

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th September 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 3rd October

- National Poetry Day (special assembly)

Friday 4th October

- Year 5 Educational Visit to Deptford Creekside (River Study)

Monday 7th October

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

Tuesday 8th October

- School Council Educational Visit to The Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 9th October

- Year 1 Educational Visit to a Safari Park at Port Lympne
- School Photographer (taking individual and family photographs)

Thursday 10th October

- School Photographer (taking individual and family photographs)
- Parents Evening (3:40pm - 6pm)

Monday 14th October

- Friends of Holbeach Annual General Meeting (8pm in the school house)

Wednesday 16th October

- Parents Evening (3:40pm - 7pm)

See website for full calendar

Reception Request

Do you have any **old wellington boots** that you are willing to donate to the school so that the children can enjoy the wet weather in early years?



of the toys were made out of wood and others had been made out of recycled rubbish. My favourite toy was a puppet that could turn into Little Red Riding or the wolf." **By Scarlett and Rebekah (2T) - More Photos on the class blog**

Year 2 Educational Visit to The Horniman Museum

"First we looked at some animals that had been stuffed and put on display. The walrus was enormous!

After that we had our toy workshop. A lady showed us how some of the toys worked, where they were from in the world and what they were made of.

We got to try out some of the toys. Some

Goodbye Ayse

It is very unusual for us to mark the departure from the school of someone who is not actually an employee of the school.

However, Ayse Gokensel has served the children and families of Holbeach for more than twenty years and it would be remiss of us not to mark the end of her time here without saying a great big: **"THANK YOU AYSE"**

Ayse has worked as a playworker in the breakfast club, as a Midday Meal Supervisor and more recently as the deputy chef in the kitchen.

We are sure that you join us in wishing Ayse the very best in her next endeavours.



Year 6 Educational Visit to The British Museum

This week, Year 6 visited the British Museum to see some real Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We saw sphinxes, sarcophagus, canopic jars, shabtis, mummies and the Rosetta Stone.

We completed a booklet from the museum that made us search for particular artefacts. Some of them were really hard to find.

Our favourite artefacts were the mummies because the box they were kept in had so much detail. **By Aarush and Myron (6F) - More Photos on the class blog**



A Message From the Friends of Holbeach (FoH)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - see page 4

The Friends of Holbeach will be holding our AGM on Monday 14th October 2019 at 8pm in the School House. Please come along and get involved. This is a great opportunity to find out what the FOH do. The committee will be elected for the coming year.

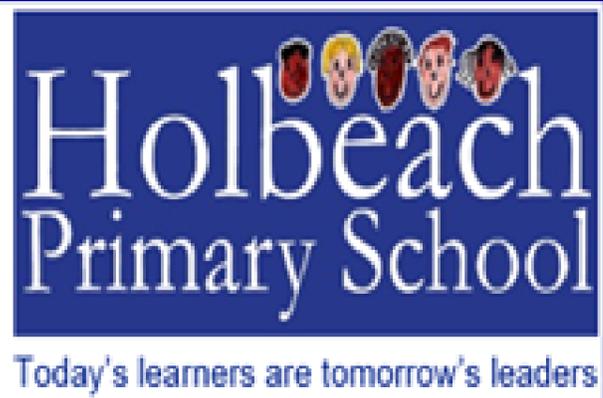
If you are already a committee member or would like to become a committee member and you can't make it please email **friendsofholbeach@gmail.com**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: HOLBEACH GOVERNING BOARD

On behalf of the governors, I would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have started at Holbeach this September. I know from Mr Bulpitt and from the photographs on the class blogs that they have settled in well and that they are thoroughly enjoying their new learning opportunities.

Last week the Holbeach Governing Board held its first meeting of the new school year.

We were sorry to record a formal good-bye to **Patricia Stevenson** who has decided, in the light of new commitments, to stand down as parent governor. We shall miss her greatly and thank her for more than 3 years of dedication and determination to do her utmost to support and develop the school. Patricia had a particular interest in Health & Safety and was a particularly active link governor in that role.

Luckily we had recognised last term that this was an area of expertise we wished to strengthen and we have been fortunate to co-opt Glenys Englert who joins us as a governor from this term. As a qualified children's librarian, Glenys brings a wealth of knowledge of children's reading, but also her experience of managing Health & Safety during Lewisham's library refurbishment schemes. Patricia's resignation leaves a vacancy for a parent governor.

Please keep an eye out for a letter from Mr Bulpitt asking for nominations. If more than one person is interested, the school will hold an election in which all parents and carers will be entitled to vote. His letter will also let you know about times you can discuss the role of parent governor with one of us and find out what the commitment entails.

Apart from organisational and policy matters, our main focus of interest at this meeting was the School Development Plan. Governors had already discussed the main areas for improvement with Mr Bulpitt last term, but this was our opportunity to read and comment on the detailed draft that has been written by school leaders. As we indicated in an earlier governors' update, a review of the school's Travel Plan is included in the plan. Once the plan has been finalised it will be published on the school website.

We look forward to seeing you at school events and open evenings and finding out more about your views on the school.

Yours Sincerely

Val Edwards
Chair of the Governing Board



Following the success of the Friends of Holbeach trip to the Pantomime at The Broadway Theatre last year, we have once again reserved 200 tickets in the raised stalls for the families of Holbeach. The pantomime this year will be: **Beauty and the Beast**.

Tickets are £16 each for Sunday the 22nd December at 4.30pm .Under 2's can sit on a lap for free. If you would like tickets please send your money into the office with the attached form or if you cannot print a piece of paper with all details in an envelope marked pantomime.

Child's name Class.....

How many adults..... Children..... Under 2's.....

Please note that if there are any special requirements (i.e. aisle seat) we will do our best to meet this.

Tickets will be purchased once we have received all requests so please be patient.

Any enquiries please email j.common@ntlworld.com

7 reasons to Join Friends of Holbeach



1. Your child benefits

Friends of Holbeach is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided extras for the school, including subsidising educational visits, making the playground a better place, buying new books and equipment and treats for the children on special occasions.

2. To make a difference

As well as fundraising FoH organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. In the past FoH has organised the school disco, cake sales, Christmas jamboree, a fun run and the summer fair. These events create a real sense of community and benefits the children.

3. We have fun

Being part of FoH is a fun and rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to make new connections.

4. Make friends

Many friendships develop from being part of FoH. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience and many long-lasting friendships are formed while being part of FoH.

5. Feel involved

Every parent is welcome to our meetings - we love to see new members. Please consider coming to our FoH meetings, AGM or volunteer a few hours of your time at an event. It's a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.

6. Give a helping hand

We realise that every parent is busy so we welcome job sharing roles in FoH. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.

7. Keep Friends of Holbeach going

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that FoH will no longer be around to provide this valued resource. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents to take over FoH.

Welcome to Friends of Holbeach. For more information email: friendsofholbeach@gmail.com; or join our facebook page *Friends of Holbeach School*.