

Holbeach WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2020

Update from Mr Bulpitt

Arrangements for the new school year in September 2020

As you will probably be aware, the government published a new set of safety guidance for the full opening of schools in September 2020 on Thursday 2nd July 2020. We are currently using the guidance to inform our planning/preparation for the new academic year and to update our wide ranging risk assessments.

Our provisional plan continues to be for all of the children in the school to return on Monday 7th September and we aim to share the arrangements for September with you, as far as we are able to, on either Friday 17th July 2020 or Monday 20th July 2020. This will be shared by text (with a weblink) and email so it is vital that we have you most up-to-date contact details on file.

End of Year Reports

Next week, you will be receiving the children's end of year written report from their class teacher. As always, these reports are intended to be a summary of your child's year at school and to provide you with important information about their educational attainment.

The report format this year is a little different to previous years so your feedback on its effectiveness, as ever, will be greatly received.

Meeting your new teacher

Today, you will have received an email, text or letter regarding your child's opportunity to meet their new class teacher. Those children who are entering Year 1 and Year 2 are meeting their teacher in the playground for a very short socially distanced meeting next week. Those entering Year 3 to Year 6 will be taking part in a virtual meeting via Teams or Zoom. While none of these events can replicate the traditional 'meet your new teacher' event, we are hoping that these meetings will, at the very least, provide some re-connection with the school for some of our children.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

From Mr Bulpitt (Headteacher)

PS - Please read page two of the newsletter carefully today as each of the items is an opportunity that should not be missed.

Carnival Time in Year One

The children in Year 1 proved what a resilient group of children they are this week by overcoming the health and safety complexities to hold a vibrant and exciting carnival.

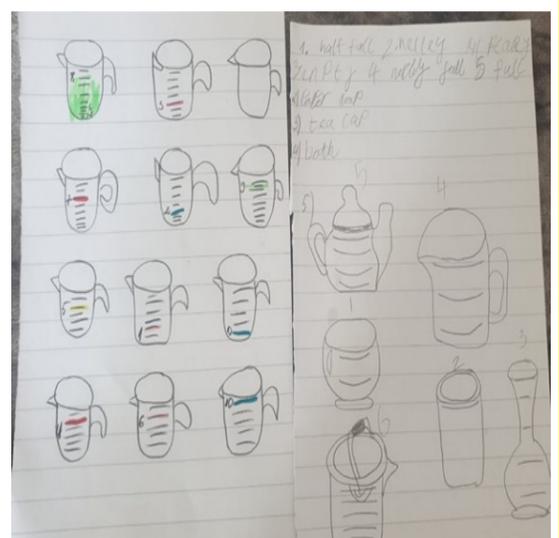
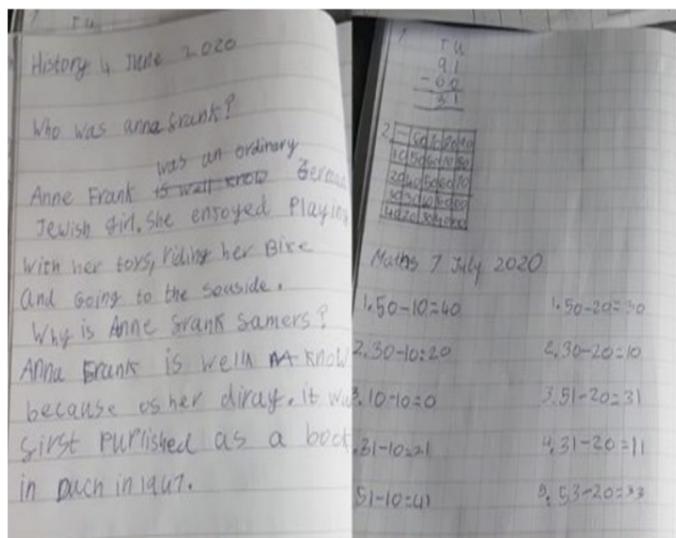
The children showed great creativity and fine motor control when making their costumes and then demonstrated superb physicality when dancing and moving to the music.

You can see it all for yourselves on the 1L or 1B class blogs on the school website.



Distance Learning

Well done to everyone who completed their distance learning this week. Working at home is a great way of showing how 'Responsible' and 'Hardworking' you are! This week's examples come from **Jean (4A)**, **Alex (3C)** and **Sofija (2B)**. You can find many more examples of the work that the children have completed at home this week on the class blogs:





Holbeach Primary School Virtual Summer Fair

Well what a strange year it has been!
As it draws to a close we thought it would be fun to hold our very own Holbeach Virtual Summer Fair.
Please click on the link below and come to the fair to donate and take part.

<https://patchworkit.com/33267/Virtual-Summer-Fair-2020>

The closing date for all entries is **5pm Friday 31st July 2020**, winners will be announced in August, prizes will be given out when school returns in September.

Our fund raising has been hit hard this year so any donation is gratefully received.

FOH would like to say thank you for all your support - have a great summer - hopefully see you in September!

Musical Video Game Summer School

Brave one, join our Musical video Game Summer School

- Join the course, have fun
- Miss out; (

Conductive Music

We joined this world 8 years ago. We helped more than 24,000 students level up and conquer this dungeon. The weapons in this dungeon, our music in music and our creativity points are endless.

What: 5 sessions, 90' each, £38 per household
When: July 27th to 31st, 11am or 3pm, Year 5-8.
Why: Level up, from noob to master in 1 week.
Extra: Achieve your Level 1 CM certification

GET YOUR TICKET

The experience is possible on one device. If you do have access to both a laptop/tablet and a second device or screen the learning experience can be greatly enhanced.

Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed?

If so, and any of the following applies to you, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

- * Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400
- * Income support
- * Income based job seekers allowance
- * Income related employment and support allowance
- * Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190

Please apply online. See the link below.

<https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>



Services for Schools

Lewisham Services for Schools have been asked by the Department for Transport to survey all of the parents/carers in the borough on how their children travel to school.

We have combined this with a survey to ask families about the access children in their homes have to Information Technology (IT) devices and the internet.

Please could you complete the very short survey below (click the link) so that the borough has an accurate understanding of both of these aspects of school life.

Yours sincerely,
Angela Scattergood
Director of Education Services
[Travel and IT home access survey](#)