

Holbrook School News



19th June 2020

It's good to be back!

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to stand on the playground and welcome our children back to Holbrook this week, seeing them appreciate all the hard work that all the staff have put in place to make sure that school is safe for their return. It has been lovely to see pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back in the classroom with their teachers.

I am sure from talking to your children on the way home from school, that they have told you about the changes to the school day to keep everyone safe.

Lots of furniture and resources have been removed from classrooms, desks are spread apart (a bit like when we do tests) and there are only 8 desk spaces! This all means that it is easier to socially distance during the day and that the classrooms are easy to deep clean in the evening. In fact since we have returned, the children will have noticed our team of cleaners who pop into classes and corridors during the day to clean down desks, chairs and door handles, in fact, any surface that pupils might have touched, to keep everywhere clean and as safe as possible.

The feedback from the teachers is that the children have really enjoyed their day back in school. To ensure we maintain social distancing, I have not been in classrooms, but have stood outside classrooms to say hello to everyone! It is important that we restrict the number of adults into classroom areas to ensure that we keep these protective bubbles safe. As a team, we are constantly assessing if there is anything else we can do to make things even better and safer for our pupils.

As we are so happy with how things have gone this week, we are preparing plans to reopen the school for more year groups over the next few weeks! Again, it will only be small groups of around 8 children in each class and their start and end time will be different so that we can maintain social distancing for all on the school site but means that all children should get the opportunity to return to school before we break up for the Summer. Staff have worked hard to make sure that all siblings are invited into school on the same day. Look out for your text message with the link to your letter telling you about your child's return.

Not everyone who had the chance to come into the school has taken up the offer, but as you see the procedures we have in place and chat to other parents hopefully you will start to feel more confident about sending your child. When you are comfortable about sending them in please do so on the right day! We all look forward to seeing them. Don't worry if you have forgotten which day they should be in, you will get sent a text message reminder the night before.

I look forward to seeing more of you soon.



Weekly Challenge

Be mindful of your BEST!

- *Be active... Aim for 60mins of exercise a day*
 - *Eat healthily... Remember your five a day*
 - *Sleep well*
 - *Take time for you...*
- Be healthy inside and out!*

Challenge 19 – Engineering Paper Bridge!

This week I want you to build a bridge that will span a 50cm gap and hold 8 toy cars!

To make it a really challenge you can use only paper and tape – Newspaper and tape works well and you should have those around your house!



It would be great if you could test your design to destruction! What weight can your bridge hold before it breaks?



If you do join in this week's challenge, email in a picture of your bridge to challenge@holbrookprimary.com any entries that impress Mr Connolly could make the Virtual BEST assembly or our social media feeds and then you might get a new special Challenge badge and certificate.

Get engineering!

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIE.

COVID19 has put pay to the normal farewell we like to do at Holbrook, but the leavers hoodie is still happening - a great memento of their time at Primary School and of a unique year!



Order details will be sent out via text to all Year 6 parents next week.

Lockdown Letters!

Getting nice post (not bills!) is always a treat - which is why Mr Connolly sends out the BEST Badges. In Lock down Miss Cunningham received an amazing post card from an author that visited the school - AF Harold!



HolbrookSchool_Reading
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A huge thank you to the wonderful @afharold for his lovely post card!! What a great poem! I often get things the wrong way round, however, perhaps not as terribly as #TheNewFarmersLearns Thank you again!!
#poetrycommunity #readingforpleasure
youtu.be/8XgVgx4FyCU

Click the pictures to find out more!