying our goodbyes to 90 Year 6 pupils, sadly it is at this time of the year that we say goodbye to staff...

Miss Cunningham who is relocating to Bristol and just before lockdown secured a job at a school there! We will miss her but a huge WELL DONE.

Mrs Parry who has had a tricky M6 commute for much of her time at Holbrook and so has sought a position in a school in Rugby, much nearer home.

We know they will take the Holbrook BEST with them and wish them luck in their new roles.

Mr Batson spent a year training year to be a teacher with us and what a year! OFSTED and COVID-19 outbreak! We wish him all the best for the future.

Our final leaver is Mrs Hill who has spent 23 years working at Holbrook School with over 1200 pupils during time! She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike and I am sure you will join with me to wish her a long and happy retirement.

In September, we will have a number of new staff joining our teaching team; Miss Bains (Year 5), Miss Jones (Year 4), Miss Arnott & Miss Smith (Year 3) and Miss George (Year 1). I am sure you will all give them a big Holbrook welcome when we return in September. To support the children's transition to their new year group you will find all the teachers have made a short film of themselves reading a story. It would be great if over the summer you can watch these with your child to help them settle back into school in September.

The current COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing situation. As a school we will be looking at all the advice and guidance from the government over the holiday so we can open up fully and safely in September. If anything changes over the holiday we will let you know via e-mail or text.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back to Holbrook. **Year 1 to 6 children will return to school on Thursday 3rd September.**



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What to do?

Six weeks holiday can seem like a daunting time for parents, even more so after home schooling. I am sure that many pupils around the country are hoping that the summer holiday means hours of uninterrupted playing on their games console, but as parent's we know that they have spent more time looking at screens than normal with home learning. However there are so many other great activities that they can be doing that will help prepare them for the new school year in September—even our Year 6 pupils!

Keeping up those reading, writing and maths skills over the summer really will help. Coventry and it's surrounding areas has loads of great places to visit and explore. Just a few are listed below, but if you go further a field make sure you send me a postcard!

Mr Connolly

Read a book...

Find out facts and learn about things that interest you, or escape to different worlds and have adventures safe at home.



This year the summer library challenge has gone online!

You can still visit the local library; it's free to join and you can borrow endless books!

Regular reading over the summer builds upon all the learning that has happened over the year and makes the move to your next year group a

little easier, even for year 6 pupils! It is also a lovely way to spend time with your children, sharing a story.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Get to the Park!

Coventry has lots of lovely parks including , The Memorial Park and Coombe Abbey Country Park. So if the weather looks good, pack up a picnic, blanket and ball and make a day of it.

You could feed the ducks, go on the playgrounds if safe, hold a family sport's day or just go for a walk enjoying the open air and space to allow good social distancing from others.



Play a game!

Dust off those board games and get out the dice.



Playing board games are great fun for the whole family and can be educational.

- Taking turns.
- Counting and adding numbers especially if you use two dot dice.
- Reading the instructions and rule!

With more advanced games like Monopoly and Yahtzee there is a huge amount of maths involved—money, percentages, chance and probability as well as strategic thinking.

