

## Alzheimer's Support

As some of you will know Holbrook has been developing a link with the Trowbridge charity Alzheimer's Support. This relationship is intended to support our happiness and wellbeing agenda by providing our pupils with opportunities to enhance their own sense of happiness through helping others. Our hope is that this will become a long lasting collaboration with the charity.

We are keen to become the first 'Dementia Friendly' school in Trowbridge. Some of our older pupils performed a poem which they had written at the recent 'Dementia Friendly Communities' conference. Our aim is for all Holbrook pupils to receive training, provided by Alzheimer's Support, to enable them to become a dementia friend. This training helps children to understand the condition as well as small ways in which they can add to a community which is supportive of people suffering from the disease. We also hope to be able to offer this training to Holbrook parents in the New Year.

We are exploring ways for our children to take an active role in this initiative. Some older pupils attended a meeting at the Mill Street Club which is a day centre for dementia sufferers. They had lots of ideas and enjoyed working with club members playing scrabble (a new experience for the children) and talking about school life. We are taking a group of Key Stage one pupils to sing at the day centre next week.

We hope that you will join us in supporting and championing a charity which supports many dementia sufferers and their families.