



Holbrook News

April 9th 2020

The end of term...

The end of term newsletter is normally one of my favourites to write as I get to reflect on a showcase assembly and think back on all the trips that pupils have been on and the learning opportunities that these have given them.

However, the Covid-19 outbreak and then the school closure has completely changed all that! Rather than seeing the world of work by visiting the Unipart Factory on our doorstep, or stepping back in time to visit the historic castles of Kenilworth and Warwick or climbing a mountain (or is it a hill?) in the Derbyshire Dales, we are all trying our best to stay at home and stay safe, to protect our families and others in the community.



Over the last few years the end of the Spring Term is normally marked by Year 2 and Year 4 showcasing their Morning of Music work, performing the songs that they have learnt for a multi-school performance. So, to replace this, during our time of learning away from school,

we have decided on a whole school singing challenge – and once we are back together as a school community, we can all perform together! We want each year group to learn a different part of the song 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers. The inspiration for writing the song, by the recently departed Bill Withers, was because he was missing his small home town community. So, as we are all missing the Holbrook School community and being together under one roof, making this a very appropriate challenge to complete! The work has been set on the blogs and is assigned to children in their Yumu accounts.



Lean on me by Bill Withers

Verse 1 – YEAR 4
Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's
Always tomorrow

Chorus – RECEPTION & YEAR 3
Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Verse 2 – YEAR 5
Please swallow your pride
If I have things
You need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs
That you won't let show

Bridge – YEAR 2
You just call on me brother
When you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem
That you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Verse 3 – YEAR 6
If there is a load
You have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share you load
If you just call me

NURSERY & YEAR 1
Ostro & Ostro Second Vocal
Call me (if you need a friend)
Call me (won't you call on me)
Call me (Mmm mmm mmm)
Call me (call on me)
Call me (call me)
Lean on me
Oo oo ooo

#STAYHOME #PROTECTTHENHS #SAVELIVES

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 12 – Dear Diary

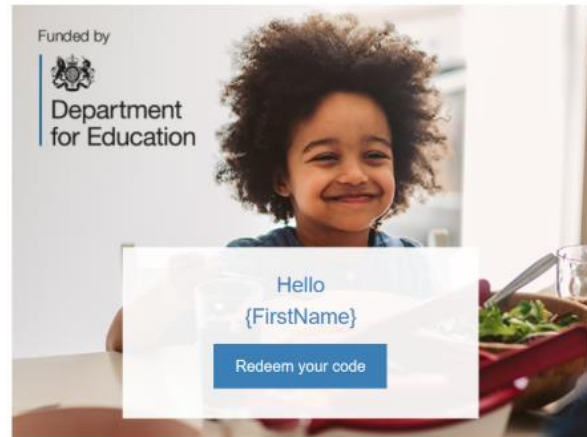


Diaries provide an excellent first person account of history of the times they were written from one person's point of view - The 1666 Great Fire of London from Samuel Pepys. Life in hiding from the Nazis by Anne Frank. Or Robert Falcon Scott's failed expedition to the South Pole.

Over the next week I would love to create a record of life living under Covid-19 lockdown that can form a record for children in the future

Take a picture and write about a day or a few about what you do to pass the time, how you feel and then email your day to challenge@holbrookprimary.com so we can share these on social media – Twitter & Facebook.

School Meal Vouchers.



Staff have been working tirelessly to get vouchers to families that are entitled to free school meals.

The system has been swamped with over 3 million orders and is slowly working through them. Even though it is the holiday, staff will continue to work to get these vouchers out and communicate with parents via text, email and phone.

If your circumstances have changed or you believe that you should have applied, please do so now - the links are below. It is a very quick process and since last week, we have been able to add on 4 pupils to the vouchers scheme - if you are entitled, don't miss out!

[Free School Meals Application](#)

[Free School Meals Information](#)

If you have any queries on Free School Meal Vouchers please email FSMVouchers@holbrook.coventry.sch.uk and we will do our best to help you.

'I'm bored... Can I go out?'

On a normal school holiday, I would recommend lots of museums and places to go to help occupy the children but for this holiday we need to follow the government advice – **Stay at home!**

Have a look on the blogs, keep on doing Joe Wicks each day, try Mr Pahal's challenges, read a good book, practise your maths on Times Table Rock Stars or My Maths, use flash academy. Keep following our Facebook page for ideas and things to do. But if you do want to go somewhere else... use technology. There are lots of places to explore virtually.

<https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/virtualtour/>

