

March Holbrook News



Dear Parents,

Please can I say a big thank you to all the parents that came to parents' evening last week. It was a great turn out and showed staff how much you value and want to support your child and Holbrook School in achieving the BEST for your child.

At parents' evening, you will have received our revised assessment, reporting booklet. We hope that you found it useful and straightforward to help you know where your child is in their education and how much progress they have made.

It is invaluable to have school and parents working in partnership to ensure that your child gets the BEST possible education so on that note, please can I remind parents about the home school agreement that you all signed in September. In this you signed to say that you would not take your child on holiday during term time. Many parents are coming and requesting extended holiday but this has a huge impact on your child's education. At Holbrook, like any school, learning is happening daily and is progressive so by the time your child returns from the extended holiday, they have missed key points in their learning and these will not be repeated. Please think twice before making that decision and in the same frame, can I thank those parents that avoid taking their child on holiday during term time, this is very much appreciated.

At the start and end of the day, we are noticing a number of cars parking around the school entrance. This can mean that conditions for children crossing the road and then entering or leaving school safely are being challenged. Please can we remind you not to park on the yellow double lines or zig zags. If you are asked to move by a member of staff, please do this courteously. As well as obeying the parking regulations it keeps the entrance free for vehicles, stops driveways being blocked, while keeping our pupils safe.

Mrs McCarthy



Forthcoming Events

Monday 18th	
Tuesday 19th	Swimming Year 4 & 5 Club
Wednesday 20th	YEAR 1—PE Come Dressed in PE KIT
Thursday 21st	Girls Football Match—Home
Friday 22nd	

1	RL	100
2	2S	98.7
2	5C	98.7
2	6C	98.7
5	1M	98.6
6	6W	98
7	3S	97.7
8	1F	97.6
9	1B	96.6
9	RW	96.6
11	2C	96.3
12	4H	96
Whole School		95.7
13	RM	95.6
14	6H	95.3
15	3D	94.7
15	5D	94.7
17	4M	93.7
18	4D	93.3
19	Nursery AM	93.1
20	3R	91.7
21	2K	91.3
22	5S	90.7
23	Nursery PM	88.5

Attendance Report

Another good week with 12 14 classes beating our target of 96%.

However! A huge **WELL DONE** to RL as for the second week in a row they have managed to top the table with 100% attendance. I hope you enjoyed your treat.

4 - 8 March

**YTD 95.1%
+0.1**





Mrs Harris

We have been very fortunate to have had Mrs Harris working at Holbrook School for the last 17 years, firstly as a teacher and then she has progressed through the ranks and has been Deputy Head Teacher for the last five years.



Although as a school we will be sad to see Mrs Harris leave at Easter, we are delighted for her that she has attained a Head teacher position at Whittle Academy. I am sure that over the next few weeks when you see her around school or at the gates, you will wish her all the best in her new role.

After School Clubs

To make the collection of pupils from the array of after school clubs that we offer more straightforward, we have changed our arrangements.

This affects all clubs apart from Reception and Year 6 Third Space maths.

- All clubs—including Sports & Arts—will finish at 3:50pm.
- Pupils will be taken to the hall when their club has finished
- Pupils that have permission to walk home will be allowed to leave first
- Parents will then be welcomed into school through the main doors and then directed into the hall to collect their child and leave via the hall exit door.

Chewing Gum!

A reminder to everyone that in school we don't allow chewing gum.

This includes the playground where recently we have found chewed gum left on the ground.



Weekly Challenge

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

For this week's challenge we are moving away from World Book Day to become architects and builders!

Challenge 8... Build a paper tower!

Using only six sheets of paper and only 1m of tape — masking tape or cello tape—build a tower.

Things to think about:-

- What is the tallest tower you can build?
- Can your tower support the weight of a small beanie toy?
- How aesthetically pleasing (pretty) is the tower?



We would love to see the completed towers—especially if you have a family competition. So please take a picture and e-mail in to:- challenge@holbrookprimary.com

Handa's Surprise Puppets

If any parents didn't make Monday's well attended workshop it is being repeated on 18th March 3:10pm until 4pm.

