



### Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your children enjoyed the Easter break and feel rested, or at least revived, ready for the summer terms.

We have a lot to cram into the next two terms so please make a note of the dates at the end of the newsletter and keep an eye out for reminders and updates on the Week Ahead.

### Staff News

Mrs Greenman left us at the end of last term to begin her maternity leave – no news yet! In her absence, we're delighted to welcome Mrs Sophie Gower as class teacher for Maple Class.

We have successfully recruited a new and highly experienced SENCo. Mrs Catherine Margetts will join us permanently in September and will begin a transition from her current school, to Holt, as the term goes on. We will also continue to receive advisory support from a SENCo at a local school in the interim period.

Ms Kathryn Maguire, a specialist 1:1 TA, left us for a new adventure at the end of last term. She had supported a child at our school for seven years and we wish her well in her new job.

Mrs Amy Thomas joined the team last term to support a new child who has joined us in Little Oaks.

Mrs Rodger, who has been a Y5/6 teacher at Holt for many years, and Deputy Head for the last two years, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. A separate letter from Mrs Rodger accompanies this newsletter. Holt Primary will not be the same without her!

### Sun Safety



With sunny summer weather ahead, please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied before coming

to school and has a sun hat (named!) for use in school.

Sun cream can be brought into school to top-up but children will need to access and apply this independently.



### Parking – Holt Village Hall Car Park

You will be aware from previous newsletters of the problems that parking on the roads surrounding the school can cause our neighbours and other road users at drop-off and pick-up times.

We are therefore very grateful to the Trustees of Holt Village Hall who have offered the use of their car park, on a trial basis, to allow parking for parents as follows:

- Parking to be at the far end car park i.e. furthest from the hall.
- Parking by parents whilst dropping off/picking up children i.e. between 8.30 and 9.30 and 2.30 and 3.30 on school days.

The Village Hall will review this arrangement at the end of term, or earlier if it is found that such parking is restricting other legitimate users.



If this arrangement proves viable, we could explore the option for a 'walking bus' from and to the car-park. This would rely on parent volunteers so please contact us if you think you could help.

**Please remember:** For the safety of children and pedestrians, the entrance to school must be kept clear. The zig-zag yellow road lines indicate that stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited.

### Safeguarding

In Mrs Greenman's absence, our Designated Safeguarding Leads at school are Mrs Jo Hodge and Mrs Jo King. Mrs Katie Jackson is the Governor responsible for safeguarding.



This term we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. You will have received a separate letter giving further information about this programme.

### Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and nits, treating any cases promptly and thoroughly. Advice can be found here: [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

### School Uniform

The expectation is that all children wear full school uniform all through the year. A reminder of our school uniform is attached. Second-hand uniform is available from the HSA and new uniform can be ordered via the school office.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week Beg 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photos
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 3:15	End of term 5
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 8:45	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Beech and Maple: Bristol Zoo
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (for 6 weeks)	Year 4 swimming & Year 5 top-up swimming
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 6pm	Maple Class: Dance Festival @The Forum, Bath
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 9:15	Sports Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 12 – 3:30	Summer Fayre
July	Year 6 leavers events TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 3:15	End of term 6

With best wishes, Jo Hodge  
Head Teacher