



Holt Community Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 1

7th September 2023



Some of the children's artwork that was created during our German Expressionism art day was on display at St Andrew's church meeting rooms as part of Holt festival. It looked fantastic and was highly praised by visitors!

Dates for your diary

Wk beg 11th Sept - Year R stay 8.45am - 1.15pm
Wk beg 18th Sept - Year R stay all day
Thurs 28th Sept - Y5/6 trip to West Stow
Thur 12th Oct - New parents' Open Day
Wk beg 16th Oct - Parent/Teacher meetings
23rd-29th October - Half term
Tue 31st Oct - Individual photographs
1st-3rd Nov - Y4 Horstead
Tue 7th Nov - Remembrance service
Fri 17th Nov - Children in Need
18th/19th /20th Dec - Christmas performances
21st Dec-3rd Jan - Christmas holiday
Wk beg 12th Feb - Parent/Teacher meetings
17th-25th Feb - Half term
Thur 7th Mar - World Book Day
Wk beg 11th Mar - British Science Week
Fri 15th Mar - Red Nose Day
28th Mar-14th Apr - Easter holiday
Fri 19th Apr - Y1-Y6 reports sent home
Wk beg 13th May - Y6 SATs
25th May-2nd June- Half term
Wk beg 10th Jun - Y1 phonics screening check
Tue 11th Jun - Class Photographs
Fri 21st June - Picnic and Sports' Day
Wk beg 24th June - Year 6 Crowden
Fri 5th July - Reserve Sports' Day
20th July - Summer holiday

Welcome back to school everyone and we hope you all had a lovely Summer.

Attendance

The beginning of the school year is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance at school. Research shows that children with poor attendance are less likely to achieve well at school, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. Our attendance rate remains well below the national average and it is a priority for the school to improve the attendance rate this year.

I have put all the dates for holidays this year on the calendar so please do not organise any holidays in term time. We are not allowed to authorise any holidays and the Local Authority have resumed issuing fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences. Please see the attendance letter on the website for more details.

If a child is ill then please contact the office in the morning so that it can be marked on the register. We will text you if we have not been given a reason for an absence. If we do not receive a reply we will mark the absence as unauthorised.

Please note that children should arrive at school between 8.45am and 9.00am. The registers close at 9.05 and anyone arriving after that will be marked as late. We will send an attendance report home at the end of each term and invite parents to a meeting if their child is deemed persistently absent.

P.E Kit

It was lovely to see everyone return to school wearing the correct school uniform. We have made some changes this year. Junior children (Y3-Y6) need to come to school in uniform everyday. On the days that they have PE they will change at school. This will allow us more flexibility when we have P.E and help the children prepare for when they move to High School. Boys and girls will get changed in separate classrooms. They should bring their PE kit in a separate bag which can remain at school during the week.

Infant children (YR-Y2) will continue to come to school in their PE kit, on the days that they have a PE lesson. The school PE kit is: navy or black shorts; white t-shirt; sports shoes. Children with long hair need a fabric hair-tie. In the winter your child may wear a black or navy tracksuit top and/or bottoms over their PE kit.

End of year results July 2023

We were pleased with our Key Stage 2 SATs results. Well done to all the children for all their hard work.
Y6 Reading + Writing + Maths = 68% (National 59%)
Y6 Reading expected+ = 76% (National 74%)
Y6 Writing expected+ = 68% (National 69%)
Y6 Maths expected+ = 68% (National =71%)