

Holdbrook Primary School

Newsletter – September 2017



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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. We hope you all had a restful summer holiday and it was lovely to see so many happy faces returning to school in the first week. Thank you for making sure all of the children were well dressed and ready for their first few days back. We are looking forward to settling the children into their classes and letting them get to know their new teachers.

Please, please, please... Don't use the staff car park gates to bring your children into (or leave from) school. This is a dangerous area with cars moving and the gates automatically closing. Please always use the pedestrian gates at the side of the school. Thank you.



If your child has just moved from Year 2 to Year 3, and you are entitled to free school meals, ***please make sure you apply*** for them. Please ask the office for any help.



New Uniform



We realise that most people will already have purchased uniforms for school, but as the weather starts to change and new jumpers may be needed, please remember that all uniform orders need to be placed online at www.schooltrends.co.uk – we are aware that there are some issues with waiting times so please order well in advance. After listening to parent's comments, we are looking into the possibility of also using a local School Uniform shop and we will update you with any developments.

Paying for Trips, lunches and clubs

Just a quick reminder that all payments to school for any lunches, clubs your child may attend or school trips throughout the year need to be paid online. We use the School Gateway system to make payments and you can also download the app on your phone or tablet to make it quicker and easier. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Parents, welcome to:
Schoolgateway

Keeping you informed of what's going on at school.



Download the app
Android and iPhone

or visit the website:
www.schoolgateway.com

Activate your account today!



Shoe boxes! As part of a Year 3 project on Habitats, we need 30 shoe boxes. If you have a spare box at home, please bring it in as soon as possible. Thanks.



Parking outside the school gates

Over the last week, we have received a number of calls from parents and residents concerned about the movement and parking of vehicles at the start and end of the School day, which has endangered the safety of pedestrians.

Can we remind all parents of the code of practice when dropping off and picking up your child/children:

- Vehicles **MUST** always be parked legally so as not to cause an obstruction.
- Please do not block residents' garages or pathways.
- Please do not simply pull alongside the parked cars to allow your children to 'jump in'.
- **Parking is always available outside the local shops.**



Holdbrook School dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 th September	School starts at 8:50am
Thursday 19 th October	School ends at 3:15pm
From Friday 20 th October until Friday 27 th October	No School
Monday 30 th October	School starts at 8:50am
Tuesday 19 th December	School term ends at 1:30pm

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4 th January	School starts 8:50am
Friday 9 th February	School ends at 3:15pm
From Monday 12 th February until Friday 16 th February	No School
Monday 19 th February	School starts at 8:50am
Thursday 29 th March	School ends at 1:30pm

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 th April	School starts 8:50am
Monday 7 th May – Bank Holiday	No School
Friday 25 th May	School ends at 3:15pm
From Monday 28 th May until Monday 4 th June	No School
Tuesday 5 th June	School starts at 8:50am
Friday 20 th July	School ends at 1:30pm