

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 10th September

- Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting (6pm - enter via the black gates on Doggett Road)

Wednesday 24th September

- Year 2 Educational Visit to The Horniman Museum (with Toy Workshop)

Thursday 26th September

- Friends of Holbeach Play Street

Friday 4th October

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

Monday 7th October

- Parent/Carer Drop In afternoon (a chance to look at your child's work) 3:20pm – 4pm

Wednesday 9th October

- Year 1 Educational Visit to Port Lympne (Dinosaur Safari)
- School Photographer visiting Holbeach

Parents of children in Year 1

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your cooperation at the end of the school day.

This year we are trialling Year 1 children being collected from their class door (rather than the playground) and so far it has been a success.

Please note that the gateway entrance to the Year 1 outside area is quite narrow so it is important to leave a space near it and not congregate around it so that other parents/carers can get in and out.

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to all of the Holbeach children, parents, friends and family. We hope that you had a restful summer. In the same email as this newsletter there is further information about the knowledge and skills that your children will be learning during the Autumn Term. The topic titles are:

Nursery - "Getting to know you" and "Light and dark"

Reception - "It's fun to be me" & "Up above and down below"

Year 1 - Paws, Claws and Roars

Year 2 - Toys and Games

Year 3 - A Victorian Childhood

Year 4 - Tudor Times - A Banquet for Henry

Year 5 - Water, Water Everywhere

Year 6 - A Civilization Long Ago - Ancient Egyptians

INSET DAYS

Every year, the school has 5 INSET days which can be used for staff training and development.

For this academic year, Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September were the first two of these days and we are pleased to be able to confirm that the other 3 dates will be:

- Monday 28th October**
- Monday 20th July**
- Tuesday 21st July**

School will be closed to children on each of these days. This will mean that the school will break up for the Summer Holidays on 17th July 2020.

Construction Equipment

Please help us if you can...

The children in Key Stage One love using different construction resources (e.g. Mobilio, Lego, Duplo) to enhance their learning opportunities but we are beginning to run low on this equipment.

If you have any building resources like Lego at home, that you no longer have use for, please bring them in to the school office and we promise to put them to good use.

Comics / Puzzles

If you have any old comics or jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces!) that you no longer need, the Holbeach Early Years are great at using these to enhance the children's learning. Please bring them to the school office marked for Mrs Wilson (Early Years Phase Leader).

Secondary Transfer Meeting

If you are a parent of a child in Year 6 you will be beginning to think about completing the Secondary transfer form online.

These online applications must be completed by 31st October 2019.

To support you with the process we are holding an information meeting on **Tuesday 10th September at 6pm in the Key Stage One hall.**

Please enter via the main gates on Doggett Road.

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals)

If you are currently receiving welfare benefits then you are eligible for Pupil Premium? By registering your eligibility, your child will receive a free school dinner everyday (saving you more than £40 per month) and it would mean Holbeach could receive £1,300 extra, to support your child's education.

This money is used to pay for extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after-school activities.

For further details please visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Survey and prize draw: final chance to enter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Lewisham Council want to hear from parents about their experiences of trying to find childcare in the borough, from the early years up to breakfast and after school clubs.

We have a short online survey which we would like you to complete.

Parents simply need to follow this link:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LewishamParents

The survey is in its final week, and takes just 5-10 minutes to complete.

All parents who complete the survey will be entered into a PRIZE DRAW to win shopping vouchers worth £100!

The deadline for parents to complete it is **Monday 16th September.**

Kind regards,

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