

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2020

My Maths - Online Teaching Resource

We are excited to announce that we have purchased an online program to support the teaching and learning of Maths at Holbeach. MyMaths is a whole-school interactive resource for use at home that is easy to use alongside any other maths resources or to simply consolidate learning. On Tuesday, we will be sending home a letter with your child's login details and information about how you can support them at home. Each week your child will be set Home Learning Tasks to complete.

MyMaths provides hundreds of lessons paired with self-marking homework tasks for practice and to assess understanding of the lesson content. Lessons and homework tasks are matched to what your child is learning in class. Interactive lessons provide step-by-step examples to break down learning into manageable chunks.



MyMaths.co

Holbeach Response to COVID-19

A few parents/carers have asked for clarification of what precautions the school is taking to limit the possible transmission of COVID-19 at Holbeach.

A booklet for parents, which was emailed to every parent/carer at the start of term, is available via the school website

holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk/perch/resources/booklet-for-parents-during-pandemic-september-2020.pdf

In short, the main protective measures we have implemented are rigorous application of the government guidelines around:

- Robust hand washing/sanitising by all children and staff
- Additional cleaning of the premises, especially key contact points
- Reducing the number of 'contacts' each member of our community has by separating the children into class/year bubbles and not allowing the bubbles to mix
- Asking anyone who experiences **one** of the three main symptoms for COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of change to sense of taste or smell) to isolate - along with their household - until either a negative test result has been provided or for 14 days.

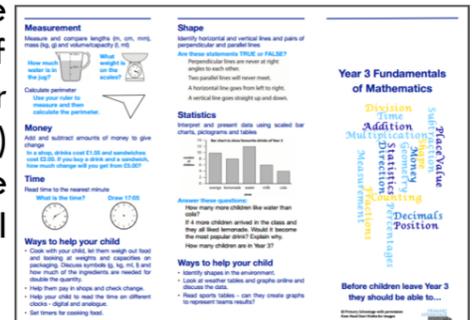
While we appreciate that the final bullet point in this list may lead to some difficulties with some family circumstances, it is vital that we protect one another by adhering to the isolation guidelines impeccably.

Maths at Holbeach

The teaching of Maths has changed a lot over the years and we are aware that your child will be learning in very different ways to how you were taught at school!

Today, along with this newsletter, we are sending you a 'Parents Guide to Maths' for their year group, outlining the expectations for the year, what they will be taught and how you can support their understanding at home.

The leaflet covers all the areas of Maths, with **examples and diagrams to help you**. These leaflets are also available (for all of the year groups) on the school website.



PE at Holbeach

We are really pleased to announce that, despite the current pressures on reducing viral transmission and the use of the spaces at Holbeach, the staff have worked hard to find a way to continue the PE curriculum at Holbeach.

Physical education is an important part of our curriculum as it prepares children to be physically and mentally active, fit and healthy for life. We have had to make some changes to PE this term and ask that **children wear their PE kit to school on their PE days** instead of bringing it to school.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 19th October

- Virtual Open Morning for Prospective Parents (10am)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

- Half Term Holiday (School Closed to pupils)

Monday 30th November

- Flu Immunisation for all children (parental consent required) - further information to follow shortly.

COFFEE MORNING



Virtual Coffee Morning facilitated by Lewisham School Wellbeing Service

All Primary School parents and carers are welcome
Online every Thursday @ 10am to 11am

We understand that this is a challenging time for parents and carers, so in partnership with the school, Lewisham School Wellbeing Service are facilitating a virtual parent/carer coffee morning.

It is a safe space for you to:

- Hear about the new service and connect with others
- Share and/or listen to experiences
- Think about challenges during this time
- Discuss ideas

We would also like to hear what support might be helpful to you over the next few months.

Please do feel free to drop in sign-out, return or leave if you need to at any point.

If you would like to attend, please email: lewishammhst@slam.nhs.uk and someone from the service will be in touch with you.

We look forward to speaking with you.

7 reasons to Join Friends of Holbeach



1. Your child benefits

Friends of Holbeach is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided extras for the school, including subsidising educational visits, making the playground a better place, buying new books and equipment and treats for the children on special occasions.

2. To make a difference

As well as fundraising FoH organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. In the past FoH has organised the school disco, cake sales, Christmas jamboree, a fun run and the summer fair. These events create a real sense of community and benefits the children.

3. We have fun

Being part of FoH is a fun and rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to make new connections.

4. Make friends

Many friendships develop from being part of FoH. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience and many long-lasting friendships are formed while being part of FoH.

5. Feel involved

Every parent is welcome to our meetings - we love to see new members. Please consider coming to our FoH meetings, AGM or volunteer a few hours of your time at an event. It's a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.

6. Give a helping hand

We realise that every parent is busy so we welcome job sharing roles in FoH. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.

7. Keep Friends of Holbeach going

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that FoH will no longer be around to provide this valued resource. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents to take over FoH.

Welcome to Friends of Holbeach. For more information email: friendsofholbeach@gmail.com; or join our facebook page *Friends of Holbeach School*.