
School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely half term break with your families.

At school, we are looking forward to another action packed half term – we have much to look forward to!

I have some news regarding our wraparound provision at Holbeton. From Monday 6th November we will reopen our Before School Club provision which will be provided by Plymouth Argyle Community Trust. Further details about this have been emailed out to parents, including how to book and payment. I know that the last few weeks have been very unsettling for our families who had previously been using our BASC provision and I hope that this news will be well received.

It's been wonderful talking to you on the playground at drop off and pick up. It's always nice to hear your ideas and some of the different ways you can get involved with the school. Please do keep them coming!

- Small but Mighty!



Harvest



We are small but mighty –
Holbeton School made a
huge and very generous
donation to Ivybridge
Foodbank with all the items
collected at Harvesttime.

What an incredible
difference all of our
wonderful children and
families have made.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30 th October	Non pupil day
Monday 13 th November	Odd Sock Day (See info below)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day – Go Spotty for Children in Need Mufti Day
Wednesday 22 nd November	HSA Disco TBC (Mufti Day voluntary donation £1)
Friday 1 st December	Christmas decoration making open morning for parents to attend 9-10am
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 th December	School and HSA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 am Village Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 th December	2pm Carol Service KS2 performance KS1 children and parents invited
Wednesday 13 th December	Children's Christmas lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Party afternoon – bring a plate of food - Mufti
Final week of term	No Clubs

Odd Sock Day – Monday 13th November

When is Odd Socks Day 2023? In 2023, it falls on November 13th. It is a day when schools, workplaces, and individuals join in together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.



HSA School Disco

Our amazing Holbeton School Association (HSA) are organising another school disco after last year's huge success!

22 November 3:30pm at the Village Hall TBC and more information coming soon!

Children can wear mufti on this day (voluntary £1 donation to the HSA)



Children in Need

Go spotty for Children in Need. Children can wear spotty mufti, face paint or Pudsey accessories and they will each receive a special Pudsey biscuit.

Donations to Children in Need can be made using the QR code on this poster.



Curriculum

Each class has PE on the following days:

Stoke	Wednesday
Wonwell	Friday
Mothecombe	Friday
Bigbury	Monday



Forest School

Week 1 31.10.23 Tuesday	Year 4, 5 and 6
Week 2 8.11.23 Tuesday	Year 1, 2, and 3
Week 3 14.11.23 Tuesday	Year 4, 5 and 6
Week 4 21.11.23 Tuesday	Year 1, 2, and 3
Week 5 28.11.23 Tuesday	Year 4, 5 and 6
Week 6 5.12.23 Tuesday	Year 1, 2, and 3



Parent Overviews

Information about your child's learning for this half term can be found on their class page of the school website. This will include information about their new topic, timetables and events coming up as well as homework information.

Sport Tournaments

We would love for our children to take part in more sport competitions and tournaments with local primary schools this year. We have so many keen and talented children who would represent our school and our motto 'small but mighty' so well! However, transport to events has historically been a bit tricky. If you have flexibility in your availability and you would be happy to offer lifts to events in the future, please can you let Mrs Nash know via the admin email address so we can get in touch with you nearer the time, as and when the events arise. Alternatively, if you would be happy to help but you cannot support with lifts, our HSA team would be very grateful for any donations that could go towards the cost of minibus transport. We have lots of Christmasy fundraising ideas planned with details coming soon!



Uniform

It is our policy that all children at Holbeton Primary School should wear our school uniform and take pride in their appearance.

We are proud of our school uniform, it is smart and gives our children a sense of school identity. We believe that presenting a smart and tidy appearance is a very important life skill and helps create a strong ethos within the school. Please support us by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform, which is outlined below.

Boys Uniform	Girls Uniform
Navy Blue trousers / shorts	Navy Blue skirt, trousers, pinafore or blue and white checked summer dress.
White Polo Shirt (Polo shirt with logo is optional)	White Polo Shirt (Polo shirt with logo is optional)
Navy Blue Sweatshirt with school logo	Navy Blue Sweatshirt with school logo
Blue / black socks	White or blue socks
Black school shoes (no trainers, heels or boots)	Black school shoes (no trainers, heels or boots)

PE Kit
Navy shorts or blue tracksuit/Jogging bottoms (optional during cooler weather)
Polo shirt with school logo
Trainers or plimsolls

If your child attends a PE lunchtime or after school club, please can they bring their trainers in a bag to get changed into. Children should wear school shoes and white polo shirts on the days they don't have PE – thank you for your support with this.

Children should not wear jewellery except plain stud earrings. On PE days the children should either remove their earrings themselves or cover them with micro-pore tape (provided by themselves). Smartwatches (with phone capability and cameras) are not allowed. Please can long hair be tied up or hairbands will be provided by the school. This is for health and safety reasons and to reduce the spread of headlice.