

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th February 2020



emerging from the shells!

The children will look after the baby chicks for two weeks (keeping a diary of the experience as they go) before the chicks go back to Famer Ben to live the rest of their Free-Range lives.

Further photographs and information is available via the class blogs.

Year 1 Living Eggs

Farmer Ben brought 20 chick eggs to Holbeach for 1B and 1L to look after them while they begin to hatch.

The eggs were kept in special incubators to keep them nice and warm. The children had great fun keeping a close eye on them and waiting for the first signs of 'pipping'.

By Wednesday morning, the eggs had started to hatch with little brown (female) and yellow (male) chicks



Kurling Pathway Event

On Thursday, eleven children from Years 3 and 4 took part in an exciting new competition in the London Youth Games.

The sport they competed in was Kurling (you may have seen it in the winter Olympics) and the competition took place at Sedgemoor Secondary School.

The children were divided into two teams and each team played three matches against players from other schools.

The Holbeach A team (Emmanuel, Michael, Adam, Zuhair, Amelia and Mems) won one game and lost two games and came second in their group.



The Holbeach B team (Dinushan, Joshua, Eray, Harmony and Anya) won two games and lost the other game and also came second in their group.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor and Miss Gonzales for accompanying the children to this great event.

Specialist Tennis Lessons

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

This week, Year 4 took part in their first lessons with one happy child saying, "At the start of the lesson I couldn't hit the ball with the racket but by the end of the lesson I was doing it really well!"

Later on in the term, some of the children will also have the opportunity to represent the school in a Lewisham Tennis Competition.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 1st March

- Vitality Big Half Marathon (staff and parents running to raise money for the school)

Tuesday 3rd March

- Parent Drop In Afternoon (3:20pm - 4pm) a chance to look at the work your child has completed.

Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day (see page 3 for full details)

Friday 6th March

- Year 6 Educational Visit to Downe House

Thursday 12th March

- 3K Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall for parents and carers)

Friday 13th March

- School Discos (see page 2 for full details).

Tuesday 17th March

- Daffodil Growing Competition Judging

A full calendar of events is

A Message from the Friends of Holbeach (FoH)

A huge team of 55 parents, staff, friends and relatives of Holbeach children will be running a half marathon (13.1 miles) on **Sunday 1st March**. They are aiming to raise money to equip two new therapeutic spaces in the school. If you would like to sponsor the team, please go to the group fundraising page:

<https://wonderful.org/fundraiser/holbeachrunsthebighalf-399a2077>

This link is available via the school website.

The team would really appreciate your support on the day, so if you can come and watch, and cheer your teachers and friends on, please do!

The next major FoH event after the half marathon will be the school disco. Full details are on page two of this newsletter but if you are able to help out at this event please let us know via friendsofholbeach@gmail.com.



HOLBEACH NEON* DISCO!

***WEAR WHITE OR BRIGHT CLOTHES**

Friday 13th March 2020

Disco 1 : 17.00 – 18.30 (KS1 - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2)

Disco 2 : 19.00-20.30 (KS2 - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)

****IMPORTANT****

Child tickets £2. Adult tickets £2. All entrants must purchase a ticket.

Please note that ALL children attending the disco must be accompanied by an adult. One adult can supervise up to 4 children.

Younger siblings will NOT be allowed to attend the disco.

This year we are introducing online ticket purchasing - please therefore be patient with us.

Online ticket link - Disco 1- www.patchworkit.com/31032/KS1-Disco

Online ticket link - Disco 2 - www.patchworkit.com/31034/Disco-KS2

****PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHOOSE EITHER DISCO 1 OR DISCO 2 - WRITE ADULT NAME, CHILD NAME & CLASS IN THE MESSAGE OPTION - YOU WON'T BE ISSUED WITH A TICKET SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU PROVIDE ALL YOUR NAMES - YOUR NAME WILL BE ON A CHECKLIST AT THE DOOR. ONLINE PURCHASE MUST BE MADE BY 4PM ON 12TH MARCH****

Tickets will also be available to buy in the school playground at the following times:

Wednesday 4 March – 3.10 - 3.30

Thursday 5 March - 3.10 - 3.30

Friday 6 March – 3.10 - 3.30

Monday 9 March - 3.10 - 3.30

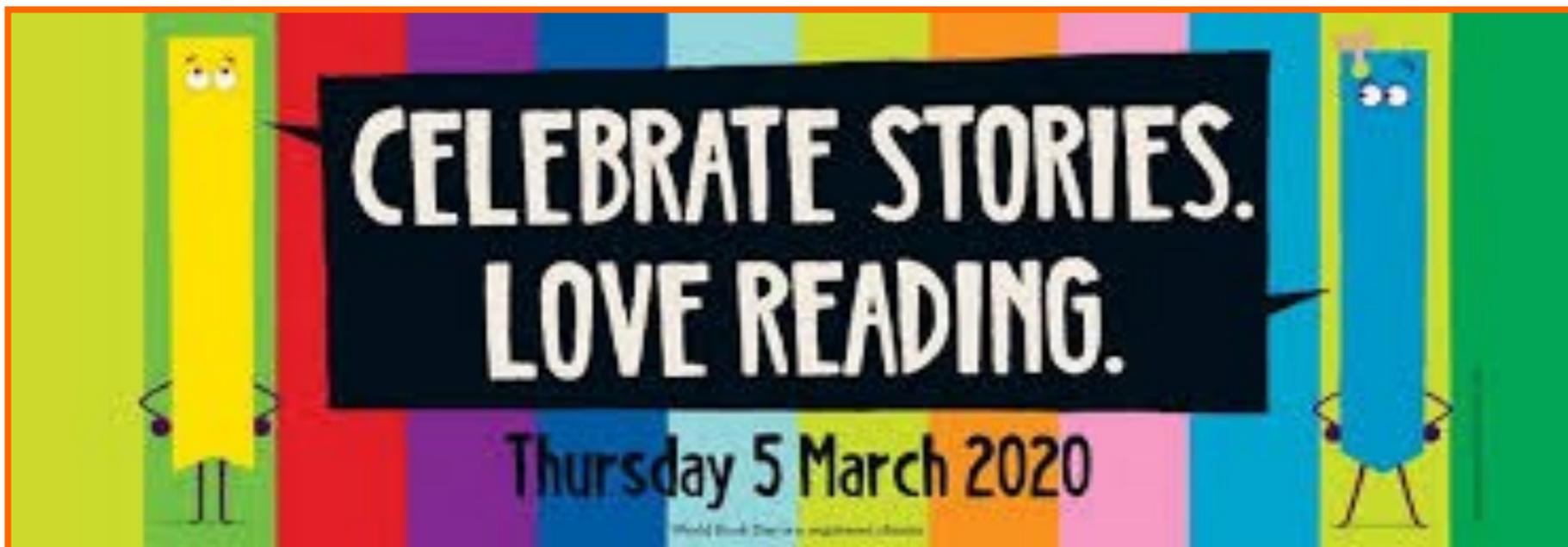
Tuesday 10 March 3:10 - 3:30

Wednesday 11 March 3:10 - 3:30

Thursday 12 March - 3:10 - 3:30

HOTDOGS, SWEETS & DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE DISCO

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we have been busy planning some exciting activities for the children at Holbeach to celebrate the event next week.

Dress up as your favourite book character

On Thursday, 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a story, poem or rhyme. Please do not feel that you need to go out and spend money on this though, as home-made costumes are often more effective!

World Book Day Assembly

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a special whole school assembly on the morning of 5th March.

Book Swap

The children are also invited to bring in a book that they no longer want and swap it for another one. If your child wants to take part in the book swap they need to bring in their book on or before Friday 6th March.

Share a Million Stories

We share stories all the time at Holbeach, but this month we have signed up to The World Book Day nationwide campaign 'Share a Million Stories'. Each time we read a story at home and at school in World Book Day month (between 27th February and 29th March) we will record how many children heard the story (e.g. a class of 30 or an assembly of 400) and submit the numbers online. We will also keep a Share-O-Meter in school to keep count of our shared stories. The aim of the campaign is to help change children's lives by making story-sharing a habit of a lifetime and creating readers for life.

Book Tokens

Each child will receive a £1 book token to spend on one of the special World Book Day books, or they may choose to put the token towards another book of their choice. The tokens have to be redeemed by 29th March, so please don't forget to use them.

Reading at Home

Please support World Book Day by sharing a story every day with your children. Let us know how many you have shared each week via your child's share-O-Meter. Reading together will make a difference to children's lives and their futures.



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools



What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.



If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

Questionnaire regarding a potential Private After School Club in the Catford Area

1. Would you be interested in a new breakfast club / after school club for 4-11 year olds in the Catford area?

(please circle)

Yes

No

If yes, how soon would you need to use the after school club/ breakfast club?

2. Would you be interested in a morning and after-school pick up and drop home service?

(please circle)

Yes

No

3. How many children would you put into breakfast club?

4. How many children would you put into after school club?

5. What's the latest time you would collect your child/children?

(please circle)

4.30pm-5:00pm

5:00pm-6:30pm

6. How often would you use breakfast club/After school club?

7. Would you be interested in a holiday scheme in Catford that would run from 7:30am-6:30pm during all holidays?

(please circle)

Yes

No

8. If your child is already attending an after school service, are you happy with the service?

(please circle)

Yes

No

If no please give details

9. Do you feel the prices are acceptable for what you and your children are getting out of the after school club?

(please circle)

Yes

No

Please note that this survey is not being conducted by Holbeach Primary School but by a potential provider of after school care in the Catford community. However, we would like you to hand in any completed questionnaire's at the school office where we will collect them.