

# Holbeach

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th December 2020

### Winter Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who wore a winter jumper to school today. It was a lovely thing to all do together and certainly gave the day a really friendly feel to it. Even those who were isolating at home were able to join in with the event.



All proceeds raised by this event are being used to sponsor Liliane an 11-year-old child in Cameroon.

### Podcasts in Year 4

4S have been writing and recording their own podcasts about the wives of Henry VIII. You can take a sneaky peak at the process that goes into this by visiting their class blog



on the school website. They really are becoming ICT whizzes!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Wednesday 16th December

- School Christmas Lunch

#### Thursday 17th December

- School Breaks Up for Winter Holidays (collection at usual times, e.g. 3:00pm, 3:15pm and 3:30pm)

#### Friday 18th December - Friday 1st January

- School Holidays

#### Monday 4th January 2021

- INSET Day (school closed to the children on this day).

#### Tuesday 5th January 2021

- Spring Term begins (drop-off is at usual times, e.g. 8:40am, 8:55am and 9:20am)

### Art in Year 6

Year 6 have been using the "Double Primary Palette" of paints in Art this term. This means that they are reducing the number of colours that they work with but it doesn't mean that they are reducing the number of colours we can use. Using a warm and a cool version of each primary colour, plus white and turquoise, means that they can mix the full range of hues! They will be putting these skills into practice next week when painting their 'Medusa' inspired self-portraits.



### New Parent Governor

Congratulations to **Mr Adedoyin** who, this week, became a parent governor of Holbeach school.

Mr Adedoyin will join the rest of the governing board at their first meeting in the new year.

However, there is still one vacancy for a parent governor on the board so we will be looking to hold an election in order to fill it early in January 2021.



### A Message from the Governing Board

The Governing Board has met three times this term to discuss the curriculum, school finances and matters around COVID and its impact on the school among other things.

We elected a new Chair (Sharon Farnley) and Vice Chairs (Ben Pitcher and Glenys Englert) for this academic year. You can find more details on Governors and our role, on the school website.

We are very grateful to all the staff for their hard work this term and to the whole school community for supporting the school and each other during this very difficult period.

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Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: CHANGE OF END OF TERM DATE (TERM NOW FINISHES ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER)**

I am writing to you regarding the Government's announcement earlier this week for schools to make **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> an extra INSET day** in the light of an increase of positive cases of COVID-19 leading up to Christmas.

This means that, at Holbeach, the last day of term will now be **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, with the usual, staggered, collection times in operation.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience that will have been caused by announcing this INSET day at such short notice and I do apologise. The school had no prior knowledge of the Government's announcement. Hopefully, by notifying you today it will allow you to make the necessary child care arrangements.

For all of us, this has been an incredibly challenging and exhausting year. Together, so far, we have managed to limit the number of positive cases in the school to one. It is very important that we all continue to take the personal responsibility required to continue to limit the spread of this awful virus.

### **These personal responsibilities include:**

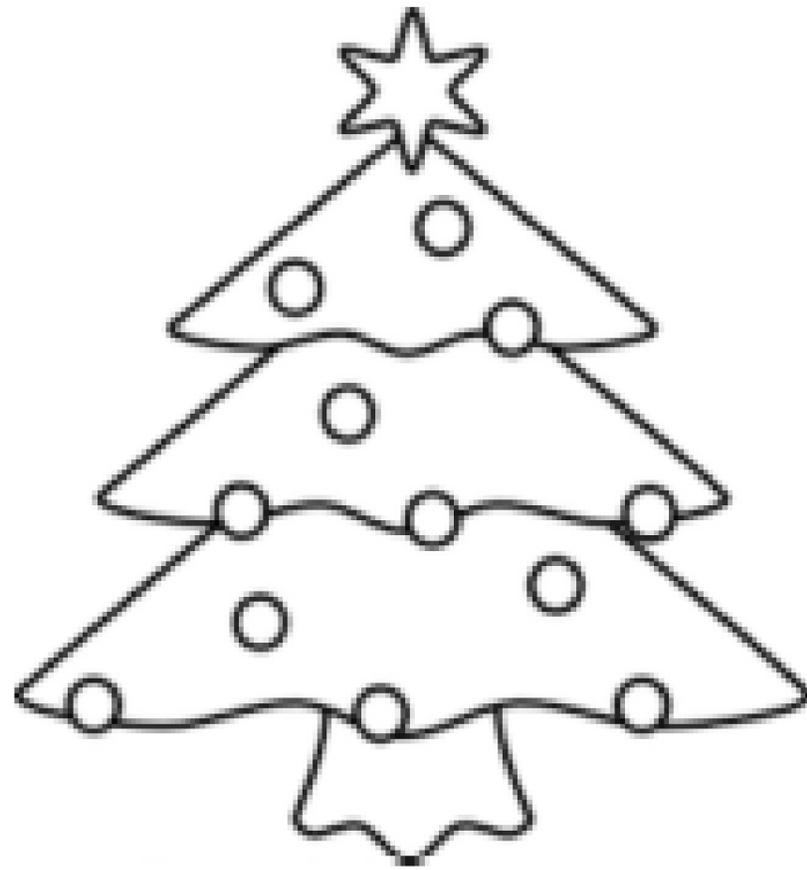
- **Following the restrictions in place for London (currently in Tier 2)**
- **Avoid play dates, parties and sleepovers.**
- **Following the government guidelines for self-isolation**
- **Continue to observe strict hand and respiratory hygiene**
- **Wear a face mask and maintain social distance (as much as possible) when dropping or collecting your child**

Finally, I want to alert you all to a new email address ([covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk)) that should be used for any messages that you send to the school about suspected cases, self-isolation or proven (positive) cases. I will write again shortly to explain expectations for notifying the school of positive cases during the winter holidays.

Should you require any further information about the extra INSET day please do not hesitate to contact me on **0208 690 4713**.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Bulpitt  
Headteacher



The Friends of Holbeach invite you to take part in the Holbeach Primary School Virtual Christmas Jamboree

Sadly we can't share Music and Carols at the Jamboree this year but we can still have some fun online and try and raise some funds for our lovely school.

Please visit the link below to see what we are up to.

<https://patchworkit.com/36148/Jamboree>

Finally we would like to thank you for all your support during 2020.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# The Big Half 2021

Team Holbeach will be running the Big Half for the third time in 2021 on 25<sup>th</sup> April. We have 60 places to give away. The Big Half is a half marathon which starts at the Tower of London and ends at the Cutty Sark in Greenwich.

This event is a great opportunity to raise funds for our school, but it is also a brilliant way to meet people, get fit, push yourself, and have an amazing, inspiring time. You can run or walk the half marathon, or do a mixture of both.

This year we would love our team to reflect the rich diversity of our school, so are especially looking for runners from Black, Asian and Mixed Ethnicity backgrounds. We are also looking for runners who have never run before or never taken on such a big challenge.

Friends of Holbeach have covered the entry fee for the race and only ask for a voluntary contribution towards the £10 community place fee.

So, if you are a seasoned runner, a new runner or have never run a step in your life, get in touch on Facebook, or email us on [friendsofholbeach@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofholbeach@hotmail.com) for more details of becoming part of a supportive and fun team.

<https://www.thebighalf.co.uk/events/vitality-big-half/index.html>

