



# Holbrook C of E Primary School

## *Together we Learn*

### Upcoming dates

**27.05.22 – Last day of Summer term 1 and Jubilee Day**

**06.06.22 – First day back of Summer 2 term**

**08.06.22 – Shakespeare workshop for all classes**

**6-17 June – Year 4 Multiplication Check**

**17.06.22 – Sports Day**

**24 & 27.06.22 – INSET days**

**01.07.22 – back up Sports Day**

**w/b 04.07.22 – transition events**

*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:

We are hoping the sunshine is here to stay! It is lovely seeing children enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces at playtime and dinnertimes. We have lots of exciting things going on this term, so please keep checking the website for dates.

Mrs Taylor

**Sports Day:** We are hoping to have our first 'normal' sports day on the afternoon of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June (or the 1<sup>st</sup> July if the weather isn't kind on the 17<sup>th</sup>). We will let you know more about this event nearer the time, but parents will be invited so if you can join us, that would be lovely!

**Curriculum information:** Your child should have brought home an overview of this term's learning in their book wallets which I hope you will find useful. These include ideas for supporting at home, as well as a reminder of homework expectations. These overviews will also be put on the school website under the 'curriculum' tab.

**Shakespeare workshop:** One of our aims at Holbrook is to give children a taste for great literature and to develop their understanding of the craft of performance and drama. Our workshops will be a brilliant way for children to explore the language and themes of Shakespeare with performers. A letter has been sent out with more information.



**Clubs:** We have just had a taster day for Spanish and you should have received a letter about how to join this club if you are interested. We are hoping to expand this provision to have a lunchtime club for our KS1 children, so please do get in touch with Melie, our Spanish teacher, if you are interested in your child having lessons. Similarly, we will be having a taster assembly for flute lessons which we hope to start in September, and a lunchtime recorder club which we may be able to start after half term. Details of how to join will follow the assemblies. The club list for next half term will be sent out next week along with details of how to sign up.

**Communication:** As promised, we have reviewed our communication with families to try and streamline things. Where possible, information about events, visits and so on will be shared by email. We will send a text letting you know an email has been sent out when it contains important information so that you don't miss anything.

Class Dojo is used for celebrations, reminders and general information. If you have an issue or concern, you can use the Class Dojo messaging service to ask for a call or a meeting to discuss. You can of course also phone or email school, or catch your child's class teacher at the beginning or end of the day. Please don't share sensitive information on Class Dojo and remember that staff won't be able to answer messages in the evenings or holidays. Now that things are getting back to normal, we would much rather sort things out with you via a chat or phone call anyway – it is nice that we are now able to get back to face-to-face!

Dates are updated regularly on the website, as well as shared via the newsletter and we make sure that there are reminders via Class Dojo or text before the event.

Remember, we are always there at the end of the phone for quick questions or queries and I am almost always on the playground at 8.45 if anyone wants a word.

**SATs:** A huge well done to our Year 6s who had the dubious honour of being the first cohort to sit the SATs since 2019. They worked really hard and showed great humour and resilience throughout. We have lots of nice activities coming up for them, as well as making sure they are academically ready for Secondary School. Well done Class 5!

**We love to read:** This week we have launched our portable library for use at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Children can choose a book from our 'suitcase selection' and spend a few quiet minutes relaxing with a story, comic or non-fiction book out in the fresh air! From this week too, children will be able to take home a 'Holbrook Hundred' book to read by themselves or with you. Our Holbrook Hundred contains books for every reader, from picture books to more challenging classic novels. Our fabulous librarians will be running the lending library, and will help children choose a book at playtime or dinnertime to take home.

These books are all about developing a love of reading and enjoying stories so we encourage you to read it to them or with them if it's a challenging read. Audiobook versions are also fine – did you know that Derbyshire Library Service allow you to access audiobooks for free? Here's the link to find out more:

[E-audiobook set-up - Derbyshire County Council](#)

