

Holdbrook Primary School

Newsletter – September 2018



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Welcome back! We hope that you had a nice summer and it is great to see all of the children back with us and looking so smart. We have had a busy first few days and the children have done really well settling into their new classrooms and getting used to the routines for the year ahead. The class teachers have written their class newsletters which contain important information about what happens when in their class, so please make sure that you have had a chance to read through it. We are all looking forward to working together as we 'Dare to Dream and Aim to Achieve'!

Meet the Teacher

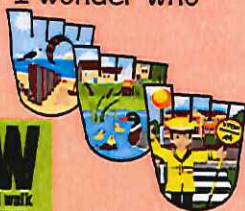
Over the next two weeks there will be the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher.

There will be lots of information to explain the way we will be teaching and how best to help your child/children at home. Please complete the slip attached to the letter sent out and return to the class teacher.

Walk to School

Next week we will be launching a new, year long, project to encourage children to get more exercise by walking to and from school.

Each day the children will record how they came to school and at the end of every month will win a badge if they have walked, cycled or come by scooter twice or more each week. Each badge is different - I wonder who can collect them all!



WOW
the year-round walk
to school challenge

School meals/Clubs/Payments

Thank you to all of you who are already paying us online via the Schools Gateway App. We now need to encourage the remainder of you to sign up. If you do not currently pay online, please can you see Mrs Stainton or Mrs Hatton next week and they will show you how it works. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Clubs

All our clubs will be starting next week and an email has already been sent to you about what is being offered for this term. If your child/children would like to take part in any of the clubs, please sign up online. The details are also on our website.



New Staff at Holdbrook

We would like to give a warm welcome to three new members of the Holdbrook team. Miss Wray has joined us in the Nursery, Mrs Mayes is our new Year 1 teacher and Mr Buffoni is our sports coach on Wednesday and Thursday. He will also be running sports clubs too. We hope that you will make them all feel welcome when you see them around school.

Pupil details

Next week we will be sending you the annual Data Collection Sheet. This contains the personal information that we hold on your child's record. Please can you check this form carefully, amend details as necessary and return to the school office (in the same envelope) as soon as possible. It is vital that we hold the correct contact and medical details for your child, in case of emergency.

Online Safety

Please look at our website to find ways to keep your child/children safe online at home.

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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