

Holbrook News

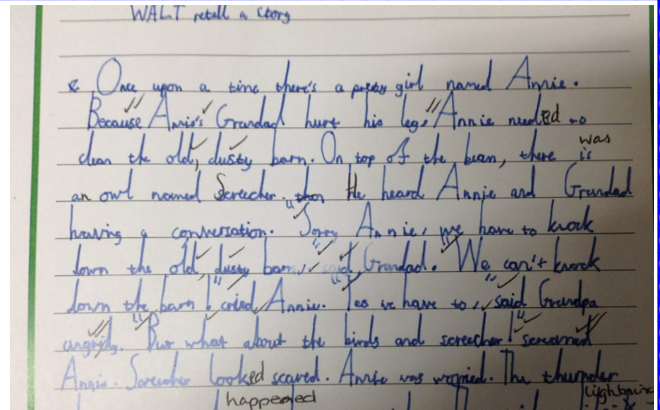


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Handwriting and Presentation

It seems strange to talk about neat handwriting and good presentation when we live in such a digital age. We rarely write a letter by hand, instead type and send e-mails! However, neat handwriting and clear presentation skills are still valuable. At Holbrook School we have had a continued focus on presentation in all areas of the curriculum. Neat handwriting isn't just for handwriting lessons but across all learning!

If you have been to our BEST Awards assembly you will have seen how we highlight excellent examples each week and pupils are chosen to receive the giant



a) $\frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$ $6+6=12$	e) $\frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{6}{10} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$	30 - 5 = 24
b) $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$	f) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{10} = \frac{5}{10} + \frac{8}{10} = \frac{13}{10}$	10 + 8 = 18
c) $\frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{12}{9} = \frac{13}{9}$	g) $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{3}{9} - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{1}{9}$	9 - 6 = 3
d) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{12} = \frac{6}{12} - \frac{4}{12} = \frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$	h) $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{2}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$	12 + 4 = 16

pencils as recognition of how they have met or exceeded the expectations for handwriting.

Further up the school, pupils can earn their pen licence as a sign that they can move their perfect pencil presentation into ink.

As parents you can help and support your child by ensuring that they sit properly when doing their homework—good posture really helps neat writing. They need to hold their pencil with the correct grip. But! probably one of the simplest is that they use the correct writing equipment—biros are tricky to use for even the neatest of writers, a sharpened pencil offers more chance of producing neat work.

Mrs McCarthy

Diary Dates

Assembly theme— Advent

Monday 2nd Dec	
Tuesday 3rd	Reception Trip—Warwick Arts Centre. 2:30pm Year 1,3 & 5 BEST Assembly All Clubs Cancelled for Staff Training
Wednesday 4th	2pm Knife Crime Awareness Workshop—Year 6 Parent and Carers welcome. 3pm Indoor Athletics Squad Gymnastics & Circuits and Fitness Cancelled
Thursday 5th	9am —Parent and Carers Coffee Morning. 3pm Indoor Athletics Squad Surprise and Year 3 & 4 Football Cancelled
Friday 6th	Nursery—Father Christmas Trip.

	Class	% Attend
1	5S	99.3
2	Nursery AM	98.3
	4D	98.3
4	6G	98
5	5C	97.3
6	2S	97.1
7	6H	96.9
8	4H	96.7
9	3R	96.3
10	3S	96.2
11	RW	96.1
	RM	96.1
13	1B	95.7
Whole School		95.1
14	3D	95
15	2K	94.8
16	RL	94.4
17	5F	94.3
18	6M	94.2
19	2C	93.6
20	4P	93
21	1M	92.9
22	1F	87
23	Nursery PM	72.2

Attendance Report

4D couldn't quite manage to top the table 3 weeks in a row but they gave it an excellent go and came 2nd, beaten by 5S!

Well done to everyone who keeps attending each day but there are still far too many odd days off.

18 -22 Nov

YTD 95.6%
-0.1





Weekly Challenge

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

It has been great to see an old playground favourite re-turn—Cat's Cradle. All it takes is a length of string and two friends and then you can have lots of fun!

Challenge 27... Cat's Cradle!

This week's challenge is to learn new skills and tricks, or for some children to learn the basics. If your parents can't remember how to play, have a search online; there are lots of great websites and YouTube clips. I have found a few basic ones.

<https://www.wikihow.com/Play-The-Cat%27s-Cradle-Game>

http://www.momsmivan.com/string_games.html

<https://youtu.be/VpHTPnrYLzQ>

It would be great to have a few pictures if you do try the challenge at home! Send them to our normal e-mail address:- challenge@holbrookprimary.com



Respectful Parking

Unfortunately, residents of Crown Green and Gateside Road have contacted me this week regarding poor parking by parents.

Two residents have had their car bumped by parents who then, have not taken responsibility to take ownership of their actions.

Another issue residents are regularly facing that they are blocked in on their drives and then they are late for work! This is not okay! When they approach parents, parents are not very helpful. Please show your respect and courtesy to the residents of our community.



There is always the option to park at the Cherry Tree and walk the short distance in rather than drive and struggle to find a space.



CHRISTMAS POST

The school post box for Christmas cards will be in the entrance hall from next week.

Please could you ensure envelopes are clearly labelled with children's names and classes.



Thursday 5th December Tea and Chat



After you have dropped your children off at school on Thursday morning, drop in and have a chat with some of the school staff.

We would love to see and chat to lots of parents.

Cancelled Clubs

Tuesday—Gymnastics, Bangracise, Tag Rugby & All Reading and Maths Clubs.

Wednesday—Gymnastics & Circuits and Fitness.

Thursday—Surprise & Yr 3 & 4 Football