

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th October 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14th October

- Year 4 Educational Visit to Hampton Court
- Friends of Holbeach Annual General Meeting (8pm in the school house)

Wednesday 16th October

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

Thursday 17th October

- Year 5 visit to The Horniman Museum (sketching)

Friday 18th October

- Friends of Holbeach Cake and Fruit Sale (3:20pm - 3:45pm)
- School Breaks up for Half Term Holiday at 3:20pm

HALF TERM

(Mon 21st Oct - Fri 25th Oct)

Monday 28th October

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

Tuesday 29th October

- Term Begins at 9am

Wednesday 30th October

- Prospective Parents Open Morning - 9:30am (parents of children starting school in September 2020 will be visiting the school)
- Shakespeare in School Performance at The Albany Theatre (children in Years 5/6 are performing A Mid Summer Nights Dream')

Monday 4th November

- Parent Drop In Afternoon, a chance to see your child's work in class (3:20pm - 4pm)



Year 1 Educational Visit to Port Lympne Safari Park

"At Port Lympne, we had a ride on the safari truck and saw lots of animals. We saw giraffes, rhinos, ostriches and antelope (to name a few!).

Then, we walked through the dinosaur forest and found out a lot of facts about different dinosaurs.

After that, we spotted a cheetah before walking up a big hill and seeing the monkeys and gorillas.

We had a great day and everyone behaved so well. Thank you to the parents who came with us and helped us so much." **By Year 1**



Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who came to the Parents Evening this week. If you did not attend, please ensure that you have arranged an appointment with the class teacher, either for the Parents Evening next week (Wednesday 16th October) or at another time that is suitable to them.

These meetings are vital opportunities to find out how hard your child is working at school and what you can do to help them at home.

Contact Details

There are still one or two parents/carers who appear to be uncontactable in the event of an emergency.

Please ensure that the school office has your most up-to-date mobile phone number and e-mail address and a list of any other emergency contacts.

Year 5 - River Study

Last Friday, the children in Year 5 had a wonderful time on their Geography field trip to Deptford Creekside.

This unique Educational Visit involves measuring the depth of the river and the speed at which it flows at different points and comparing them.

As you can see from the picture, it is a very hands-on experience that is often regarded as one of the best they go on by the children.



A Message from the Friends of Holbeach (FoH)

Our AGM is fast approaching and we would like as many people as possible to come along and discuss the role of the FoH and the dates for the exciting events for the forthcoming year. These events are:

- Friday 18th October 2019: **Cake & Fruit Sale with spooky treats.**
- Friday 29th November 2019: **Christmas Jumper & Toy Sale.**
- Friday 13th December: **Winter Jumper Day**
- Tuesday 17th December 2019: **Christmas Jamboree**
- Sunday 1st March 2020: **Sponsored Half-Marathon (Big Half)**
- Friday 13th March 2020: **School Disco**
- Thursday 2nd April 2020: **Easter Egg Tombola & Cake Sale**
- Saturday 16th May 2020: **Fun Run in Ladywell Fields**
- Saturday 27th June 2020: **Summer Fair**

Pupil Premium

Why is Pupil Premium important to me?

Did you know that you could be eligible to receive free school lunches for your child? This could be a saving of more than £40 a month per child and the school would also receive more than £1300 to enhance your child's education.

This initiative, which is known as Pupil Premium, is currently **under used by families at Holbeach**. Research shows that approximately 40% of families at Holbeach could be eligible. However only 20% have taken advantage of this opportunity.

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding for schools in England to raise the attainment of pupils of all abilities, whose families are in receipt of benefits, and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

Why apply?

As well as providing a free hot lunch for your child (worth more than £40 a month) those who qualify for Pupil Premium can also benefit from:

- Free attendance to Extra-Curricular clubs.
- The opportunity for 1:1 Maths tuition in Year 5 & 6
- Contributions towards the cost of Educational Visits and School Journeys

By using the Pupil Premium funding wisely, Holbeach has ensured that -

“The differences are diminishing between disadvantaged pupils, including the most able, and their peers. In some year groups, they are outperforming other pupils.” OFSTED June 2017.

Who is eligible?

- You are eligible to apply for Pupil Premium if you receive:
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on'

How do I apply?

Registering is really quick and easy – you can check your eligibility online and get an immediate answer (there is a direct link from the school's website).

If your application is successful, please complete our school form and return to the school office.

If you have any problems with applying for this support, please contact the school office for support by calling 020-8690-4713 or come and talk to Miss Felton in the playground.