

Holbrook News

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Block 2, Week 8

From the Head Teacher

Another week seems to have flown by in school and the children continue to impress me daily with their attitudes and behaviour; thank you children!

Please can I ask that as the weather gets colder you ensure that your children have warm coats as well as hats, scarves, gloves as appropriate. These will all need to be named (there are few things more frustrating than losing one glove!) Please also ensure that you take care on the walk to school and when in the playground as it can get slippery even when gritted.

Assemblies this week have continued to be used to deepen the children's understanding of their rights, we have explored: The right to a name, the right to be free from discrimination and the right to a health service.

Vicki Liddell

Future TD Days

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| • 25th Feb 2019 | • 3rd June 2019 |
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Message from Mrs Nunn

As you may have noticed myself and Miss Liddell stand on the gates first thing in the morning to welcome the children into school. This also allows us to monitor safety for pupils as they access the school site. We are increasingly concerned about the way in which some parents are parking before and after school. These concerns are shared by a number of local residents and Holbrook parents.

Please ensure that you are parking legally and considerately when bring your children to school. We are grateful that parents are no longer using the car park but have noticed an increase in children being dropped off in the entrance to the school. This is not safe and should not happen.

Runnymede Gardens is also being used as a drop off point which again, often is not safe and inconsiderate to residents.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers who access our disabled parking space to ensure that their blue badge is displayed.

Finally we would like to thank the vast majority of Holbrook families who park safely and walk to the school entrance.

Thank you in advance for your support

Rose Nunn

Celebration Certificates

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

Kingsley	Ben	Evanna
Darwin	Edward	Xavier
Somerville	Alexander	Kayan
Kandinsky	Alfie	Graycie
Zephaniah	Grace	Abigail
Nightingale	Aaran	Katie
Brunel	Brunel	Rylee
Redgrave	Olivia	Elijah

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 28 th	Y2 SATs meeting, 3.15pm in Nightingale
Thur 31 st	Kingsley Open Afternoon, 2-2.45pm
Fri 8 th Feb	Brunel class trip to Devizes Museum
Mon 11 th to Fri 15 th Feb	Wake Up Shake Up on KS2 playground, 8.55am (weather permitting)
Tue 5 th & Thu 7 th March	Parent's Evenings

Parent's Evenings

Bookings could be made from the 15th Feb (due to the half term break) for both dates.

- 5th March – bookings close at 9:00 1st March
- 7th March – bookings close at 9:00 5th March

Parents can book appointments online, by telephone, or in person at the School Office up to the closing date for each evening.

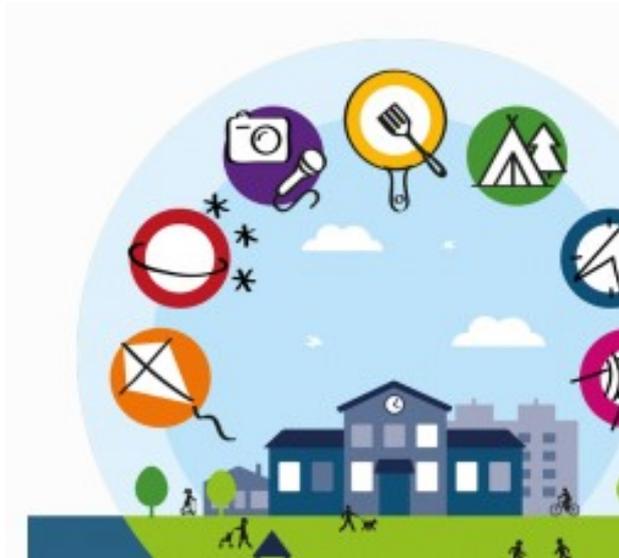
Good News

We are pleased to announce that one of our pupils, Nakita, won a GOLD medal at the Para National Pistol Shooting Competition last week and was presented with her medal by Tania Goddard, a member of Team GB in assembly on Wednesday.

Cardboard Boxes – large and small

We are still looking for shoe boxes that have a removable lid for a whole school project. If you have any please bring them in to either Mrs White or Miss Blake.

Zephaniah are also in need of large cardboard boxes. Please deliver directly to the classroom.



My Activity Passport

The 'My Activity Passport' list is part of the Education Secretary's vision for every child to have the opportunity to enjoy new and varied experiences, no matter their background - comprising of key areas: drive and tenacity; sticking at the task at hand; understanding how to work towards long term goals when reward might be a long way off in the future; and being able to pick yourself up and bounce back from life's challenges.

Primary school children will be challenged to go on a nature trail, visit a local landmark or make a treasure map through a new 'passport' of activities launched by the Education Secretary to encourage more family time and help build children's character and resilience.

Endorsed by organisations including the Scouts, Girlguiding and the National Trust – as well as children's charity Action for Children - the list of activities is intended to support parents and schools in introducing children to a wide variety of experiences and fulfilling activities like flying a kite, learning something new about the local area or putting on a performance.

Every week in the newsletter we will give you a suggested activity for EYFS/KS1 and KS2

EYFS/KS1 - Taste a new fruit

KS2 – Learn to play a game of cards

Please share with your teacher if you have tried one of the activities, we'd love to hear all about it.

Job advert

Holbrook Primary School

Caretaker

£18672-£19446 per annum/pro-rata (£9.68 per hour)

We are looking for a caretaker to join our established team. The successful candidate will act as keyholder and will need to unlock the school buildings each day ensuring that the site is ready and safe for the children to learn. They will also need to undertake odd jobs, routine maintenance, health and safety checks and secure the site at the end of the day, sometimes after hall lettings.

We want a person who:-

- Is energetic, hardworking and has the ability to meet the physical demands of working in a busy environment
- Works well in a team
- Is resourceful, flexible, self-motivated and shows initiative
- Is reliable, punctual and organized
- Has high expectations and takes a pride in their work

10 hours per week. Term time only + 2 weeks during the summer holidays. Hall lettings can continue during the school holidays and unlocking and securing for these may be required.

This is a permanent role. References will be sought.

Closing date (and time): Midday 1st February 2019

Interview date: Thursday 7th February 2019

Commencement date: as soon as possible

Additional information

Please call the school office on 01225 753708 or email admin@holbrook.wilts.sch.uk for an application form.

Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

Job advert

Holbrook Primary School

Learning Support Assistant

£17681-£18672 per annum/pro-rata

This is an exciting opportunity to join our amazing staff team at Holbrook Primary. Initially the post will be largely class based supporting a child in KS1, but the successful candidate may be asked to work in any part of the school as part of our LSA team.

The post will involve:-

- Supporting a child with social and communication difficulties in KS1
- General in-class support in KS1
- Liaising with the class teacher and SENCO
- Working under the direction of the class teacher

The successful candidate will:-

- Have experience of working with children in an educational setting
- Be able to follow direction but also use their own initiative
- Be enthusiastic and committed to our children and our school
- Develop positive relationships with all members of the school community
- Be able to develop a strong working relationship with a child on a 1:1 basis

Visits are welcomed and encouraged.

Hours of work: 9.00 – 12.00 (some flexibility) Monday – Friday term time only Full time/Part time

Contract type: Permanent/Temporary/Maternity cover/Volunteer (Named Pupil contract)

Closing date (and time): Midday Friday 1st February 2019

Interview date: Monday 11th February 2019

Commencement date: ASAP

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PTA NEWS

Next event: School Disco, £2

Tickets on sale NOW from the school office.

Where possible PLEASE purchase your tickets when the school office is quieter at afternoon collection time, and bring the CORRECT payment to Mrs Bridgwater and Mrs Shearman for their fantastic help in our ticket sales.

Disco - Reception/Key Stage 1	Friday 8 th February	4.30pm-5.45pm
- Key Stage 2		5.45pm - 7.00pm

Last Meeting: Monday 21st January

We had a great turnout for our first meeting of the year and were pleased to welcome along Miss Liddell. We debriefed the Christmas fair and Elfridges, and discussed upcoming events. We even gained two new members!

Updates:

Team Chocolate - We are busy making plans for Chocolate Bingo. With 2 sessions, each with line and house prizes on each of 8 games, that's a lot of Chocolate! We would be very grateful of DONATIONS OF CHOCOLATE EGGS any time from now. Thank you.

Team Summer - Hopefully you saw our Facebook post announcing our exciting theme for this year's biggest event of the year. We very much look forward to welcoming you to 'The Greatest Show! @ Holbrook' this May. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more announcements as our planning progresses.

Team Scarecrow - This year we are starting our planning much earlier so we can give you as much notice as possible for choosing.

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