



Holbrook News



Newsletter Date: 20 December 2019

Happy Holidays.

WOW!

Days like Thursday make me so proud to be the head teacher of Holbrook Primary School. Like so many of the proud parents and carers present I got to watch the wonderful Nursery and Reception Nativity play.

Back in September our youngest students started their learning journey with a staggered start to help them adjust to the new school routines that will be with them for the next seven years. In just a term with us, our youngest pupils have settled so well into the school. Every one of these performances was a treat. The pupils really showed off their developing confidence, being able to stand up and perform to so many watching eyes! It was superb. A big thank you must go out to all our parents in helping at home with learning lines and once again, I must pass on my thanks to the EYFS team for their hard work and dedication. It really was a lovely show.



The Holbrook team would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families celebrating Christmas, a very merry Christmas, to wish you all a very a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing the children well rested, ready for their learning in the Spring term starting Tuesday 7th January.

Mrs McCarthy

Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— New Years Resolutions

Friday 20th	Last day of term.
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 6th Jan	Teacher training day—Closed to pupils.
Tuesday 7th	BACK TO SCHOOL! Remember PE Kits
Wednesday 8th	
Thursday 9th	
Friday 10th	

Over the holidays you can do a lot of things to help you at school next term.

- Practise your sounds for RWI.
- Number facts—number bonds, number facts to 20 & times tables.—**TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS, MyMaths**
- Reading—Keep reading everyday—**Lexi Reading**

	Class	% Attend
1	5C	98.7
2	1M	97.1
3	6H	95.9
4	5S	95.7
5	4P	95.3
	6G	95.3
7	2C	95
	4H	95
9	3S	94.1
10	3D	93.7
	4D	93.7
12	Nursery AM	93.3
	3R	93.3
14	1B	93.2
	Whole School	93.2
15	2S	92.9
16	RL	92.7
17	1F	91.4
18	2K	90.3
19	RM	89.2
20	6M	88.7
21	RW	88.5
22	5F	88.3
23	Nursery PM	87.8

Attendance Report

Only the classes in the top two spots managed to beat the 96% target this week!

So a huge well done to 5C and 1M.

Rest up over the next two weeks and hopefully we will see more of you all in the New Year.

9-13 Dec



Weekly Challenge

We will **CHALLENGE** ourselves every day, in and out of school, to extend our experiences and widen our knowledge.

This week's challenge is inspired by Miss Chacko amazing book stacked Christmas tree this week's challenge is book based!

Challenge 30... Jolabokafloð

In Iceland there is a tradition called Jolabokafloð— which roughly translates to Christmas Book Flood. Where people give each other books to enjoy over the holiday times. Our Christmas present to the children each year is a book to read and enjoy as we realise not just the value and importance in being able to read but the enjoyment as well.

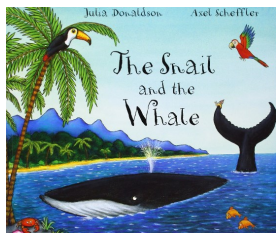
So, for the challenge over the holiday is to share stories with your child, either you reading to them or they read to you. Both will really support their learning in school— Even Year 6 pupils.

You don't have to buy any books as you can borrow from a library for free! Mr Connolly has a few recommendations below.

Reception—Year 2

Julia Donaldson writes fantastic books for children of all ages that are beautifully illustrated. So as well as the words there is lots to see and enjoy.

The joy for new readers is that as many of her books are written in rhyming pairs children can predict what word will come next.



If you do read them to your children or an older brother or sister does remember to use different voices for each character it makes in much more fun to listen to and to read.

Year 3 & 4

Long before Harry Potter Wizards had gone to schools to learn Magic. Mildred Hubble is sent to Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, and things for her always seem to go wrong. Her spells backfire, her broomstick won't fly—She really is the Worst Witch.

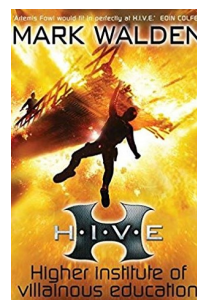
Luckily, her best friend always sticks by her. And when things do begin to go her way, it turns out she can be a useful witch after all.



Year 5 & 6

At Hogwarts you learn to cast spells to become a witch or wizard at H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) children are sent to develop their talents to become criminal masterminds!

The only small catch is that the children cannot leave until training is complete, six years later. Otto Malpense and his new friend Wing Fanchu are both exceptionally bad, and they are definitely not keen on being held against their will for six long years...



It would be great if pupils can recommend books for other children to enjoy over the newsletters in the New Year so please e-mail in your recommendations challenge@holbrookprimary.com



Reception School Places for 2020

Applications for reception places for 2020 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 2020.

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

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

Run, jump throw



The last sports event of the year was the Indoor Athletics. Over many years at school we have practised many of the events and the team of Year 5 & 6 pupils got to use them in a competition against 5 other schools. The team represented the school so well and cheered each other on and showed really good sportsmanship. They came 3rd over all narrowly beaten by All Souls and St Christopher's. Well done to everyone for representing the school so well.

