

# Holdbrook Primary School

## Newsletter – November 2018



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I hope that you had a relaxing half term and the children are ready for the next few weeks in the build-up to Christmas! As you are aware there have been a few changes over the half term, with Mr Heald leaving and Mr Oxford stepping up to be Acting Headteacher. Apart from that the learning here at school continues as before with great emphasis on the children doing the best they can in all areas of their learning.

### Parent's Evenings

Don't forget that we have Parent's Evenings both this week (Thursday) and next week (Tuesday). You should all have had slips to fill in to arrange a time and date to meet with your child's teacher, and a reply slip confirming your appointment.

Please remember that these meetings are for 10 minutes. If you need to discuss anything else with the teacher, this will need to be arranged on an alternative time and date.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### School meals/Clubs/Payments

Our new school lunch menu was sent to parents before the half term. Please continue to pay for school meal using the Gateway App

You can also pay for swimming and clubs online - if you need help to set up the app, please see the office staff.

### Calling all parents!

*If you're the parent of a child or young person aged 18 or under, we want your views. Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health team can provide advice and information to support you with your child's health and wellbeing. We would like to better understand your needs and how we can reach you so that it helps us improve the information we provide. We'd be very grateful if you could let us know your thoughts by completing a short survey, which should take no more than a couple of minutes of your time. The survey is available at <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/11XAJ/>*

### School Improvements

Over the next few months we will be having some work done to update the water pipework throughout the whole school. This, like the windows previously, has been paid for by Hertfordshire County Council and is part of their project to upgrade school infrastructure across the county. We will be keeping the disruption to a minimum during learning time to ensure it does not have too much impact on the children.

### Attendance News

All schools should have an attendance target figure of 96% and here at Holdbrook we have reached 95.7%! Just a little push will get us there. We also have 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.



### Anti-bullying Week

Last week was anti-bullying week at Holdbrook and to finish the week we had a Virtual Reality workshop for all of the children from Y1 up to Y6. The children used VR to discuss what to do in different situations.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need, on non-uniform day. We raised an amazing £250!



# Holdbrook School Term Dates 2018/19

## Autumn Term 2018

Date/Time	Event
Tuesday 4 September 2018	Autumn Term 2018 starts
Monday 29 October 2018 - Monday 5 November 2018	Autumn Half Term 2018
Tuesday 6 November 2018	Autumn Term restarts
Friday 21 December 2018	Autumn Term 2018 ends – Children finish at 1:30pm

## 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



## 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

Every other Monday 8.30-11.30am

Monday	24-Sep-18
Monday	08-Oct-18
Monday	22-Oct-18
Monday	12-Nov-18
Monday	26-Nov-18
Monday	10-Dec-18

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