



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Together we Learn

Upcoming dates

06.11.23 – First day of Autumn Term 2

08.11.23 – Flu Vaccinations in school

09.11.23 – Remembrance Service at Church

10.11.23 – Nigel Mills MP visiting school as part of UK Parliament Week

13.11.23 – Anti-Bullying Week

17.11.23 – Children in Need

17.11.23 – Book Fair

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

13.12.23 – Christmas dinner day

A full lists of dates for the year can be found on the school website

Anti-bullying week: Our next well-being and diversity week is coming up after half term.

During anti-bullying week we have a range of activities to develop children's understanding of bullying, and what they can do if they are worried about friendships and bullying. Instances of bullying at Holbrook are low, but we want everyone to know what to do if something does go wrong.

If you feel there is a bullying issue, please speak in the first instance to your child's teacher who will go through our bullying report form to help decide actions so that the issue can be resolved quickly. Mrs Taylor is always informed of any bullying issues and has oversight of the process. She can be contacted directly if needed.

Remembrance Service: You will have noticed our lovely poppy bunting on the school railings to help us commemorate Remembrance Day. We are very grateful to our friends from the local 'knit and stitch' who came into school to work with the children to make poppies. All children will walk down to church for a service led by Rev Rachel on 9th November. This one is just for the children, although as ever we will be asking for adult volunteers to help us with our walk down to church.

Upcoming PFA events: The PFA are running some events next half term. On 10th November there is a 'Race Night' which I know will be a lot of fun! The Christmas Fair is taking place on the afternoon of 24th November, another fun event. Hopefully we will see a great turnout for both to help support their fundraising efforts. If anyone can offer support to organise these events, even if it's just time on the day, please get in touch with school and we can pass your details on to the PFA. Finally, the PFA are hoping to have a 'Bags4School' event on 20th November. This is a great way to have a pre-Christmas clear out and support school at the same time.

Shoebboxes: A reminder that if you would like to send a shoebox in for our Christmas Appeal, these are being collected on 13th November. Please send your boxes in on or before this date. We always have an impressive response to this event and we are very grateful for your contributions.

Athletics: Children from KS2 represented school in an athletics tournament last week. Here's Seb's report: "I really loved the athletics tournament because we got to play as a team and encourage others to work hard and play as well as doing sport and running. One of the best bits was the relay. It was so much fun and we got rubber batons and it was a team game. It was great because we played with all our friends against other schools."

Surveys and consultations: We have sent out several parent questionnaires over the last few weeks. If you have time to give us your feedback, please use the links below.

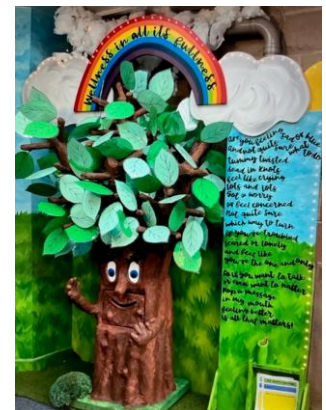
PSHE consultation – please let us know your thoughts about what we teach for PSHE and what you think it is important for children to learn in this area: <https://forms.gle/X98vw9W58Ts7SvsX8>

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/11zpyTAG7StZrYd9>

Thank you!

Worry Tree: Our lovely worry tree has been named. Hello to 'Oakley'. Thank you to everyone who suggested a name – we whittled it (no pun intended!) down to five names and then all the children voted in assembly.



Children in Need: School Council are busily organising our Children in Need day. Ivy is our community minister and is currently setting up our community task force who will help get everything sorted! You will receive Ivy's letter about Children in Need separately.