

School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It's been a mixture of sunshine and showers this week, but it hasn't stopped us getting outside and making the most of every learning opportunity. It is always lovely to hear that our school values are being demonstrated at Forest School – well done for excellent teamwork and togetherness everyone!

This week we have been taking part in some remembrance activities and reflections and the children have created a beautiful poppy display with their artwork. I'm may see some of you at Holbeton church on Sunday for the remembrance service. A big thank you to the children who volunteered to do readings.

- Small but Mighty!



Classroom News

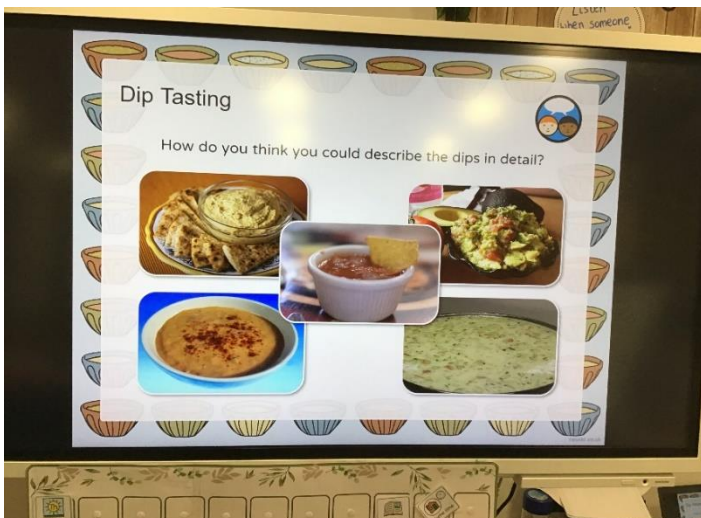
Nursery and Reception

This week in Stoke class, we have been learning all about Diwali. The children made rangoli patterns using loose parts and natural resources at forest school, and learnt about the story of Rama and Sita. We practised our balancing skills in P.E and made some yoga poses linked to Diwali. In maths we focused on comparing numbers. The children worked in partners to arrange and discuss groups of objects together.



Year 1 and Year 2

In Wonwell this week we have been very excited to begin our DT topic “Dips and Dippers.” We explored what dips are and where in the world they come from. Then we tasted them and evaluated them based upon appearance, texture, taste and smell. At the end of the topic we will be making our own dips. We have also begun to learn our Christmas play songs and on Monday next week the children will bring home their song words and scripts to practise along with costume slips.



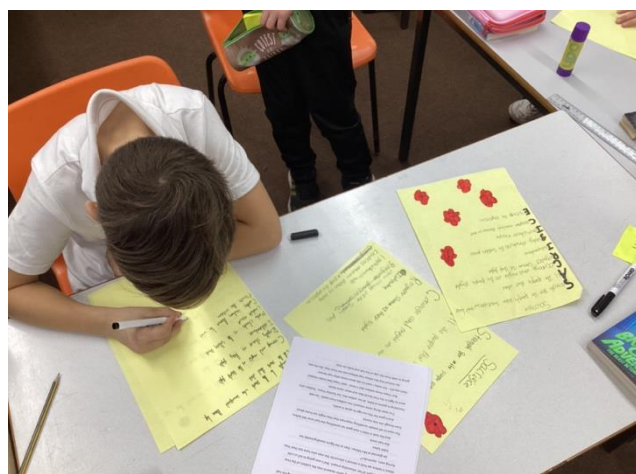
Year 3 and 4

This week in Mothecombe class we have been finishing our writing. We have all written an interview with a wild animal. Most of the children chose either a kangaroo or a cheetah. I can't wait to read them all. We have also been exploring the artist L.S Lowry. The children have produced some excellent sketches using viewfinders. We looked at his famous painting 'Going to Work'. We even listened to the classic song 'Matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and dogs'!



Year 5 and 6

This week in Bigbury Class we read a short story by Tom Palmer about the Barnbow Lasses. We learnt about the women who worked making shells and ammunition during WW1 to support the front line, and how an accident caused many women who worked there to tragically lose their lives. After we read the first chapter, we drew pictures to visualise the tragic event. At the end, they reflected on what they had learnt and created acrostic poems using the words sacrifice and courage to help remember them.



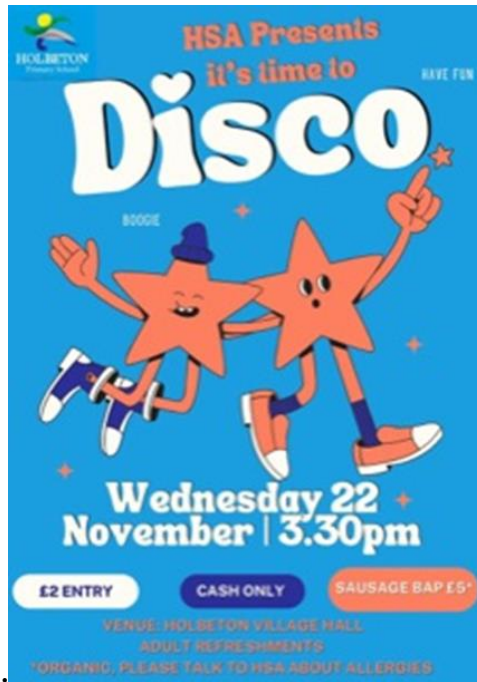
Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2

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)
Thursday 30 th November* *change of date	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
Wednesday 13 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 am 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

School Disco – A message from the HSA

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.

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

We have invited 'Richards Time Machine Mobile Disco' to the village hall on Wednesday 22nd November, from 3.30 until around 5.30. To help with his costs we are asking for £2 donation and in return you'll have exhausted children (organic hot dogs courtesy of lovely parents or a veggie option will be on sale) along with the fabulous experience of an exceptional school disco! Refreshments available to suit both adult and child requirements! Hoping that everyone can be there, the school is arranging a mufti day in honour of our disco so let's make it memorable!

PS Please remember some cash for the donation, refreshments and food!!

School Lottery Scheme– A message from the HSA

Dear Lovely Parents,

A follow-up mail as promised (!) with details of the School Lottery Scheme.

I've just signed up myself and it genuinely takes 3 minutes. To re-cap, each ticket costs £1, there is a jackpot each week to be won of £25,000. For every ticket bought on behalf of Holbeton school a guaranteed 40p comes directly to us. Since this scheme has been up and running we have made over £1500 each year. To be honest, it's really easy money - no baking required (!) AND of course someone will win 25k each week, why not one of us?

To brave another cliché; "you've got to be in it to win it"! Please have a look at this link, type in Holbeton and follow instructions <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>

Please forward to friends and families with a huge smile, let's try and hit 100 tickets bought every week. I know there are exciting plans for the children this year, it would be great to spread the financial responsibility.

At the moment, the National School Lottery scheme has a special lottery game to win this:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holbeton-primary-school#offer-content>

An additional ticket needs to be bought for a chance to win but if you fancy it you'll need to act soon!

Looking forward to hearing our joint success stories and a big thank you in advance.

Best wishes to all,

The HSA

PS I've just received a mail back following my subscription, if I refer a friend I can be put into a draw to win a £200 Amazon card - it really is a win win win thing!

Children in Need

17.11.23

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 for a donation of £1

Donations to Children in Need can be made using the QR code on this poster or brought into the school office.



Curriculum

Each class has PE on the following days:

Stoke	Wednesday
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Wonwell	Friday
Mothecombe	Friday
Bigbury	Monday



Forest School

Thank you for your support with uniform and school shoes since last week's newsletter!

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



Morning Registration

We would like to remind parents all children need to be registered by 9.05am each morning, we will therefore close the gate at 9.00am. Children who are not in class by the time registration closes will be marked as late and must come to Reception via the pedestrian gate.