

JANUARY

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Holbrook News



Get involved!

Making sure that children get the most out of their time in school and education involves school and carers working in partnership.

In school the teachers plan and deliver a range of exciting lessons combined with well planned trips to maximise the learning opportunities that the children have in school. The homework is tailored to the pupils to build on class learning.

You can really boost your child's attainment by getting involved. Part of this is making sure children attend every day and on time with the correct equipment, coming to parent's evening to find out how they are doing in school and attending BEST assemblies. When your child gets a certificate, this shows how we value your child's achievements.



You can also get actively involved at home; giving your child—even Year 6— time to read to an adult and ask questions about the book or talk about new words really helps across all areas of learning as they build reading skills and widen vocabulary knowledge. Having a quiet space and the time for your child to do their homework gets them into good habits ready for secondary school. If an adult is around, they can ask for help or reassurance.

Over the school year we hold a range of workshops to help parents understand what we do in school and how this can help at home. This week 45 families came to the reception teams first puppet workshop to listen to a story and make puppets with their children. Good fun was had by all and the puppets made by parents and children were taken home and can be used to retell the story. A big thank you to all the parents who got involved and hopefully we will see the rest of the parents at further events.



Mrs McCarthy

Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— Maths on the Move!

Monday 28th	3pm Reception Puppet Workshop 2
Tuesday 29th	Reception—Sea Life Centre Trip Year 3— Egyptian Trip—New Walk Museum Year 4 Swimming. Year 5 Swimming club.
Wednesday 30	9am—One Body One Life
Thursday 31st	
Friday 1st Feb	Dress Up for Digits—Maths on the Move.
We're supporting NSPCC Number Day 2019	Come dressed in sports kit with a number on... As well as raising money to help the NSPCC we will take part in lots of maths activities— ACTIVELY!

1	4H	99.3
2	5C	99.3
3	4D	98.7
4	6C	98.7
5	3S	98.6
6	2C	98
7	6H	98
8	2S	97.7
9	3D	97.7
10	5S	97.3
11	1F	97.1
12	1M	97.1
13	2K	96.6
14	RW	96.2
15	3R	95.9
Whole School		95.7
16	4M	95.3
17	6W	93.3
18	Nursery AM	93.1
19	RL	92.9
20	RM	91.5
21	1B	89.3
22	5D	89.3
23	Nursery PM	74.1

Attendance Report

A huge well done to the 14 Classes that hit our 96% target.

The overall

**YTD 95.2%
+ 0.1**

attendance is improving but we can do better.

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Traffic in Gateside Road

The parking situation outside the front of the school on Gateside Road is becoming increasingly hazardous for residents and pupils walking to and from home. On Tuesday the minibuses struggled to get out as cars were parked on both sides of the road.

Could we remind parents to adhere to the rules of the road and double yellow lines.

You can park at the Cherry Tree Carpark and make the short walk over—this will probably take you less time than trying to get out of Gateside Road with all the



One Body One Life



For the next 9 weeks there is a free Healthy Lifestyle program running in school.

So rather than rushing off home, stay on Wednesday morning, have a cup of tea or coffee and find out how you can make small changes to help you and your family become fitter and healthier.

The session always ends with some fun physical activities for parents and children to enjoy.

To find out more see Mr Connolly.

Weekly Challenge

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



From the pictures that came in it looked like lots of parents enjoy a nice cup of tea and coffee made for them—I hope your children keep making them nicely.

Challenge 3... Movie Night!

Sit down at home and watch a film together as a family. Something for everyone to enjoy. Don't pick something that you always watch but try a new film. It doesn't have to be something new. It could be a classic that parents remember when they were younger.

A few recommendations from Holbrook Staff are:-

Star Wars—Mrs Henry

The Princess Bride—Mr Connolly

Mary Poppins—Mrs McGregor

Home Alone—Mrs McCarthy

Sound of Music—Mrs Harris

Zootropolis—Mrs Denne

Bridge to Terabithia—Miss Wilson

To make it even better you could:- make the room dark, make tickets, use a torch like an usher to show people to their seats, even have popcorn in a paper cone.

When you do complete the challenge, please take a picture and e-mail in to:-

challenge@holbrookprimary.com

Even better why don't you let us know what film you enjoyed as a family and write a film review!