



Holt VC Primary School

October 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to the team of Dads who put down a new section of path last weekend – just in time for the wet weather! We are incredibly grateful for the effort and time that Mike Adams, James Cottle, Chris Mundell, Mark Hodges, Dean Toon and Dermot Tully put into the project. Thanks also to Stonewood developers who kindly lent us a wacker plate.



Stop the spread!

- Please ensure you maintain a 2m distance from other parents when on school premises
- Children must not play on the castle at the beginning or end of the day
- One adult per family should be doing drop-off and pick-up
- Please arrive at your allocated time to ensure a flow of people moving on and off site
- If the teacher is present, children can be left to queue on their own

We are currently reviewing our drop-off and pick-up arrangements to ensure we are doing all we can to reduce contact between individuals, make the process as smooth as possible and keep everyone safe.

Parking

We know that parking around the school is limited but please ensure you park considerately. Our neighbours have reported cars blocking driveways and causing dangerous obstructions. Parking is not permitted on the zig-zag lines at the front of the school, even for a short time.

Wetter, colder weather

In the last two weeks the weather has turned and it feels like Autumn has well and truly



arrived. One of the measures we have been advised to take to help fight the spread of coronavirus is to ensure that all rooms in school are well ventilated. Despite the drop in temperature, this is still the advice from government. On colder days, your child may want to wear layers underneath their school uniform and/or bring in a fleece or additional top layer (providing it is not too restrictive). Where possible, we ask that any additional clothing is in keeping with school uniform eg a navy fleece.



With strict limits on internal movement around the school, the children are restricted to their classroom for much of the day. Playtimes and PE provide the only opportunity to have a break from their desk so we are very keen to ensure children can get outside - whatever the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and, if possible, we are asking all children to keep a named pair of wellies in school.

Dogs

Please be considerate of others when bringing dogs on the school run -a number of parents have expressed concerns about dogs blocking

access and making some children feel nervous. Please also be reminded that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site.

Macmillan Cake Sale

The Macmillan cake sale held in school last month was a brilliant success with £256.53 raised through your generous donations. There is still time to donate if you wish to: <https://thyg.uk/BUU004708122>

Thanks to Helen Potton and Carol Howell for organising this important fundraiser.

Harvest

Our Harvest assembly will look a little different this year. Beech, Maple and Ash children are putting together a celebration that we will share with you remotely. More details to follow soon!

Please update your permissions for photo and video sharing for this academic year – a copy of the form is attached. This now covers video as this is how we plan to share events and assemblies while restrictions remain in place.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting non-perishable goods for local foodbanks. Tinned and packet food donations can be brought into school from Wednesday 7th October. There will be collection boxes in each classroom until Wednesday 14th October.

And finally,

I am over the moon to have been appointed the permanent Headteacher of Holt VC Primary School. I look forward to serving the school community in my new role and continuing to work with your lovely children and the brilliant school staff.

Mrs Jo Hodge