

Holdbrook Messenger

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. Another really busy week in school. This week, along with all our normal lessons, we started off October by celebrating Black History month, with a whole school assembly led by Mrs Downey. Each week, between now and half term, we will have an activity focusing on Black History within Britain. Thursday was National Poetry Day, our classes took part in a national event (where the lesson was streamed live) and all classes took part within their English lesson. Then to finish off the week we had a cake sale to raise money for McMillian Cancer. Thank you for all of the generous donations. We raised £181.20. Thank you!

On page 2 there are the key dates for this term. We have added the parents evening date for our Reception parents, flu vaccination details and some exciting activities taking place for different year groups.

Last week I mentioned that there will be road works taking place in Longcroft Drive. This will affect the turning into the school on the 16th and 17th October. We have been advised that the road will be closed from 9am – 4pm. During these times there will be NO access to the school by car. I have been advised to pass on this information and I ask all parents and carers who drive to please find an alternative route to and from school on these days. Please allow extra time to find somewhere to park away from the school and walk in for the last part of your journey.

Finally, can I remind everyone that on PE days children come into school in their PE kit and that children have everything that they need for their days learning, for example glasses etc.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Michael Mackey
Headteacher

Other information:

All clubs have started. SPACES AVAILABLE. Club details have been emailed out to parents and carers.

Any questions please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club: We open at 8am. Choice of breakfast. NO COST! Sign up on Parent Gateway.

MAX 30 places, if not booked call the office!!!

After School Club: Our ASC runs each day until 5.45pm. A light snack and lots of activities. £6 - sibling discount available.

Uniform reminder: *Please can I ask that children wear the correct uniform. In particular the correct jumper and plain black trainers or shoes. Thank you!*

SAFEGUARDING:

If you have any concerns for the safety and well-being of any child, please contact a member of our safeguarding team. The safeguarding leads are Mr Mackey, Mrs Turner, Ms Bull & Mrs Englefield.

Reading Award	Writing Award	Holdbrook Hero
Y1 Anna	Y1 Liyana	Y1 Thiago
Y2 Francie	Y2 Sena	Y2 Daniel
Y3 Richard	Y3 Anaya	Y3 Hoorain
Y4 Stina	Y4 Jolene	Y4 Ramla
Y5 Kianna	Y5 Ava Mae	Y5 Teo
Y6 Frankie-Lee	Y6 Selen	Y6 Sema

Well done to everyone! 😊

Hardworking
Organised
Listeners
Determined
Brave
Resilient
Optimistic
Open Hearted
Kind
Honest
Empathetic
Respectful
Ourselves

Be Co-operative
Be Curious
Be Caring
Be Confident



Top attendance: Y6 – 100%
School attendance this week: 94.9% (School target: 97%)

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Key Dates

Date	Event
16 th Oct	Year 6 Crucial Crew Safety Event at Cheshunt FC
17 th Oct	'Wear Red Day' – Supporting anti-racism.
23 rd Oct	Little City for Nursery to Year 2. Email coming soon!
24 th Oct	Flu Vaccination for children Reception to Year 6. Email coming soon!
24 th Oct	Last day of the half term – School finishes at 3.15pm
3 rd Nov	Children return to school following the half term break.
14 th Nov	Children in Need Day – Non School Uniform Day - £1 donation
19 th Nov	Parents Evening for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.
20 th Nov	Parents Evening for Year 1 Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.
20 th Nov	Parents Evening for Reception Parents/Carers
27 th Nov	Christmas Bonanza 3.45pm - 5.45pm
28 th Nov	INSET Day – School closed
10 th & 11 th Dec	Art Exhibition Week
12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Nativity
17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
17 th Dec	Performance Poetry
19 th Dec	Last Day of Term – School finishes at 1.15pm.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Breakfast Club

Please make sure you have booked your place. If you haven't please call the office on the day. If you turn up please come with your child to the office and speak to the office staff.

Many thanks!

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CHEXS

CHEXS is a family support and youth support charity based in Broxbourne and has been running for 15 years with a focus on stronger families. Holdbrook works very closely with CHEXS both in and out of school. You will often see CHEXS staff at school, working and supporting children in many different ways. Below is a poster of sessions that they are running for parents. Any queries please contact them directly or a member of staff in our school office who will be more than happy to help!

NEW
PARENTING REAL TALK
CHEXS

FREE Parenting group

Real talk with real people,
a friendly group to listen and support the
highs and lows of parenting.

MY KID WITH FOOD
BLECH! THERE'S SEEDS ON THIS BUN!

MY KID WITH EVERYTHING ELSE
OH MY GOD, DO YOU HAVE ROCKS IN YOUR MOUTH?!

ME-TIME
FINALLY! KIDS ARE ASLEEP. CHORES ARE DONE. FROM NOW UNTIL BEDTIME I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT!
MOMENTS LATER...
ZZZZZZZZ

MY KID IN THE FUTURE
SO... WHERE DO YOU THINK THIS FEAR OF THE NUMBER THREE COMES FROM?

MY KID RIGHT NOW
THAT'S IT! FINAL WARNING! ONE...! TWO...!

Let's chat about all things parenting over a tea, coffee, cake or biscuit!

WHEN: 17th September
1st October
15th October

WHERE: TESCO COMMUNITY ROOM
BROOKFIELD

TIME: 1.00 - 2.15PM

No need to book. Just turn up..
We'll pop the kettle on!

COMMUNITY FUND

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Reminders

Please do not use your mobile phone on school site when dropping off or collecting your child.



We have lots of children in our school with allergies. Please refrain from sending in nuts, chocolate or food with sesame seeds in. THANK YOU!

Healthy Pack Lunches

Please can you ensure that child has a healthy, balanced lunch box.



No chocolate, nuts or fizzy drinks.

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