



Holt Community Primary School

Newsletter Autumn No. 1

12th Sept 2012



A warm welcome to our new Reception class

A reminder that children should not arrive at school before 8.45 am. A number of children are turning up at school too early, which is making it difficult for the teachers to prepare their classrooms in the morning. The doors will now remain closed until 10 minutes before the official start time of 8.45am. This will still leave plenty of time before the bell goes at 8.55am.

The kitchen will now be offering the additional option of having jacket potato with cheese and beans every day.

Violin lessons will start again on Wednesday 19th September.

Dates for your diary

Year R, 1 and 2 Pet Assembly - 9.05am Wed 17th Oct
 Year 5 and 6 Trip to Poppy Line- Thur 18th Oct
 Parent/teacher consultations - 22nd, 23rd, 24th Oct
 Break up for Half term 26th Oct
 Year 4 - Horstead trip - 7-9th Nov
 Individual Photographs - 13th Nov
 Year 6 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 14th Nov
 Year 4 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 21st Nov
 Year 5 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 28th Nov
 Year 3 class assembly - 9.05 am Wed 5th Dec

During the summer break I spent several enjoyable days analysing the end of year assessment data. The year 6s performed very well last year and achieved above the national average in the Key stage 2 Sats. All year groups made good progress last year but boys remain behind girls in literacy.

Children with special needs performed especially well. Groups including Gifted and Talented, children receiving free school meals and children with English as an additional language all made good progress.

Only children defined as persistent absentees (attendance below 85%) did not make the expected progress last year. In fact this group only made approximately half the expected progress and are a real concern for the school. Consequently, we will be launching a number of initiatives aimed at improving attendance during the next few weeks.

Clubs this half term

Junior Film Club - Monday after school
 Y3-4 Basketball - Monday after school
 Y5-6 Football - Tuesday Lunch time
 Y1 outdoor learning Tuesday after school
 Junior Running - Tuesday after school
 Y5-6 Rugby - Wednesday Lunch time
 Y5-6 Netball - Wednesday after school
 Junior chess - Thursday lunchtime
 Y2-3 Games - Thursday after school
 Junior Knitting - Friday lunchtime
 Y4, 5 and 6 Games - Friday after school

School Uniform

We have just been informed that 'Class of 2000' will no longer be stocking our school uniform. From now on we will place an order directly with the supplier once every term. If you want to order a sweatshirt or a book bag please return the order form below to the office by 21st September.

Holt School Uniform order slip

Please complete and return this slip with any orders, by Friday 21st September. **Do not** send any money with this slip, this will not be required until the sweatshirts and bags are available for collection.

Child's Name Class.....

School sweatshirt Size 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13 @ £6 each. Number required Size.....

Bookbags @ £3-60 each. Number required

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Calendar September 2012 – July 2013

Autumn Half Term

School closes on Friday 26th October 2012 at 3pm and re-opens on Monday 5th November

Christmas

School closes on Friday 21st December at 3pm and re-opens on Tuesday 8th January 2013

Spring Half Term

School closes at 3pm on Friday 15th February and re-opens on Monday 25th February

Easter

School closes at 3pm on Thursday 28th March and re-opens on Monday 15th April

May Bank Holiday – school is closed on Monday 6th May

Year 6 SATs – 13th to 17th May 2013

Summer Half Term

School closes on Friday School closes at 3pm on Friday 24th May and re-opens on Monday 3rd June

Year 1 Reading Tests – 17th to 21st June 2013

Training Day

Staff training day – Wednesday 26th June 2013

Summer

School closes at 3pm on Friday 24th July

Please see our school website and regular newsletters for other activities during the year. We will also produce a termly reminder of dates in January and April.