



# Holbrook C of E Primary School

## *Together we Learn*

### Upcoming dates

**19.04.23 – Class 3 trip to Framework Knitters' Museum**

**21.04.23 – Class 4 trip to Framework Knitters' Museum**

**01.05.23 – Bank holiday**

**05.05.23 – Coronation lunch**

**08.05.23 – Bank holiday**

**09-12.05.23 – KS2 SATs**

*A full lists of dates for the year can be found on the school website – including next year's training days*

### Message from the Headteacher:

I hope you all have a great break over Easter. Here's hoping we get some good weather! I can't believe that next term I will have been at Holbrook for two years, it has really flown. It's been so great to see the children and the school develop. I feel proud of how we have grown in the last two years and look forward to continuing to support our children flourish.

**Class Dojo:** Class Dojo is a valuable tool and I know parent/carers really appreciate seeing how children are getting on and being able to drop messages to teachers. A reminder though that I do not expect teachers to respond to messages out of hours and I would ask parent/carers to be mindful about when they message, avoiding late nights and weekends. For anything urgent or sensitive, please phone school or email.

**Parent survey:** Along with our newsletter I am sending out the results of this year's parents survey. This includes a summary of actions taken following last year's survey as well as developments linked to this year's findings. Thank you again for your contribution if you were able to complete this survey.

**Retirement news:** We have three members of staff who will be taking retirement in the coming months. Mrs Mason will be leaving us first- her last day will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and she will be taking up more Grandma duties with her grandchildren after dedicating the last twenty years to Holbrook children. At the end of the year Mrs Martin will also be leaving us, as will Mrs Matthews who will bid us a fond farewell after fourteen years of service to our community. We will miss the contribution our three experienced friends and colleagues have made to school, but I know they are all looking forward to busy retirements!

**Coronation:** Don't forget that Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> is a bank holiday for the King's coronation. On the previous Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, the children will be able to enjoy a celebration lunch together. Classes will also be making crowns for a community event taking place that weekend in the village.



**More sporting news:** Well done to the group of key stage 2 children who took part in the Amber Valley cross country competition. Everyone did so well! A particular well done to Joyce who came first and Isabelle who came second in the Year 5/6 girls' race. Isabelle said, "On the last corner I moved into second place. At the end, the top three people got a medal from each race." Joyce said, "I won! I felt really good. I was only a bit tired afterwards. Everyone enjoyed the evening."



**Easter fun:** It was lovely to see the children's Easter bonnets today, and a big thank you to Class 3 and 4 for sharing their Morris dancing skills! It is great to be able to make links with the village and tap into wider expertise to help provide wider opportunities for our children and I'm sure you'll agree the children did a great job!



**Church service:** Finally, we had our Easter church service on Thursday. Thank you if you were able to attend this. The children's singing and reading was lovely and I am very proud of the hard work they put in to share the Easter story with you.

