

# Holdbrook Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 8/2/2019



**'Dare to Dream – Aim to Achieve'**

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We have had a busy start to the new term with lots of exciting new themes being taught in all year groups. Year One have already been out on a school trip to visit the local area as part of their Geography topic and I know that there are many different projects going on in other classes too. This week also included Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb). All the classes had an assembly to help them understand how to stay safe online and you will have received an email about the TicTok app and how you can help keep your children safe from the Safer Internet Team. If you haven't already, please look out for them in your email inbox. Thanks.

## Jigsaw Flagship status & Stonewall

We are the first, and only school so far, in Hertfordshire to have been awarded Jigsaw Flagship School status. This is because of our commitment to equipping our children for life, and helping them really know and value who they are and how they relate to other people in our ever-changing world. Being a Jigsaw Flagship School also recognises our work in promoting equality and diversity in all that we do, and our focus on the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

**Stonewall School Champion** As a Stonewall School Champion, we are part of a network of more than 1500 schools that are leading the way in celebrating difference and complying with the Equality Act 2010. We are committed to tackling and preventing all forms of bullying, including homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying.

Thank you to Mr Tucker for all his hard work and the time outside the classroom to achieve this recognition for Holdbrook.

## Celebration @ Holdbrook

Congratulations to:

Oliwier, Troy, Erin, Hayden, Aaron, Natalia, Ceren, Mariah, Callum, Joseph, Blazej and Peter

For receiving their Celebration assembly award on Monday.

Also well done to:

Grace, Jessica, Deniz, Macie-Leigh, Victoria, Chloe and Emre

For their Jigsaw awards to celebrate having a positive attitude in school.

## Attendance News: week ending 08/02/19

All schools should have an attendance figure of **96%** and here at Holdbrook we have just got to **95.7%**. 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: 96.4 %

Year 1: 100 %

Year 2: 97.9 %

Year 3: 95.4 %

Year 4: 97.3 %

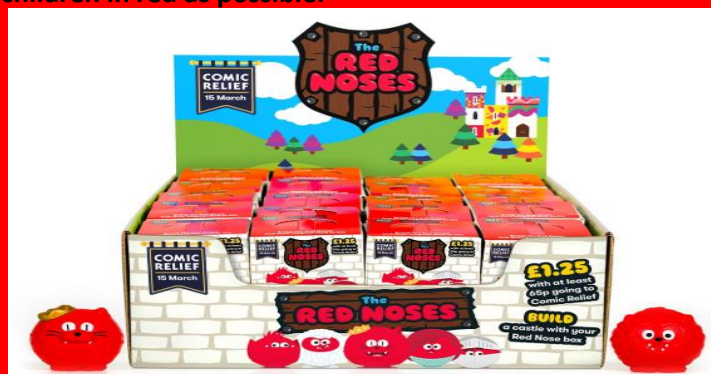
Year 5: 91.4 %

Year 6: 95.8 %



## RED NOSE DAY! – 15<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will be raising money for Comic Relief. As a school, we would like the children to all dress up in red for the day. I realise that it's a long way off, but it gives you time to organise clothing etc... 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 in the next few weeks and these will be £1.25. I look forward to seeing as many children in red as possible.



# 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 groups

### Support Service Dates

25-Feb	11-Mar
25-Mar	29-Apr
13-May	03-Jun
17-Jun	01-Jul
15-Jul	

**Mon: 8:30 – 11:30**