



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Together we Learn

Upcoming dates

14.11.22 – ‘Hike for Hospitals’ charity Event

16.11.22 – ‘Wonderdome’ Space experience for Years 3-5

18.11.22 – Book fair (8.30 and 3.00)
Children in Need day

24.11.22 – Christmas Fair

02.12.22 – KS2 to see Dick Whittington

06/07.12.22 – KS1 nativity

13.12.22 – KS1 to see The Ugly Duckling

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

Anti-bullying week: We have lots of activities lined up for children in assemblies and in classes to mark Anti-Bullying week. Our theme is ‘everyone included’ and we look at how people can feel if they are excluded, and how we can make sure that everyone at Holbrook has a happy playtime. A reminder for parent/carers that our anti-bullying policy is on the website, along with a child friendly version. If you wish to raise a concern about bullying, you can get in touch with your child’s teacher or Mrs Taylor to get things sorted out quickly.

Shoebboxes: We sent out our yearly ‘shoebbox of love’ appeal this week. If you would like to support this cause, shoebboxes should be in school by Friday 25th November. We realise that there are lots of charity events going on at the moment, so please just choose what you can support.

Online safety: Thanks to PCSO Sarah Dufton for her work with children and parents this week to help everyone develop safe habits online. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing some useful top tips via Class Dojo. We also have information on the website about keeping safe online, with some useful links and resources, so please have a look here too: <https://www.holbrookceprimary.co.uk/online-safety/>

PE kit: A reminder that, on PE days, children should be wearing their school PE kit. This comprises of a white plain T shirt or blue branded Holbrook PE top, a black jumper or sweatshirt and black shorts or joggers with black trainers. The school uniform list is on the website here: [School Uniform | Holbrook C of E Primary School \(holbrookceprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.holbrookceprimary.co.uk/school-uniform/) We try to keep our uniform requirements as straightforward and simple as possible and appreciate your support in keeping everyone in school as a smart team and on PE days too.

Hike for Hospitals: Next week is our sponsored event 'Hike for Hospitals'. Children will be walking the school field all week to raise money for local hospitals. On Friday 18th November, children can come in non-uniform, for the final day of the event, and to mark Children in Need day. Children will need to bring a pair of old trainers into school (or wellies) as the field is very muddy!

Once you have collected your sponsor money, you can pay it in online here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holbrookhike?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=holbrookhike&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=7980603712454251b93b18ed3fd0e4a1

You can also set up a page yourself for your child, so that your sponsors can donate to that directly. You just need to remember to join your page to the school page by joining the 'Holbrook Team' so your money gets added to the pot.

A reminder too that we have prizes for the most money raised, the most enthusiastic walker and the furthest walked!

Book fair: Need some Christmas present books? We have our book fair on the 18th November, with a before and after school session. Please come and have a look – school earns commission in the form of books so it really helps us to build our library and in class reading material. Our PFA will also be running a pre-loved uniform stall if you need to replenish your stocks for next term!

Homework: We have been reviewing our homework and will be tweaking amounts and formats over the next few weeks. Our aim is that homework should be about developing the key skills of reading, spelling and arithmetic, as well as helping children get into good learning habits. Homework club still runs on a Tuesday too if you would like your child to get some of their work done there.



Remembrance Service: A big thank you to our Year 6 pupils who have been selling poppies over the last two weeks. Today we went to church for our Remembrance Service. The children were beautifully respectful. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to walk down with us. The children of Holbrook all contributed to our beautiful wreath which Mrs Wright put together for us. This will stay in church for the Holbrook Remembrance Service on Sunday.