

Holbrook News

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Block 1, Week 2

[From the Head Teacher](#)

Welcome: Ruby has joined us in Somerville Class and we are pleased to have her here.

Class Meetings: If you have attended one, I hope you found the class meetings useful. Kingsley Class has its meeting today. Remember that the class page of the website is a good source of information. Here, you can see the class letter, a long term plan showing what your child will learn over the course of the year as well as photographs of our pupils enjoying events and activities.

Privacy: We hold important information about the pupils in our school and we handle all private details securely and in line with the GDPR rules introduced in May. You can find a copy of our GDPR policy on our website or you can ask for a copy at the office.

Photographs: We use photographs of the children at work and having fun on our website and on our Twitter feed. Photographs also appear in the local press, such as The Wiltshire Times. We only use photographs where we have permission. We have permission from the majority of parents but, following GDPR, I am asking all families to sign again (or not) so that everyone is clear about the photograph permission rules. Please return the form to school as soon as possible.

Holidays in Term Time: Please remember that the authorisation of leave in term time is reserved for only the most exceptional cases. Holidays in term time are not permitted and the ruling of the Supreme Court last year made it clear that taking time away from school is disruptive to the child him/herself as well as the rest of the class on return.

Roger Whitewick

[Wiltshire Times Photograph](#)

Our new Reception pupils will have their photograph taken on 18th September by the Wiltshire Times for their First Day of School feature.

Future TD Days

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th and 13th Nov 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th Feb 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th Jan 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd June 2019 |

Celebration Certificates

Congratulations to all our pupils who received Celebration Certificates in last Friday's assembly.

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| Kingsley | Maya | Daisy |
| Darwin | Isabella | Lacey |
| Somerville | Leo | Clementine |
| Kandinsky | Alex | Katie |
| Zephaniah | Roman | Kadun |
| Brunel | Summer | Rhyley |
| Nightingale | Freya | Daniel |

Important Safety Reminders

Please remember that children should not be playing on the equipment in either playground before school or riding around on scooters or bikes in the playgrounds after school. Holbrook staff are not responsible for ensuring their safety at these times.

Please can we remind all parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds at all, apart from guide dogs.

Parents should not be parking or driving into the school car park unless they have a registered disability badge.

School Sweatshirts and Cardigans

Our delivery of Holbrook sweatshirts and cardigans arrived yesterday. If you were waiting for an order it will now be ready for collection at the office. Sweatshirts are sold at a cost of £9 and cardigans are £10

[Parking in Runnymede Gardens](#)

Last school year residents of the road closest to us experienced difficulties because of cars parked by Holbrook parents at the start and end of the day. In some cases this included blocked driveways and even blocking the whole road. We advised the residents to contact the council and the police for help.

If this school year all Holbrook parents who drive their children to school parked considerately, we would be able to deal with this frustrating issue for our neighbours. It is highly likely that there will be another visit from enforcement officers soon and I should like parents to be aware of this and the possibility of vehicles being clamped.

TRY CHARACTERS DRAMA CLUB FREE on Saturday September 22nd 2pm-5pm

Characters Stage School is **the only local stage school based in a theatre**. They offer all-round training in drama, singing and dance at their Saturday School in the wonderful surroundings of **The Arc Theatre, Trowbridge from 2pm-5pm** weekly.

The classes build up your child's confidence and skills and work towards regular performances that family can come and watch at the Arc Theatre.

If your child is aged 7-15, bring them along to try for **free**. If they enjoy the taster session they can sign up for our September - December term.

To reserve your place at the free taster email moira@charactersstageschool.com with your child(ren)'s name and age or call her on 07932 785807.

See <https://www.charactersstageschool.com>> for more details about Characters.

There are also '**Little Characters**' classes for age 4-7 from 11.30-12.30 which they can try free on the same day.