

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2020

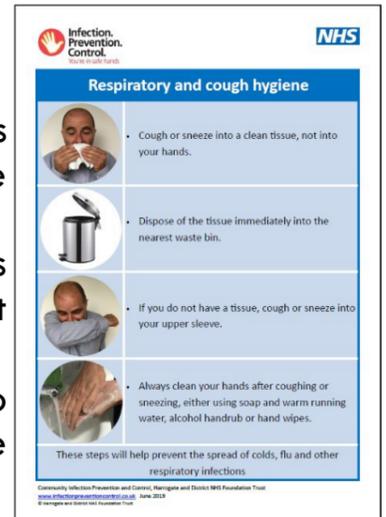
Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff, parents, carers and pupils at Holbeach for demonstrating such high levels of responsibility (one of our core values) in difficult circumstances with regard to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

On page 2 of this weeks newsletter, I have outlined the measures the school is currently taking and how we can all work together to support our community at this time.

If you have any further questions regarding the current advice please refer to the Public Health England website or speak with one of the senior leaders in the playground.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 17th March

- Daffodil Judging day (bring your daffodils into the school dining hall at the start of the school day)

Thursday 19th March

- 2T Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall for parents and carers)
- Year 6 Lewisham Girls Football Competition at Jubilee Playing Fields.

Friday 20th March

- Holbeach School Choir performing at the Alexander Care Home

Wednesday 25th March

- Year 5 Millwall Football Competition

Thursday 26th March

- 4A Class Assembly (9:15am in the school hall for parents and carers)
- Reception Classes taking part in the Lewisham Live Singalong
- Parents Evening (please ensure that you arrive promptly for your agreed appointment time)

A full calendar of events is available on the school website.

Year 6 Educational Visit to Down House



“To get to Down House we had to take a train, walk and then get a bus.

Once we there, we saw the house. It was really impressive, it seemed bigger than our school! Charles Darwin and his family used to live there.

We went for a tour around the house. We saw lots of paintings, sculptures, models and stuffed animals.

During the tour, we also saw the yard where

Darwin did most of his experiments (he didn't have a big fancy laboratory). We found out a LOT about Darwin's research into the evolution of different animals.” **By Malachi and Rubaat (6F)**

3K Class Assembly

Congratulations to 3K for the amazing class assembly that they produced on Thursday. The children demonstrated what they had learned about rocks and fossils this term and they did this in a really interesting way.

First they introduced the different rock types and after that, they introduced us to a fossil collector called Mary Anning who became one of the most famous people in person for finding fossils.

More photographs and memories are available on the class blog.



Year 2 meet the Fire Brigade

On Thursday, the children in Year 2 had great fun meeting officers from the local Fire Brigade. They particularly liked trying on the uniforms and trying out the hose pipe!



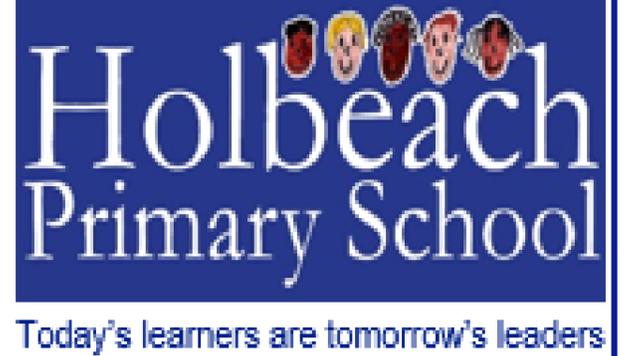
The children were asked to think about fire safety and what they would do in the event of a fire. They were all very clear that they would definitely call for the Fire Brigade and they are certainly glad that we have moved on from the time of the Great Fire of London! More photographs are available on the class blogs.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

I know that we are all concerned about the outbreak of coronavirus/ COVID-19. I am writing to reassure you that at Holbeach Primary School, the health and safety of our pupils is paramount and that **we continue to follow the guidance from Public Health England on the steps we should be taking.**

The Current Advice is:

- Staff and pupils should continue to follow simple personal hygiene processes, especially washing hands more frequently and following the “Catch it, bin it, kill it” strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.
- Staff and pupils should stay at home for 7 days (“self-isolate”) if they have a high temperature and/or a new, continuous cough. This action will help to protect others in the community whilst you are infectious (click here for full details of the advice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>)

In school, we are ensuring that we are keeping the site as clean as we can, to prevent the spread of any virus. We are also ensuring that children are shown how to wash their hands (for example we have held assemblies demonstrating the recommended handwashing technique) and that they are washing their hands regularly throughout the school day.

In line with Health and Safety regulations we would ask that children do not bring their own hand sanitiser into school as these will not have been subject to our risk assessments. We would like to reassure you that **children will always have access to hand washing facilities throughout the school day** and are being encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly on a more regular basis in line with government guidance.

We urge all parents to read the guidance from Public Health England and to ensure that they are following it and taking responsible action, so that we are all working together as a community to prevent the spread of infection.

Please rest assured that the school will continue to be guided by the recommendations of Public Health England and we will keep you informed of any changes to the guidance we receive.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support,

Yours sincerely

Mr Bulpitt
Headteacher