

# Holbrook School News



26th June 2020

## Nice to see you...

Dear Parents & Carers,

Due to all the planning and hard work by the whole school team at Holbrook, the first week of pupils coming back was a great success and this has continued this week. We are so happy with the way it has gone that we are beginning the next phase of the school reopening – for pupils in Year 2, 3, 4 & 5.

By now, if you have a child in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5, you should have received a text message and a phone call from your child's year group team welcoming your child back to Holbrook and providing you with important information about this. If you haven't had a phone call, please contact school.



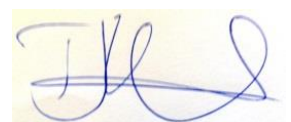
Even though the government is relaxing the lockdown restriction, we will still be keeping to small groups until the end of the school year – this means about 8 pupils in a bubble! This helps the staff ensure that children keep good social distance during the day, ensure regular hand washing or hand sanitising and also means that the classrooms are easy to thoroughly clean in the evening.

One thing that we have always been proud of at Holbrook School is our lovely outdoor space. We have always used our outside environment widely in lessons but now during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more of a bonus to our school. A lot of learning for the children who have returned already has been outside, getting pupils active and supporting those who haven't been outside much during the lockdown. Therefore, if your child is returning next week, please send your child dressed in appropriate clothes for PE and for the weather – over the last two weeks we have seen Mr Connolly with the Key Worker Bubble soaked through and sun baked as the weather changed over 7 days - so prepare for sun and showers!



To make it easier for families and reduce down the number of people on the school site, we have made sure that brothers and sisters can come to school on the same day. This may also give some parents and carers a break!... and time to do jobs that are easier when the children aren't around! So even if you haven't sent your child in yet but have seen the measures in place, have confidence please and send them in on their day. We would love to see as many children as possible before the end of the school year.

I look forward to seeing even more pupils back next week.





## 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 20 – Nature Art!

Next week is the start of Children's Art Weeks. Each week has a theme this week it is the Natural World.

So this weeks challenge we would love for you to create a work of art from nature, it could be pictures using leaves or decorated rocks... Or something even more creative!



If you do join in this week's challenge you can't bring your work of art in to school but we would love to see a picture so email them in to:- [challenge@holbrookprimary.com](mailto: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.



## Goodbyes

COVID19 has put paid to the normal farewells of not just the pupils but of the staff. This year four staff are moving on.

Miss Cunningham 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 has had a tricky M6 commute for much of her time at Holbrook and so has sort 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. After 23 years working at Holbrook School with so many of the pupils that pass through our school Mrs Hill has decided to take retirement. 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.

