

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2020

Cricket Lessons in Year 4

This half term, the children in Year 4 have been lucky enough to be taking part in special Cricket Lessons.

The lessons are being led by trained cricket coaches who are developing the children's skill levels in throwing, catching, bowling and batting.

The children are really enjoying the opportunity to be outside and to hone their abilities.



Drumming in Year 3

Recently, Year 3 had a special visitor who taught each of the classes how to play the Djembe drums. A Djembe is a kind of goblet-shaped hand drum originating in West Africa. The children absolutely loved it and played so brilliantly. You can watch some of them in action via their class blog.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16th - Friday 20th November

Anti-Bullying Week. The children will all have the opportunity to learn about what bullying is and what to do if they experience bullying themselves.

Monday 16th November

- Odd Socks Day (to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week) See page 3 for more details.

Tuesday 17th November

- Remote Open Day for prospective parents/carers of 2021/22 Starters - 5pm

Wednesday 18th November

- Parents Evening - 4-6pm (RB, 1L, 2B, 3S, 4B, 4A, 5A, 5D, 6L)

Please note - these are telephone conversations and specific appointments have been allocated by the class teachers.

Thursday 19th November

- Parents Evening - 4-6pm (Nursery, RW, 1S, 2T, 3C, 3L, 4S, 5G, 6F)

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Remembrance Day



At 11:11am on 11th November (11th month) the whole of Holbeach stopped to mark National Remembrance Day with a

two-minute silence.

Mr Bulpitt held a special assembly through Microsoft Teams so that the children could all join in at the same time without allowing the different classes to mix or come into close contact.

He also shared the meaning of the Red and White poppies and then played a video of The Last Post being played on the bugle.



New Parent Governor

Due to a recent resignation from the school's Governing Board, we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

On the second page of this newsletter is a letter explaining the process involved in filling the vacancy.

The letter has also been sent out separately by email with a nomination form attached.

Nut Allergies

At Holbeach, we aim to be a **Nut-Free school**. The school makes every effort to protect any children who have allergies to nuts and also help them, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk.

Please note - We do not allow nuts or nut products in anyone's packed lunch boxes.

A Message from the After School Club

Do you have any clean jam jars (with lids) that you are getting rid of? Do you have any old jigsaws (complete) or board games (again complete) that you no longer need?

The Holbeach After School Club need a large number of jam jars to complete a special Christmas project that they have embarked on. They are also always on the look out for fun activities to do whilst at the club.

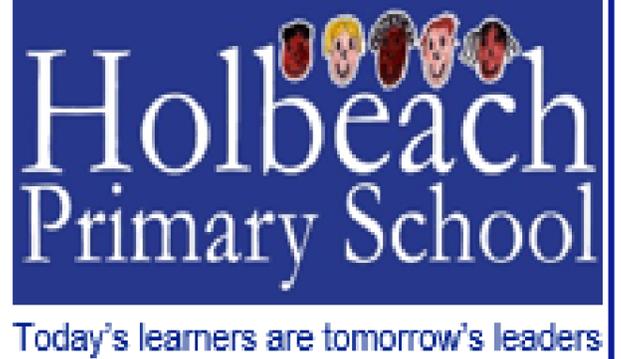
Please note that any jars, jigsaws and board games can be dropped off at the main school office on Nelgarde Road.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

Due to a recent resignation from the school's Governing Board, we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

All parents and guardians of children at the school are eligible to stand as candidates, and can also vote in the election should more than one person put themselves forward. Parents who are elected can continue as Governors for four years if they wish, even if their child leaves the school during that four-year period.

Being a Parent Governor at Holbeach is a very rewarding role, but it does require dedication and commitment to do justice to the position. Currently, men are underrepresented on our governing body.

In order to provide more information about the role and what it entails, some of the current Governors will be available via Microsoft Teams to meet with any interested parents/carers and answer any questions you may have. This will take place on:

- **Tuesday 24th November 2020**
- **Between 5:00pm and 7:00pm**

The link for this meeting will be available via the school website calendar.

In the meantime, you might like to look at the Governors page on the School website which contains useful information about the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Board. Another website that provides useful information about the role is the 'Inspiring Governance' website (www.inspiringgovernance.org). You could also read the latest Governance Handbook from the government at this address: www.clerkingandappeals.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Governance-Handbook-Oct-2020.pdf

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor you should return the form on the next page of this letter to the office by the end of the school day on Friday 27th November 2020.

You can nominate yourself to stand or nominate another parent. If you want to nominate another parent please check with them first that they are willing to stand and ask them to sign the nomination form in the space provided. If more than two parents are nominated, an election will then be held.

I very much hope that you will consider being a candidate.

Yours sincerely



Mr Bulpitt
Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,



WOOHOO... MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **The Kids Are United!**

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

A message from SafeToNet



SafeToNet

As part of SafeToNet's support for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 parents can now get a **60-DAY FREE ACCESS** to SafeToNet's pioneering safeguarding app.

Visit safetonet.com/abw2020 and use the code **ABW2020** to sign up now and make sure your children are safer online.