



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Together we Learn

Upcoming dates

22.11.23 – online safety sessions in school for children and online for parents

24.11.23 – Christmas Fair

01.12.23 – Stay and Play for Class 1 and 2

05/06.12.23 – KS1 nativity

08.12.22 – KS2 to Panto

12.12.23 – KS1 to Panto

12.12.23 – Singing concert by Year 3 and 4 and school choir

13.12.23 – Christmas dinner day

Anti-bullying week: This week children have been looking at 'What makes a good friend' and how to deal with conflicts in friendships. Libby said, "**Mrs Taylor has given us assemblies on how to be a good friend. In our class we designed a friendship tree.**"

Improving our learning

environment: Over the half term, Class 3 and Class 5 have had a full redecoration and are now looking very fresh. Mr Parker is busy again with his paintbrush too and the space leading into the hall is transforming into a forest nightscape where we will display all our Holbrook achievements. I will share pictures on completion!

Christmas Fair: A reminder to support this event which is next Friday after school. We are very lucky to have a small team of parent/carers who give up their time to organise these events, and any help is appreciated. Please come along and support our school. As usual, we will have carols on the playground at 2.30 beforehand – all welcome!



Remembrance Service: Our remembrance service in church last week went very well and we laid our school wreath at the altar. The service was led by Bishop Malcolm who came back to school afterwards for a visit. He was very impressed by the respect shown by children during our service and really enjoyed seeing all the fun learning taking place at school.

Online Safety: We have a parent/carer session on online safety, run by Sarah Dufton who is our digital PCSO. This will run on 22.11.23 at 4.30pm. The link is below. I will be sending lots of reminders about this as it is a really useful resource for families to help ensure children are staying safe online. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Sporting achievement: Key Stage One Handball tournament? Completed it mate. A stellar performance for our KS1 team, bringing home some silverware for our trophy cabinet. Arbour said, “**We had a lot of fun and won first place. We won a shiny gold medal. We won every single match. I loved it.**” The tournament involved nine schools in total, so a real achievement – well done everyone!



School Parliament Week: Last week the children learned all about parliament and on Friday they met the local MP Nigel Mills. The children asked him lots of questions about his job, the skills he needed and what ‘a day in the life of’ an MP was like. Cassie said, “**I found it interesting to hear about his job and what an MP actually does.**” Liam said, “**I felt quite honoured that we had a visit from our local MP. He could go anywhere, but he came here!**” Mr Mills was impressed with children’s thoughtful questions and enjoyed looking around our school. A special thank you to our school council who escorted Mr Mills and talked to him with such confidence. Definitely some future leaders amongst our children!

Leadership opportunities: As well as our school council, we have lots of leadership opportunities for children. Here is our Community Taskforce, who organise charity events and help us support our community – both at school and beyond. These children have led and organised our Children in Need day and the Christmas Shoebox Collection so far this term, ably led by Community Minister Ivy.



Surveys and consultations: A last shout for our parent/carer questionnaires – please complete if you haven’t already.

New starters – if your child started school in September 2023, please let us know how our transition arrangements worked for you: <https://forms.gle/ZFUMtJa6X5VwnPdKA>

Finally, if your child has additional needs and is on the SEND register (this usually means you have been attending IEP meetings) please give us some feedback here: <https://forms.gle/11zpyTAG7StZYrYd9>

Medicine: A reminder that we are only able to administer prescription medicine, with a couple of exceptions according to need. For all medicine, we have a form to fill in and the medicine should be brought by an adult to the office. Please do not send children in with cough sweets, nasal sprays or ointments as these can pose a health and safety risk. We are always happy to discuss with you any medical needs your child may have so please do just ask if you are unsure about any procedures.