



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Together we Learn

Upcoming dates

13.02.23 – LGBTQ+ History week

14.2 and 16.2.23 – Parents' consultation evenings

17.02.23 – Last day of the half term

27.02.23 – INSET day (no children in school)

28.02.23 – first day of Spring Term 2

02.03.23 – School Disco (new date)

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

Mental health week: We have been focusing on self-esteem this week, developing our own and supporting others to feel good about themselves. We read 'Only One You' in assembly and every child in school is creating their own brightly coloured fish for a new display in the glass corridor. Next week our focus is on LGBTQ+ history month, where we will be reminding ourselves that families can come in all shapes and sizes, and continuing to explore the idea that we are all different and special.

Parent presentations: Thank you for attending our presentations if you were able to, I hope you found them helpful. If you couldn't join us, teachers will share slides on Class Dojo. They will also be available on the school website. Remember that after half term we have two more general presentations, for families of children of all ages, which briefly go over our approaches to teaching maths and reading, with some useful tips for supporting at home.

07.03.23 – **Maths at Holbrook.**
08.03.23 – **Reading at Holbrook**

Online safety: Tuesday was 'safer internet day' so it seems a good time to share online safety support for parent/carers. The information here is taken from CEOP, where you'll find advice for children and their adults - [Get advice \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk). Lots of online games now involve a chat element and the reality is that at some point, children may be accessing games with this facility. Some considerations to help manage this:

What can you do to help your child with safer in-game chat?

- Play, or watch your children play online games to understand how they talk online, who they talk to online and what you're comfortable with.
- With older children, who may not want you to play with them, have regular chats about the games they play, who they talk to and how.
- Use family controls and in-game settings to manage, limit or turn off in-game chat to make sure that you're confident interactions are right for your children.
- With primary aged children, keep games devices in a shared space in the house (for example, the living room) and use settings to limit screen time to help children to manage their time.
- To catch potential problems early, encourage your children to report inappropriate chat in game and to tell you if anything in the game makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

If your child enjoys playing games, remember that there are plenty of games that aren't online that your children can play at home with you, or friends to help you manage interactions further.

Sickness: A reminder that if children have a sickness bug, they should stay off school for 48 hours following the last bout of illness. If you aren't sure about whether or not to keep your child off, you can always give us a call for advice.

World Book Day and disco: We have moved the school disco to the 2nd March to avoid the potential strike day. This is also World Book Day so we will have a book day disco! Mrs Wright has sent out a letter (which you can also find on Class Dojo) explaining this year's theme. We can't wait to see everyone's costume and we will be having lots of reading activities during the day too. Details about the disco will be shared in a separate letter, but will follow the usual organisation, with infants straight after school, followed by junior children.

Snacks in school: I would like to remind everyone that snacks in school should be fruit, vegetables or a plain biscuit. Similarly, children should only be bringing water in bottles. If your child has additional needs, please do let us know, but otherwise I expect that these rules are followed in order to meet the school food standards and to keep children and staff with allergies safe.

Year 5 'bike ability': Our Year 5 children have been blessed with some lovely sunny weather as they have been learning all about keeping safe on their bikes – even if it's been a bit chilly! Children have enjoyed practising their skills on the playground and the local roads. Well done everyone!



Champions! Our KS1 dodgeball team had a great tournament last week, winning the whole competition, up against fourteen schools! **Thomas said, "It was amazing because we never lost a game."** **Reuben wanted everyone to know that, "The best bit was playing the game and I didn't get hit in any single game".** **Sophia said, "It was good because I saw my friends and everyone was cheering."** Thank you Mrs Slaney for supporting the children at the event and well done everyone for bringing back that trophy!