

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th October 2018

Year 1 Educational Visit to Port Lympne Safari Park

Last week, Year 1 went to Port Lympne in Kent. It was a long day for the children but they had a wonderful time. You can read all about it and see some videos and photographs on the class blogs. Here is one recount of the day:

"We went to the Safari Park and we went to the dinosaur forest. We saw lots of animals. My favourite animal was the Meerkat. I liked it when we went on a Safari truck. It as a bumpy ride." **Maiah (1L)**

Thank you to all the staff, parents and other family members who went with the children. By supporting the school in this way you really make a difference.



School Council Visit to The Houses of Parliament

On Wednesday 17th October 2018, the new Holbeach School Councillors went to the Houses of Parliament for a tour of the building and to see how democracy works.

We met our tour guide and went through the security; it was really cool. In the security check, we had to walk through a special door way that beeped and booped as you went through.

Once we were inside, we watched a film about the history of the Houses of Parliament which was very interesting.

Next, we went into the House of Lords. There were lots of red seats everywhere. The seats were covered in velvety leather.

After all that, we went to the Westminster Hall and our tour guide left us and we met with our local Member of Parliament (MP) which is Janet Daby. What a great day! **By Isaac (5C)** Full account and photos available on the school website.

IMPORTANT DATES

HALF TERM

(Mon 22nd Oct - Fri 26th Oct)

Monday 29th October

- INSET Day (school closed to the children on this day)

Tuesday 30th October

- Children return to school at 9am

Wednesday 31st October

- Prospective Parents Open Morning - 9:30am (parents of children starting school in September 2019 will be visiting the school)
- Shakespeare in Schools Performance, 7pm at Greenwich Theatre (children in Years 5/6 are performing 'Twelfth Night')

Thursday 1st November

- Year 6 and Reception Height and Weight Check
- Parents Evening (4pm - 6pm)

Friday 2nd November

- Lewisham Youth Theatre Taster Event (Year 5/6)
- Friends of Holbeach Cake and Fruit Sale (3:20pm)

Attendance and Punctuality

The overall attendance for this half term at Holbeach was **94.9%** which is not good enough. The National Expectation is 96%.

Below are the attendance records for each class.

Class	Attendance	No. of Lates
RLH	97.4%	21
RW	99.3%	32
1B	96.7%	15
1L	94.4%	40
1SJ	94.9%	6
2K	93.6%	41
2S	86.8%	15
2T	95%	9
3B	97.2%	4
3C	93%	16
3G	96%	16
4A	90.3%	13
4S	95.9%	36
5C	97.2%	20
5D	95.8%	32
6F	97.2%	1
6L	92.2%	20

Thank You Mr Martin!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Martin, father of Max in 2T, for nominating Holbeach to receive a Literacy Toolkit gift from the National Literacy Trust. It included 50 new books for the school and free membership for the staff.



Free Swimming Lessons

On the back of this newsletter there is information about swimming lessons that will take place during the half term holiday and are free to access for children attending Holbeach Primary School. Please read full details over-leaf.



Lewisham Swimming: Free top-up school swimming lessons



In Partnership between Saxon Crown and Fusion Lifestyle free school top-up swimming sessions are available for students at Lewisham primary schools.

The sessions are provided to help swimmers improve and achieve the National Curriculum standard in swimming. The National Curriculum aims for children to be able to swim competently using a variety of strokes.

The sessions are for Lewisham Primary School Pupils in Year 3 and above.

The sessions will be running at Glass Mill Leisure Centre during the October half term from Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th.

To register interest please email: Lewishamswimming@gmail.com

Please Note: You can only book via this email, not through the centre directly.

There are 4 sessions:

- 9.00 – 9.45 a.m. **Confident** – can swim lengths (25m) comfortably using all strokes and in deep water. 9.45 – 10.30 a.m. **Improver** – can swim on their front and back competently for 10m +
- 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. **Beginner** – can swim and is comfortable in water but cannot swim on both front and back.
- 1.15 – 12.00 a.m. **Non-Swimmer** – no or limited previous swimming experience.

When you apply you will be assigned a time-slot. The sessions times are based on pupil ability, so you must attend the session you are allocated. This will be the same time slot daily for each session. Please be aware that if your child is not suitable for a level you have requested they may lose their space.

Please include the following:

- A contact number,
- Your child's name,
- School attending,
- Year group
- Stage level of swimmer – Swim England 1 – 7 or equivalent (if known).
- Any medical information or special requirements. If there are none, please state "no requirements".

Kind regards,
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