



# Holbrook News



## Get Set for the Summer term.

I do hope that everyone is feeling rested after a lovely break over the half term holidays. One of the joys of England in the summer is the mixed bag of weather we can have over a week and it does raise that age old question with - 'Do I need a coat today?' And this week we have had hot days where a sun hat was needed for outside and today, a downpour!

It may be worth checking the weather forecast as the weather may be fine in the morning on the journey to school, but the weather can turn later on in the day. Teachers and dinner staff will try and give children their playtimes outside—even in very light rain because having the time to run around, get the blood flowing and to burn off energy, not only keeps children fit and healthy but research shows that the more active children are, the better they perform at school! So, having a coat in school all the time is always a good idea!

Another problem for parents with the changeable weather is lost jumpers. They get taken off by children to make themselves comfortable, however children do not always put their things away on pegs or in drawers, especially as sweatshirts or jumpers can make great goal posts! This means we do get lots of jumpers left around the school site. Where jumpers have a name and a class inside on the label, they can be quickly returned. However without a name in the label, trying to find the owner of a jumper can be very tricky—especially as we have 90 pupils in each year group all wearing similar sized jumpers! Please make sure that all clothing that comes into school is named—even shoes! It is a good idea to check that the name and class is still visible on the label after a wash.



*Mrs McCarthy*

## Forthcoming Events

Assembly Themes— Eid al-Fitr

Monday 10th	<b>After school clubs as normal</b>
Tuesday 11th	<b>Year 4 &amp; Year 5&amp;6 Swimming</b> <b>Reception Hearing Tests</b>
Wednesday 12th	<b>One Body One Life Programme</b>
Thursday 13th	<b>Year 3 Lunt Fort Trip</b> <b>Year 1 &amp; Reception Dental Checks</b>
Friday 14th	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Rounders Competition</b> <b>Year 3 Lunt Fort Trip</b>

During the week:-

- Year 4 Times table tests
- KS1 Phonics Screening

## Attendance Report

1	6W	97.3
2	6H	96.8
3	3D	96.7
4	2C	96.4
4	5D	96.4
6	5C	96.2
7	4D	96.1
8	6C	96
9	1M	95.9
9	3S	95.9
11	3R	95.7
12	2S	95.6
12	4H	95.6
14	2K	95.4
15	2S	95.6
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>95.2</b>
16	1F	94.7
17	4M	94.3
18	RM	94.1
19	1B	93.4
20	RL	93.4
21	RW	93
22	Nursery AM	92
23	Nursery PM	82.7

Ohhh dear! After the SATs tests, just before the holiday's the attendance had a bit of a dip. However all 3 Year 6 classes still hit the attendance target!

Blue letters are being sent out now for anything attendance related. If you need help, please come into school and see Mr Potter, Mrs McGregor or Miss Smith as ignoring these letters could ultimately result in a fine.

20—24th May 19





### Upcoming Events

- Monday 1st July—Nursery Sports Day
- Wed 3rd July—Transition Day
- Monday 8th July —Reception and KS1 Sports Day
- Wednesday 10th July —KS2 Sports Day
- Friday 12th July—Summer Fayre
- Friday 19th July—Last day of term

### PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school and it is the correct kit! We are seeing a few tops that definitely aren't part of our uniform.

- Black T-Shirt,
- Black Shorts / Tracksuit bottoms
- Sensible Footwear (Trainers / Pumps)



A plain peaked cap or cricketing hat is a great addition in the warm weather.

### Healthy Lunch Boxes

It is lovely to see so many parents making healthy choices about what they put into a packed lunch for their children.



We are seeing lots of grapes in lunch boxes can I remind parents to please cut them length ways to reduce the choking risk.



## Weekly Challenge

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

Disappointingly, I didn't get any stories written by pupils over the holiday! Maybe I can tempt you with this week's challenge.

### Challenge 16... Bake a cake!

Home baking involves lots of useful skills that we learn in school but in a practical way.

- Reading—The recipe
- Maths - money (to buy the ingredients) Weighing and measuring, time—how long does it need to cook!
- Art and design—pretty decorations are always good.
- Computing—finding a recipe or an icing idea!

To start your baking here is the recipe Mr Connolly uses for the perfect cupcakes!

### Mr Connolly's Cup Cake Recipe

This is my special recipe for making delicious cup-cakes really easily. It makes 12—18 cakes depending how big your eggs are.

#### Ingredients.

- 2 Eggs
- Self Raising Flour
- Caster Sugar
- Butter or Margarine
- 1tsp (Teaspoon!) Vanilla Extract
- 1tsp Baking Powder

#### Method.

1. Preheat the oven to 180C.
2. Line a muffin tin with paper cases.
3. Crack the into a large mixing bowl—measure the weight.
4. Add the weight of the eggs of flour, sugar and butter into the bowl.
5. Put in the vanilla extract and the baking powder.
6. Using an electric whisk to save time mix well to form a smooth batter.
7. Put a spoonful of the mix into the cases.
8. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes, or until golden-brown on top and a skewer inserted into one of the cakes comes out clean.
9. Set aside to cool for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin and cool on a wire rack.
10. Decorate your cakes.

