

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday November 7th



### **Our second half-term 2020-2021**

I was so relieved when I heard that schools would remain open to all our children during the second national lock-down. The children have returned to us refreshed and have worked so hard this week.

### **Art Displays around school**

This half-term the children are studying the work of the artist Carly Gordon. Look out on Facebook from next Tuesday where we will be sharing a virtual tour of the different art displays and exhibitions around school.

### **Google Classrooms**

When you can please visit our website, go to the parents section and look out for the Google Classroom heading. It's here you will find full instructions of how to join each classroom that you need to. Please remember it is into the Google Classroom that we will be uploading our Christmas plays etc. We will not be able to upload the presentation onto social media.

### **Flu Vaccinations Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Thanks to the school nursing team who delivered just under 200 immunisations last Monday. If you would like your child to receive the immunisation but missed the opportunity on Monday let the office staff know as the nursing team can return.

### **COVID 19**

Please remember that if any member of a household is showing COVID symptoms and has been tested / waiting for results any Holland Moor pupil from that household should isolate at home until we know the results.

### **Activity session of the week**

After nearly a year of waiting we finally have our large outdoor screen working on the KS2 playground. It was great to see Year 5 children participating in outdoor, lunchtime yoga sessions.

### **Classroom Temperatures**

We are still following the Chief Medical Officer's advice to keep classrooms well ventilated with as much air as possible flowing through them. We are also following the very latest advice to vacate classrooms frequently for five minute gaps. I've asked the children regularly about how comfortable they feel and most seem content. However I know a few felt cold early in the week when temperatures dropped generally in the big, wide world. I noticed this was remedied in some

instances by the children wearing more layers of clothing on subsequent days. I will continue to monitor the temperatures in every area of the school.

### **PE Kits**

Some children are coming to school in indoor PE kit when they are going to experience the joys of an outdoor games lesson. I'll send out the timetable again.

### **Vision Screening – Year 1**

Next visit on November 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Swimming for Y6**

After all our careful planning, visits to the pool, writing risk assessments etc. the swimming lessons were cancelled due to the new national lockdown. I think it's likely to be January before we get another opportunity.

### **KS2A Class of the Week**

This week it's Class 3-4T for the enthusiasm they showed in their Geography lesson about Lines of Longitude and Latitude. They were buzzing when they came out of their classroom at the end of the day telling myself and their parents about the length of the equator and the different hemispheres.

### **KS2B Class of the Week**

This week it's got to be Class 6S for a most beautiful rendition of the Haka as they greeted Mr Sanders on the KS2 playground at the end of lunch playtime on Thursday. Superb.

### **Remote Learning**

All staff are continuing to practise their remote learning skills including using a full range of features. Well done to Class 5M who completed a successful remote lesson on Thursday morning. Miss Martin taught the class from afar whilst Mrs Arnold skilfully prompted and cued the children as necessary. We hope we will not have to use these developing skills but we are ready if it proves necessary.

### **Half-term Zorm colouring competition**

Thanks to everyone who sent me in an entry to our Zorm competition. All 52 were all delightful and looking at them certainly put me in the green zone. Our winner was Maisie Green.

### **School Milk**

The usual £5 milk money is now due for KS1 children who wish to drink milk each day. The regular exemptions apply.

### **Halloween Disco**

How amazing were our Halloween dances and other features which we so proudly presented on Facebook. When I wrote about them last Friday I hadn't seen any and didn't realise just how good they all were. One Halloween dance had close to 500 views.

### **Autumn Collage and Autumn Art Display**

I was in the yellow zone as I awaited the entries for our Autumn Collage exhibition. As promised we were able to display them all in our woodland when we eventually found a dry day. They were all great and included leaves, plants, berries, acorns and seeds.

## **Christmas Raffle – The 12 Days of Christmas Hamper Raffle**

### **Donations for the Christmas Raffle**

We just need 2 more prizes. Thanks to everyone. Please remember you can pay for tickets on ParentPay.

### **Consultation Evenings for Reception Classes, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Nursery consultations later in the term.**

It's not too late to book just follow the instructions below.

The consultation evenings are on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** for reception children through to year 6 children.

To make your appointments please login at <https://parents-booking.co.uk/hollandmoor>

#### **To login you will need to enter:**

- Your first name and surname
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you.

If you would prefer a simple telephone conversation/consultation rather than a video call when you click the 'book' button, leave the phone number you would like to be contacted on in the comment box e.g. phone call on 07712345678.

After you have made your appointments you can choose to print or e-mail yourself a confirmation .

On the day of your appointment/s, you will need to re-login at the website address above. 10 minutes before your appointment/s are due to begin you will be able to join the video meeting room, where you can wait for your appointment(s).

#### **Internet Browser Compatibility:**

You must use one of the below devices and internet browser combinations for the video meeting technology to work:

- **Apple iPhone/iPad (iOS 11+):** Safari
- **Android phone/tablet:** Chrome or Firefox
- **Linux computer:** Chrome or Firefox
- **Microsoft Surface:** Chrome or Firefox
- **Mac computer:** Safari, Chrome or Firefox
- **Windows computer:** Chrome, Firefox or Edge (Chromium)

#### **Troubleshooting Tips**

- If you cannot login please contact the school office.
- The email address field entered is only used to send your appointment confirmation. If you have problems logging in, it will not be because of the e-mail address you entered.

Wishing everyone a great rest of the weekend even during these challenging lock-down times.

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