



Holt VC Primary School

November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The second term of the school year is flying by and Christmas is just around the corner!

We've got lots of news and exciting things to share with you in this newsletter. There's also some important dates for your diary as we hurtle towards the festive season - you can also find them on the calendar on our website:

www.holtprimarschool.co.uk

Staff News

Huge congratulations to our lovely Mrs Greenman who is going to be a mummy! Baby Greenman is due in April so we are making plans to ensure Maple Class are well looked after during her maternity leave.

Mrs Smith, our SENCo, has decided to take early retirement so she can spend time with her family and go on some adventures. She'll be leaving us at Christmas after many years as a parent and dedicated staff member.

And Mrs Banks has decided that the time is right for her to step down from her role as Admin Assistant so she can pursue a new career.

At the beginning of term we welcomed back Miss King! Beth re-joined the team in November and we've kept her very busy ever since.

Sporting News



Our Girls Football team competed against 7 other schools at the West Wilts tournament on Monday. They represented the school brilliantly and finished in a very respectable 5th place.



Well done to all the runners who took part in the West Wilts Cross Country event and congratulations to Charlie and Byron who took podium spots in the Y5/6 boys race.



Luke, Henry, Charlie D, Jack, Andrew, Charlie W, Byron, Ben, Ashton, Charlie and Tavish played some fantastic football to finish second in the Trowbridge Small Schools football league. Over their 5 games, they scored more goals than any other team – 18 in total!

Thanks to Mr King, Mrs King, Mrs Harvey, Miss King and all the parent drivers for supporting the children at these events.

School Meals for KS2

From 6th December, KS2 children will once again be able to order a hot or cold school meal. Menus will be on parent pay from 24th November and each meal will be charged at £2.75.

Save the date: Thursday 16th December is our Christmas Lunch.

Elf Run

We are excited to announce that this year we will be supporting the Dorothy House Elf Run.



All the children will take part in a festive mufti day and fun-run around the school grounds to raise money for vital hospice care in our community. All the children will receive an Elf hat and family members are warmly invited to join come and cheer the children on.

Save the date: Friday 10th December, 2:30pm

Look out for sponsorship forms in bags today!

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. All the classes have been thinking about makes us all unique and the importance of kind words.



Brilliant display Ash Class!

“One kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word.”

Christmas at Holt Primary

For the first time, we will be holding a Christingle service at St Katharine's. The service will be planned and led by our Year 5



children. As it stands, we are planning for this to be a whole school event, with parents invited to attend, but this may change depending on the Covid situation and guidance from Public Health. If this is the case, we have a plan B and C to ensure that this special celebration can still happen in some form!

Our priority is to ensure that we continue to keep our children, families and staff healthy and safe so we will not be holding our usual large scale Christmas performances in the school hall. Instead, smaller festive celebrations are planned so we can reduce the number of people gathering on site but still enjoy the excitement and sparkle of Christmas at primary school.

Save the date: Thursday 16th December is our Christingle Service.

Details of the HSA Festive Smiles and Cheer were sent home this week – and can also be found in the news section of our website. The HSA do brilliant things for our school and community so please support these fun and fundraising events! Raffle tickets are in bags today and we are collecting hamper donations from Monday.

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As my letter last week explained, our school is navigating a challenging period with Covid-19 (and other winter viruses) at the moment.

We have a number of positive Covid cases in our school community and we are doing our very best to maintain good quality face to face education. Your patience, vigilance and support at this time is much appreciated.

Jo Hodge

### Dates for your Diary

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov –<br>Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Hamper donations collected in school                                                                                  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov –<br>Christmas Eve               | Holt Advent trail                                                                                                     |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec &<br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec | Wreath Making                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                   | Holt Winter Fayre                                                                                                     |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 5pm                            | Y1 Class Christmas performance                                                                                        |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                  | Dorothy House Elf Run and festive mufti                                                                               |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 3:30                           | Little Oaks Christmas performance                                                                                     |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 5pm                            | Y2 Class Christmas performance                                                                                        |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 6pm                            | Y6 Class Christmas performance                                                                                        |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 5pm                          | Y3 & Y4 Class Christmas performance                                                                                   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                | Christingle, led by Y5, & Christmas lunch                                                                             |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                  | Class Christmas parties (please wear party clothes to school)<br><br>School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3:15 |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 8:45                            | Term 3 begins                                                                                                         |