

Friday 8th November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th November

- 3G Educational Visit to The Ragged School Museum
- Lewisham Youth Theatre Taster Sessions

Tuesday 12th November

- 3C Educational Visit to The Ragged School Museum
- Year 6 Educational Visit to The Junior Citizenship

Wednesday 13th November

- 3K Educational Visit to The Ragged School Museum

Thursday 21st November

- Prospective Parents Open Morning (9:30am in the school Hall)

Friday 22nd November

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

Saturday 23rd November

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

Wednesday 27th November

- Year 4 Memorable Experience (Tudor Banquet)

Thursday 28th November

- Year 2 Memorable Experience - Toy Exhibition (9:15am parents are invited to visit)

Friday 29th November

- Friends of Holbeach Jumper/Toy Sale (3:20pm in the playground)

Monday 2nd December

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

See website for the full school diary.



New Nursery Entrance Unveiled

Over the first half of the Autumn Term the builders have been finishing the new entrance to the Holbeach Nursery at the Ladywell site.

On Tuesday this week, the new entrance was used for the very first time. We even held a small opening ceremony (and Mrs Collette cut a ribbon).

All of the parents/carers present said how useful the new entrance was and how much easier it is to enter now.



Poppy Appeal

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



On 11th November (during the Whole School Assembly) the children will have 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.

Specialist Tennis Lessons

Over the course of the school year, Michael Stephens, a local tennis coach, and his team of coaches will be providing every child at Holbeach with specialist Tennis lessons as part of their PE programme.

This week Year 1 took part in their first lessons with one happy child saying, "That was so much fun. I can throw and catch really well now."

Michael is also running a lunch time club for some children in Year 3 who will play in a tournament later on this year.

Christmas Productions

We are pleased to announce the dates of the Christmas Productions so that you have enough time to make any arrangements that will allow you to attend.

Please note that, once again, Year 6 will be holding a Carol Concert rather than performing a play.

The dates and times are as follows:

- **Nursery** - Wednesday 18th December (11am)
- **Reception** - Tuesday 3rd December (9:30am)
- **Year 1** - Friday 13th December (9:30am)
- **Year 2** - Tuesday 10th December (9:30am)
- **Year 3** - Tuesday 17th December (7pm)
- **Years 4 & 5** - Wednesday 18th December (7pm)
- **Year 6** (Carol Concert) - Tuesday 10th December (7pm)



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 address, mobile telephone number and e-mail address.

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?

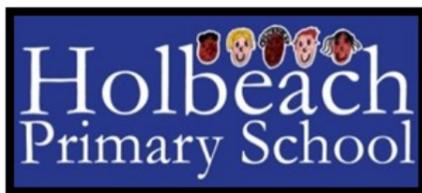
- You are eligible to apply for Pupil Premium if you receive:
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working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



School Term Dates (2019–20)

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd September to Friday 18th October

Half term: Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December

Spring Term

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Summer Term

Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May

Half term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June to Tuesday 21st July

(Please note that the children will be breaking up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July at 1:30pm)

Holbeach Primary School INSET Days

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Monday 28th October
- Monday 20th July
- Tuesday 21st July

Public holidays

- Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December 2019
- Boxing Day: Thursday 26th December 2019
- New Year's Day: Wednesday 1st January 2020
- Good Friday: Friday 10th April 2020
- Easter Monday: Monday 13th April 2020
- Early May bank holiday: Monday 4th May 2020
- Spring bank holiday: Monday 25th May 2020
- Summer bank holiday: Monday 27th August 2020

Term dates for 2020-21 are also available on the school website.