



Holbrook News



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Competitive School Sports & PE!

Over the last few years at Holbrook, we have had a real push on entering lots of interschool sporting competitions, not just boys football but a range of varied and different sports—Tag Rugby, Hockey and Indoor Athletics. Last Thursday, a team of 25 Year 5 & 6 pupils put their class learning into practise by competing in the Coventry Indoor Athletics Competition. We are improving and this year we were only 8 points away from second place. This really sets the challenge for next year... can we gain 2nd place? If you want to start training, you can do this by training at lunch time and break time with lots of running.



When I have observed pupils in PE, I have noticed a few children not wearing the correct PE kit—black tops, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers suitable for sports. Having the right clothes makes the children feel part of the team as well as being able to move freely and take part in every aspect of the lesson.



Physical Development is very important for all children which is why even Nursery have a weekly session in the Hall or the MUGA to allow them to explore and develop their motor skills. I have asked Mr Connolly to hold a PE workshop for parents in the new year so you can help your child at home.

Mrs McCarthy

Happy Retirement Mrs Carter



After 16 years at Holbrook School and many more as a teacher Mrs Carter has decided to hang up her RWI pinny and white board pen and retire.

We wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for helping so many pupils on their educational journey over the years.

1	4D	99.3
2	3S	98.6
3	6W	98
4	2C	97.3
5	2K	97
6	5S	96.7
7	1B	96.4
8	3D	96
9	3R	95.9
10	1M	95.7
	5D	95.7
12	4M	95.3
13	4H	94.8
14	RW	94.4
15	2S	94.3
	5C	94.3
17	Nursery AM	93.8
	6H	93.8
Whole School		93.8
19	6C	93.7
20	1F	91.5
21	RM	90
22	RL	77.1
23	Nursery PM	51.6

Attendance Report

Well done to all the classes in yellow who have managed to get over the 96% target.

We are reminding pupils in school about covering their hand when coughing and good hand washing to keep all those bugs from spreading. To try and get our attendance back up to 96%

3—7 Dec

YTD 95.1%





Reception School Places for 2019

Applications for reception places for 2019 can be made on-line by logging onto www.coventry.gov.uk and selecting the 'schools and colleges' tab. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2019.

If you do not apply you may not be allocated your choice of school.

Don't leave it too late. Sign up now!

Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— The Christmas Story—Nativity

Children can bring in party clothes on the day they have a party to **change into** after lunchtime.

Monday 17th	4:30pm Full Governors Meeting
Tuesday 18th	9.00 am RL & AM Nursery Nativity Year 4 Swimming 1:45 pm RW & PM Nursery Nativity Christmas Parties—Year 1
Wednesday 19th	9.00 am RM & AM Nursery Nativity and Guitars PM Year 3 & 4 Endball Competition. Christmas Parties—Year 2, & 5
Thursday 20th	 Santa's Grotto Christmas Parties—Year R 3, 6
Friday 21st	Last day of term.

Christmas Holiday

Monday 7th Jan	Teacher training day—Closed to pupils.
Tuesday 8th	School Open for pupils.

PE lessons will try and continue as normal so please have correct kit in school on the right days.

Mr Connolly will aim to give out the New Sports and Arts Clubs After School letters on Wednesday 19th December

Building Work

I am sure some of you will have noticed a few porta cabins and a compound appearing on the school field—as well as many more cars!



Over the next few months the school heating is being replaced and upgraded. We have a very carefully thought through plan that minimises any disruptions to the children's learning.

For the building work to run to time there will be regular deliveries so we need to keep the access to the school as clear as possible therefore can we



remind parents that rather than parking on the double yellow lines of Gateside Road please use the Cherry Tree when dropping off or collecting children at the start or end of the day.

Indoor Shoes.

We ask that all pupils take off outdoor shoes when they come in to school and change into a pair suitable for the indoors.

We do this as pupils are expected to sit on carpets and the hall during many parts of the lesson and we want the floors to be nice and clean. At home you take off your shoes rather than walk dirt into the house.

The reason we ask for an indoor pair of shoes is that if we have a fire evacuation we need to leave school straight away—no stopping to put on footwear!



The indoor shoes don't need to be expensive just a cheap pair of pumps, crocs or even slippers will do.

All After School Clubs Cancelled

Reading, Writing and Maths clubs as well as the sports and arts clubs are all cancelled next week. So please be on time to collect your child.

