

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th November 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 13th November

- Year 3 and 4 Lewisham Athletics Competition

Wednesday 14th November

- Year 4 Educational Visit to Southwark Cathedral

Thursday 15th November

- 4S Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall - parents/carers welcome)

Saturday 17th November

- The Holbeach Girls and Boys football teams begin to compete in the Lewisham League (Blackheath 10am)

Thursday 22nd November

- Prospective Parents Open Morning (9:30am in the school Hall)
- 1B Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall - parents/carers welcome)

Tuesday 27th November

- Year 5 and 6 Lewisham Athletics Competition

Thursday 29th November

- Year 2 Memorable Experience - Toy Exhibition (9:15am parents are invited to visit)
- 3C Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall - parents/carers welcome)

Saturday 1st December

- The Holbeach Girls and Boys football teams begin to compete in the Lewisham League (Blackheath 10am)

Monday 3rd December

- Parent Open Afternoon 3:20pm - 4pm (a chance to look at your child's work and see the progress they are making)

6L Class Assembly

On Thursday 6L performed a very memorable class assembly. They definitely made an impression on the audience:

"It was brilliant. They showed us all sorts of things that they have learned about the Ancient Egyptians. They played a video that they had made that showed us how to mummify a real fish. It was pretty disgusting. I really liked the song they sang about the Amazing Ancient Egyptians and I think the children in 6L are really good actors because I could hear everything they said and the expressions they used." **Poppy (4A)**
"I really liked it when they acted out a demonstration of how to mummify a real person. It reminded me of a Horrible History episode. It was funny when they asked the dead body "Are you dead?" and the body replied, "Yes!" I can't wait until I am in Year 6 because I want to Mummify a fish and scoop out its guts! **Malachi (5C)**

Poppy Appeal

This week, the Holbeach School Council have been supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies, rubbers and other items before and after school.



During the Key Stage 2 Music Assembly on Tuesday, the children also had an opportunity to observe a minutes silence to think about those who have lost their lives in all wars.

The School Council will be letting us know how much they raised shortly.

Thank you Mrs Howes and the School Council for all your hard work.

Year 5 Educational Visit to The Horniman Museum

Recently, both Year 5 classes spent the morning at The Horniman Museum looking at the different sea life that are looked after in the Aquarium there.

The children sketched pictures of the creatures to support them with the Art element of the topic this term.

Eventually, they will be creating water colour painting of fish.



What a Waste...

The School Council have been thinking about ways we can reduce the environmental waste here at Holbeach. They have also been thinking of ways that we can save the school some money.

As a result of this, we would like to announce some changes to the format of the weekly newsletter.

Currently, we produce over 450 copies of the newsletter to go home with every child, every week. Effectively, this means if you have more than one child at the school you are receiving duplicate copies. As well as the environmental impact, there is also a considerable cost implication. We feel that this is money that could be better spent on resources for use within the classroom.

We acknowledge that a weekly newsletter is very important, in terms of celebrating achievement, communicating key dates, messages and current areas of focus across the school. We also accept that it is an area where unnecessary wastage does occur.

Therefore, from January 2019, the Holbeach weekly newsletter will only be available electronically. It will be **emailed to you** on the Friday of each week and a copy will be available from the school website on the same day. **It is vital that we have your email address on our school system.**



School Term Dates (2018–19)

School Term Dates for Lewisham schools in the year 2018–19
(as agreed by Mayor and Cabinet)

Autumn Term

Monday 3 September to Friday 19 October (35 days)
Half term: Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October
Monday 29 October to Friday 21 December (40 days)

Spring Term

Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February (30 days)
Half term: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February
Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April (30 days)

Summer Term

Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May (23 days)
Half term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July (37 days)*

Holbeach Primary School INSET Days (school is closed to the pupils on these days)

Monday 3rd September
Monday 29th October
Monday 7th January
*Monday 22nd July
*Tuesday 23rd July

Public Holidays

Christmas Day: Tuesday 25 December 2018
Boxing Day: Wednesday 26 December 2018
New Year's Day: Tuesday 1 January 2019
Good Friday: Friday 19 April 2019
Easter Monday: Monday 22 April 2019
Early May bank holiday: Monday 6 May 2019
Spring bank holiday: Monday 27 May 2019
Summer bank holiday: Monday 26 August 2019