



# HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please see separate information that has been sent home with details and timings for return.

As children return, we will be focussing on the children's well-being to acknowledge lock down and the experiences children have had. We will focus on strengths and what children have learnt – both academically and personally. We will give children a chance to share and celebrate with time to talk. We have a team of adults – including our trained ELSAs (emotional literacy support assistants) who are here for the children.

Teachers will be identifying gaps in learning and we will be addressing these by using the Government Covid catch up premium for additional staffing, resources and tutoring sessions. Early indications are that reading comprehension is a priority and so please keep reading and sharing books with your child daily and talk about what you have read. Maths fluency is also key – so keep on with the Times Table Rockstars.

The library will be open in a Covid-safe way on a rota basis when children return. Some of the children currently in school have really enjoyed their visits this week. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Smart for providing the home learning reading books over lockdown. This has been a massive task but hopefully has benefited children learning remotely.

Thank you to parents and children for all you have done over this difficult time. Due to your hard efforts and sacrifice, we have not had to have any closures so far at Holly Lodge. Please do remain careful and continue to follow all the risk protection measures.

The sun is shining, spring is on its way and we have a road map back!

Stay safe!

Mrs Dancer  
Academy Head



### **\*\*Upcoming Dates\*\***

#### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day (pupils at home and school may dress up as their favourite book character)

19<sup>th</sup> March Comic Relief (Wear something red mufti day)

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bikeability weeks

## HLSA News

From the HLSA we just wanted to say what a success the virtual quiz night was - we raised approximately £600 (for the year 3/4 playground) which included kind donations from both La Vang - Indian restaurant in Ash Vale and Big Fry Fish n Chips in North Camp.

Congratulations to the winning team:  
*A Batch of Spuds, Stubbs & Dubz*  
and thank you to brilliant quiz master Dave.  
A great time was had by everyone!

**\*\* The HLSA need your unwanted uniform, Christmas jumpers and fancy dress outfits! \*\***

*Please use the red box outside the school office for your donations, or contact the office to arrange getting your donation to school if you're homeschooling*

**We are still able to accept and fulfill Recycled Uniform orders - please use the form on our website**



## Library News

*"Fill your head with amazing things"*

We have a lovely new piece of artwork taking pride of place in the library. This was kindly created for the school by local artist Sarah Connor ([www.sarahconnor.uk](http://www.sarahconnor.uk)) and really enhances our non-fiction section! The year 5 pupils enjoyed their visit to the library this week (see photo above) and we look forward to welcoming to more pupils to the library as soon as possible.



## World Book Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Pupils at home and at school are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character. Virtual class catch-ups will take place via Teams and classes will share a story together.

On the day, if you would like to send us a photo of your child in their costume for the newsletter or website, please email:

[info@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto:info@hollylodge.kite.academy)

If you are happy for the photo to be shared on our school Facebook page, please let us know.

## Comic Relief – Wear Something Red!

This year's Comic Relief event takes place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be holding a mufti day and pupils will be invited to **wear something red** to raise money for the charity. **We ask that pupils taking part donate £1 to Comic Relief.** This year we have set up a Just Giving page for parents to donate online, going straight to the charity. Due to Covid-19 **this is the preferred method for making donations:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holly-lodge-primary-school-rednoseday21>

We thank you in advance for the £1 donations, but of course families are welcome to donate higher amounts if you wish to. Every penny makes a difference.

## Year 5 News

Charlie in year 5 wrote to the England Rugby team as part of a writing project. He was delighted to receive a response from Owen Farrell and autographs from the team!

