

Holdbrook Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 1/3/2019



'Dare to Dream – Aim to Achieve'

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As you will have seen on our last newsletter, we are starting regular coffee mornings here at Holdbrook. They offer you, as parents and carers, to come in and meet other people with children in school. We will also be having focus weeks when a member of staff will be available to give some further information about a topic or projects that we are doing in school to support all our learners. On Thursday we also sent out an email about the *Momo challenge* that has been on the news this week. Please read it through so you can have conversations with your children if you feel worried.

World Book Day reminder

Don't forget that on Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. It is an opportunity for children to talk about books and book characters, listen to stories and be more involved with reading them themselves. *As normal at Holdbrook, it would be lovely if as many children as possible dress up as their favourite book character.*

RED NOSE DAY! – 15th March

On Friday 15th March, it's Comic Relief day. As a school, we would like the children to all dress up in red for the day. To help raise as much money as possible for the charity, we will also ask for a donation of £2 per family. The school will be selling red noses from the school office and the children have had an assembly this week to find out a bit more about the charity.

Celebration @ Holdbrook

As it was the first week back after half term, we didn't have a Celebration assembly this week. The children have been working towards their certificates, ready for next Monday!

Sad goodbye...

We will be saying goodbye to Ms Biles today, who has decided to leave us, after many years as our Early Years and Foundation Stage leader. She has decided to look for an alternative career overseas and we would like to wish her good luck in the future and thank her for the hard work she has done.



Attendance News: week ending 15/02/19

All schools should have an attendance figure of **96%** and here at Holdbrook we have just got to **95.8%**. Just a little push more will get us there. We have also made improvements in punctuality. Please make sure that all children are in school by **8:50am** so learning can start promptly. The more often your children are in school, the easier it is for them to follow the learning each day.

Reception: 95.3%

Year 1: 99%

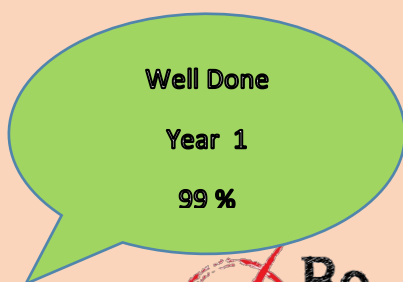
Year 2: 92.1%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 94.8%

Year 5: 92.5%

Year 6: 98.8%



EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

In connection to World Book Day, we are challenging the children to take a photo of themselves reading a book somewhere out of school. This could be somewhere comfy, outside or somewhere strange...let your imagination run wild! Any photos should be emailed to: WBD@holdbrook.herts.sch.uk

There will be a prize for the most original photo.

Good Luck!



Holdbrook School Term Dates 2018/19

Spring Term 2019

Date/Time	Event
Tuesday 8 January 2019	Spring Term 2019 starts
Monday 18 February 2019 - Friday 22 February 2019	Spring Half Term 2019
Monday 25 February 2019	Spring Term restarts
Friday 5 April 2019	Spring Term 2019 ends – Children finish at 1:30pm

Summer Term 2019

Date/Time	Event
Tuesday 23 April 2019	Summer Term 2019 starts
Monday 6 May 2019	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019	Summer Half Term 2019
Monday 3 June 2019	Summer Term restarts
Friday 19 July 2019	Summer Term 2019 ends – Children finish at 1:30pm

Autumn Term 2019

Date/Time	Event
Tuesday 3 September 2019	Autumn Term 2019 starts
Monday 28 October 2019 to Monday 4 November 2019	Autumn Half Term 2019
Tuesday 5 November 2019	Autumn Term 2019 restarts
Friday 20 December 2019	Autumn Term 2019 ends – Children finish at 1:30pm



Family Support Service Dates

Some of the things we can support you with?

Community: Linking you with community services e.g. Money Advice Unit, MIND, CAB

Homes: Financial support/benefit check, housing support, family relationships

Enrichment: Projects for young people, family craft sessions, Grow Club Family Day

Xtra mile: 1-1 Support for parents during school transition, co-attend meetings

Support: Behaviour management strategies, communicating with your child, attending FFA meetings, signposting to Special Educational Needs support

Support Service Dates

	11-Mar
25-Mar	29-Apr
13-May	03-Jun
17-Jun	01-Jul
15-Jul	
Mon: 8:30 – 11:30	