

# Holbeach

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th March 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Saturday 30th March

- Holbeach Football Teams competing in the Lewisham League (Blackheath 10am)

#### Monday 1st April - Friday 5th April

- 12 pupils from a school in Finland visiting Holbeach to compare life in London with their home town (**Thank you to our host families for looking after them!**)

#### Tuesday 2nd April

- Year 5 Educational Visit to Crystal Palace for "Funfair Physics" workshop
- Parent Drop-In Afternoon (3:20pm - 4pm) a chance to look at the work your child has completed in class.

#### Wednesday 3rd April - Thursday 4th April

- Easter Bunny visiting Holbeach (every child takes part in an egg hunt).

#### Thursday 4th April

- 2K Class Assembly (9:15am for parents/carers)
- Friends of Holbeach 'Easter Egg Tombola'

#### Friday 5th April

- Term Ends at 1:30pm or 3:20pm (you can collect your children at either time but not in between)

Spring Holiday (Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April)

#### Tuesday 23rd April

- Summer Term begins (all children expected at school by 9am)

#### Wednesday 24th April

- Big Bus Book Sale (a mobile book sale is coming in to the Holbeach playground for the day)

**A full calendar of events is available on the school website.**



### Design & Technology Lego Workshop - Year 5

On Monday, the children in Year 5 designed, built and evaluated a Lego city.

The children (and adults!) had so much fun creating the city and developed some key skills such as perseverance during the process.

"It was good because we got to interact with new people that we don't normally interact with. It's an experience that we will remember!" **Joel (5D)**

"When things broke we would find pieces that we thought would make it better. If we thought it didn't look good we would take it apart and do it again keep on carrying on until it was our best. It helped make my imagination grow" **Delano (5C)**

### Year 2 - Fire Safety Workshop

"On Monday, some firemen came to our school. First we took turns to get in the Fire Engine. Then we lined up to hold the hose and splash the water all around the place! I also got to wear a helmet which was heavy.

After that, we went into the hall to learn all about fire safety. The firemen asked us questions about what to do if there was a fire. We told them about the fire drill we do in school. Some children even got to wear the proper fire-proof jacket.

My favourite part was squirting the water out of the hose and wearing the jacket. It was a really fun day." **Kehinde (2T)**



### Year 4 Science Workshop

This week, the children in Year 4 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit St. Dunstan's Secondary school to take part in a Science Workshop about the digestive system.

Through lots of physical and interactive ways, the children learned about the roles of different organs inside the body, as well as about enzymes and different cells.

This free event really consolidated what they had found out in a recent workshop the children had taken part in here at Holbeach. It also helped the children prepare for their memorable experience later in the week.



### Road Safety Message

We have had complaints from several of our parents/carers and local residents about the safety of our children when leaving the school at the end of the day.

We would like to remind you again of the following:

- **Walking or cycling to school is the healthiest, most environmentally friendly way to travel to school. Let's limit the number of cars on the roads.**
- Parking on the yellow lines or on the pavement is extremely dangerous as children (and adults) may be hit by the vehicle and they cannot cross the road safely.
- Although the speed limit on Doggett Road is 20mph, it is vital that cars driving along this road at the beginning and end of the day drive slowly and carefully.
- Obstructing other road users and residents driveways causes bad feeling amongst our community.

Please be good role models for your children and treat our neighbours with respect.



Thursday 4th April @ 3.20pm

The Friends of Holbeach will be holding  
an Easter Egg Tombola & Cake Sale

Please help support this event by donating an  
Easter Egg or cake (either shop bought or homebaked)

Please leave Egg donations with the office between 26th March -  
2nd April; cake donations after 3rd April.

Thank you for your support - it is very much appreciated.



## **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 offered to help swimmers progress towards the National Curriculum standards in swimming. The National Curriculum aims for children to be able to swim competently using a variety of strokes, and develop skills in safe self-rescue.

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

The sessions will be running at Glass Mill Leisure Centre during the Easter holidays;

Week 1) 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> of April & Week 2) 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> of April

To register interest please email: [Lewishamswimming@gmail.com](mailto:Lewishamswimming@gmail.com)

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

There are 4 sessions:

1. 9.00 – 9.45 a.m. Confident – can swim lengths (25m) comfortably using different strokes and in deep water.
2. 9.45 – 10.30 a.m. Improver – can swim on their front and back competently for 10m +
3. 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. Beginner – can swim and is comfortable in water but cannot swim on both front and back.
4. 11.15 – 12.00 a.m. Non-Swimmer – no or limited previous swimming experience.

Once you apply you will be assigned a time-slot for the week. 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 have to attend another time slot.

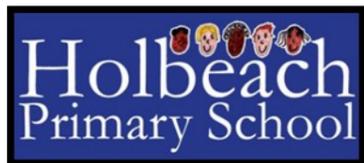
Please include the following:

- Week 1 or 2
- A contact number,
- Your child's name,
- School attending,
- Year group (3 – 6 or only)
- 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".

Once we have your request we will confirm you have been successful in your application.

Best regards,  
Lewisham Swimming





## Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Feedback from parents/carers is one of the best ways of helping the school to develop and improve. Please could you take the time to complete this questionnaire and send it back to the school office.

Statement	Strongly Agree	Tend to Agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child likes school.				
2. My child is making good progress.				
3. Behaviour is good in this school.				
4. My child gets the right amount of work to do at home.				
5. The teaching at this school is good.				
6. I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on at school.				
7. I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions				
8. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his/her best				
9. The school works closely with parents.				
10. The school is well led and managed.				
11. The school is helping my child become mature and responsible.				
12. The school provides an interesting range of activities outside of lessons.				
13. I know how to help my child get better at Reading, Writing and Maths				
14. I know how to keep my child safe online				
15. The school's website is useful and provides me with the information I need.				
16. I continue to receive and read the school newsletter now that it is sent by email.				

What more could we do to help you support your child in Reading, Writing and Maths?

What 3 things would most improve Holbeach Primary School?

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