

# Holbrook School News



22nd May 2020

## When do we return?

Dear all,

I am sure that you are concerned around the reopening of schools. All that we can do at present is reassure you that we are planning to reopen and are busily in school organising for this, following appropriate guidance. The safety of our pupils in our care has always been our first priority and this will continue to be the case when we reopen.

As soon as we have a date for school to open for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and Year 6 we will notify you via text message, telling you what day and time to bring your child.

Social Distancing is driving our policy of reopening, therefore keeping your child and your family safe. When your child is in school, they will be in a small group of approximately 8 children with their teacher in their classroom. Lunches will be eaten in classes too to minimise movement and reduce social contact around the school.

Even when we reopen there will still be ongoing learning at home for pupils that weren't in school on that day. To minimise movement around school and to keep social distancing and reduce contacts, we won't be able to hold our BEST Assemblies in the hall, however we will keep our Virtual BEST assemblies going to showcase the great work with the rest of the school.



To support reopening safely and planning for future home learning, **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** will be a staff training day so online learning on the blogs will restart on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Until we reopen remember; keep safe, regularly wash your hands with hot water and soap, stay at home and keep your social distance!

Keep in touch and we will see you all soon.

## 'We're bored!'

Normally when we have a holiday we list lots of great museums and places to visit. However this half term is very different as we are still trying to stay at home as much as possible.

There is still lots you can still use the school online subscriptions; Purple Mash, Lexia, Flash Academy, MyMaths and Timetable RockStars but sometimes it is great to get away from the screen.

Here are a few ideas that involve time away from a computer or tablet screen.

### **Cooking!**

Spend some time in the kitchen cooking together. There are lots of amazing family recipes that are never written down but are passed between the generations over the cooker top.

### **Card games or board games.**

It may seem like old school entertainment but the reasons they are still around is that they are great fun! If you are beyond snakes and ladders why not try Cluedo, Monopoly or Yahtzee.

### **Books and Stories.**

There are so many amazing stories out there to read. You may not be able to leave your house much but a book can transport you to amazing places.

A couple of great recommendations are:-  
Year 5 & 6 pupils - The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier.

Year 3 & 4 - Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume.

Reception – Year 2 -The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

These books may have been written before your parents were born but there are still in print as they are a great read!

## URGENT! CONTACT DETAILS

Did you receive the School Comms Text Messages this week?

If **not** we need your updated contact details.

Please email us with:-

- Children's names and classes
- Your name and relation to the child mum/dad/guardian
- Mobile Telephone number

[updatecontacts@holbrook.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:updatecontacts@holbrook.coventry.sch.uk)

We will then update the system in school so when we have any urgent messages, we can text them out to you.

## 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 16 – Mehndi Pattern**

This week Mrs Lama has set the challenge! She would love to see a beautifully decorated hand with a Mehndi design.

Although you might want to use henna to paint your hand or someone in your family but you don't need to. You can draw round your hand and paint or draw the pattern on paper!

If you do join in this week's challenge, email in a picture to [challenge@holbrookprimary.com](mailto:challenge@holbrookprimary.com) that can be shared on the school's social media any entries that impress Mrs Lama could make the BEST assembly and then you might get a badge and certificate.

## Design a Badge!

Each week I set a challenge on the newsletter, but rarely get any replies. Now with the Virtual BEST Assembly, I have started to award certificates and badges and I DO get more replies... but not enough! So I have decided to make a small change!

In the future, I am going to award a special *Challenge Badge*. You can only receive this special badge if you complete the challenge and you are chosen by whoever sets the challenge to feature on the newsletter. These badges will be extremely rare as only enough badges will be made to last until December 2020!

The prize for winning this competition is to get your design turned into the *Challenge Badge* and then be the first person to be awarded the badge!

To give yourself the best chance of winning, here are a few of my top design tips:-

- Make the design BIG and CLEAR:

The image you make will be shrunk down, so small writing will get lost.



- Think about the shape:

Currently all the badges are circular, *BUT* the badges can be made as an oval, triangle, square, pentagon or hexagon. They will be bigger than the normal button badges and take a lot longer to make.

- The pictures must be your own work:

You might want Ironman on your badge, BUT as we know from computing lesson we can't use other people's images without their approval as that is stealing someone else's work.

Please email a picture of your badge to [challenge@holbrookprimary.com](mailto:challenge@holbrookprimary.com) by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr Connolly