

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th January 2020

Year 5 School Journey to Wick Court Farm

This week, 34 children from Year 4 and Year 5 (and 4 adults) have braved the wind and the rain to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of working on a farm.

The children worked hard looking after the animals and tending to the different crops. They also got the opportunity to experience life in a rural community.

Our thanks go to Mr Davis, Mr Parrott, Mrs Howes and Mrs Gibbs for giving up their own time to look after the children and help them to make the most of this amazing opportunity. (Full details on website)



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th January

- Acorn Estate Agents have arranged for a Storyteller to visit the school and run workshops with Year 1 and Year 3

Tuesday 21st January

- Year 3 Educational Visit to The Shard

Wednesday 22nd January

- Chinese New Year Assembly and workshops for Year 5
- Year 2 Drama Workshop with Rainbow Theatre Company (The Great Fire of London)

Thursday 23rd January

- Years 5 & 6 Lewisham Basketball Competition (Holbeach Teams competing)

Friday 24th January

- 6L Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall for parents and carers)
- Year 1 Reading Workshop for Parents (9:15am)

Thursday 30th January

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

Friday 31st January

- Vision/Hearing check for the children in Reception.



Dancing in the Playground!

In December, Friends of Holbeach bought the school a boom box for the playground as a Christmas Present.

This week, the children in Key Stage One have been taking the opportunity to try it out (as well as trying out their own special dancing moves).

The boom box will be on the KS1 Roof Top Playground every day to add a bit of extra music and creativity to playtimes. The children are clearly loving it.



Year 4 Visit Tate Britain

On Wednesday, Year 4 went to the Tate Britain Art gallery to visit Steve McQueen's Year 3 exhibition (which they were subjects in). They had the opportunity to find the photo that was taken of them last year and also to look around at all the other school children involved in the project. It was fantastic to see the future of London in one room.

They were encouraged to think about how they are connected with the other subjects and to make lots and lots of noise in the huge hall! The children were incredibly well behaved all day. Many thanks to the mums, dads and carers who supported this visit.



Class Assemblies

At Holbeach, every class has the opportunity to perform a class assembly each year. These assemblies usually take place on a Thursday and show case the children's learning. **Parents are invited to attend the assembly, which begins at 9:15am.** The children then perform the assembly again to the rest of the school at 10:15am.

This term the following classes will be performing their assembly:

- 6L - 24th January
- 4S - 30th January
- 3G - 6th February
- 2S - 13th February
- 3K - 12th March
- 2T - 19th March
- 4A - 26th March
- 1L - 2nd April

Reminders of these dates are on the school's website.

Road Safety on Doggett Road

A number of parents have spoken with staff about their fears for their children's safety on Doggett Road before and after school. In the last Parent Questionnaire it came out as the number one thing that parents wanted to change.

The School Council continue to lobby Lewisham Council to see if there is anything that the school can do to calm the traffic and prevent the unsafe parking.

Please play your part by driving slowly on the roads that surround the school and by parking considerately and lawfully (i.e. not 'double parking' or covering the fire gates and ensuring that children are able to see on coming traffic).

Better still, if you can avoid driving - please walk instead!

P.E. Kits

Unfortunately, there are still a few children who are not coming to school with a suitable PE kit and this is having an impact on their learning in this subject.

All children in school need a P.E. kit to change into. It should consist of:

- A plain white T-shirt
- Well fitting, blue/black/grey cotton shorts (not too long)
- A pair of black plimsolls or trainers
- Short white socks
- A draw-string bag to store them in
- Jogging bottoms may be worn instead of shorts for outdoor PE

All P.E. kits should be clearly marked with your child's name. The kit should be brought into school on Monday morning and taken home on Friday to be washed.

Late Collection

We are concerned that there are an increasing number of children being collected after 3:20pm.

These late collections cost the school a lot of money as we have to pay some staff additional time to be responsible for the children who are left.

Please note that the school has a very clear Charging and Remissions Policy that states:

In cases where a child is not collected within 15 minutes of the end of the school day or after school activity a charge of £5.00 will be made to the parent/carer for the first 15 minutes of non-collection, and then £1.00 thereafter for each minute that the child is not collected.

While we do not wish to issue these fines we are currently being left with little alternative.