

Holbrook School News



25th September 2020

Let's be APPy!!!

Dear Parents and Carers.

I am very excited to announce that we have a new school APP that links to our current e-mail / text messaging system—School Gateway. As well as messages from the school now all being in one place, it has some really useful links that parents and carers might need— our school uniform supplier, SIMS Pay and home learning links! You can even use the APP to message the office if your child is off poorly, rather than having to call into school—Just message us your child's name their class and the reason for them being off school!

It is totally free for parents to download onto their phone. The links for the app are below to help you. To log in, you need the email address and mobile phone number that you have given us. I hope this makes keeping in contact with school easier for you in these tricky times.

Have a good weekend.



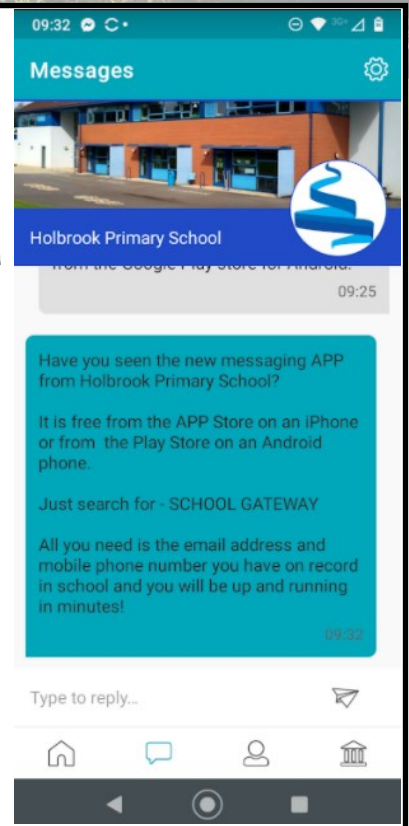
School Gateway APP Store link

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<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615>

Play Store Link

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Fishy Friday

Have a peek at what the school dinners look like for pupils on a Friday this week!

The cookie covers the salad pot!



On time every time.

In the morning the inner gates are opened from 8:25 and classroom doors from 8:30. This means there is a 15 minute window for pupils to come into school as we start taking the registers at 8:45.

At the end of the day the gates are opened from 2:50pm for pupils to be collected from that time onwards. Pupils walking home alone will be let out at 3pm.

This longer drop off and collection times mean that we have a minimal number of parents congregating on the playground helping keep our wider school community safe but we do need to start securing the playground gates at 8:45am and 3:10pm.

Please can you make sure that you and your child are on time each day so we can keep the school site a safe learning space.

The week ahead!

Monday 28th	PE Kits—Year 6 & Year 2
Tuesday 29th	PE Kits—Reception Classes
Wednesday 30th	PE Kits—Year 6, Year 5 & Year 3
Thursday 1st October	PE Kits—Year 4 & Year 1 2K pupils to return to school
Friday 2nd	



Weekly Challenge

Be mindful of your BEST!

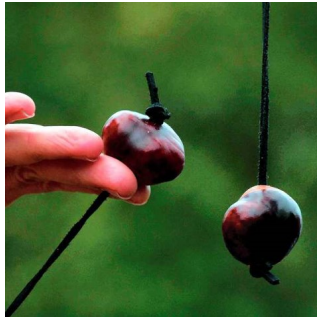
- **Be active...** Aim for 60mins of exercise a day
- **Eat healthily...** Remember your five a day
- **Sleep well**
- **Take time for you...**

Be healthy inside and out!

Challenge 26...

Play conkers!

During autumn, conkers (The seed from the horse chestnut tree) fall from trees and pop out of their spiky cases. For many many years children have gathered up these shiny brown autumnal gems and threaded them onto laces to play conkers! Unfortunately, this year the World Conkers Championship has had to be cancelled due to COVID—it isn't just for children!



So this week, it would be great if you can get out, gather up some conkers and have a game with your parents. If you have never played conkers before have a look at the Newsround Website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/24506055>

Just like crossing the road or cooking, you might want your parent or carer to help you have fun safely. One bonus of having fresh conkers in your house is that they keep spiders away!

As with our challenges please e-mail in any picture you take and if your picture is picked for the newsletter you get a special challenge point!

challenge@holbrookprimary.com

Mask

In response to the national rise in COVID-19 cases, Coventry Local Authority has asked all parents and carers that can, to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times.



Secondary Education in Coventry 2021

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Year 6

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for all applications is

31 October 2020.

From the [Secondary Booklet](#) 'Last year 78.6% of children got their first preference school due to the high number of applicants. Many schools received more applications than there are places available. This meant that parents who applied late were often unsuccessful in getting a place at one of their preferred schools. It is therefore very important that you apply by the closing date and use the information in this booklet and advice from Admissions staff to ensure you have the best chance of getting a place at your preferred school.'

Please make sure you look at the booklet and the guide for [School Admissions Online User Guide](#) so that you can make sure you get your applications in on time.

PE Kits.

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents and carers who are sending their children in correct PE kit on the right day.

PE kit isn't any football team strip but a black t-shirt with no slogans and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. With the weather going cooler a black tracksuit top can be added.

Sensible shoes for sport are also essential—pumps or trainers.



Earrings need to be removed for PE—if your child can't do this themselves they will need to come into school without earrings in.

Long hair should be tied back.