



Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

DIARY OF EVENTS

ISSUE 1

18TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Message from Mrs McGuigan

October

5th—9th
Walk to School Week

26th—30th
Half Term
School Closed

November

Thursday 12th
Flu Vaccinations

December

Friday 18th
Term Ends 1:30pm

January 2021

Monday 4th
Inset Day
School Closed

**Tuesday 5th
Term Begins**

February

15th -19th
Half Term
School Closed

It has been wonderful to have all the children and staff back at school, everyone has quickly adjusted back to our “new normal”. The term has started positively with teachers and teaching assistants building positive relationships with the children in their classes. The school day starts well now with socially distanced parents on the playground and any issues regarding collection at the end of the day were addressed within a few days.

We are fully aware that children have missed parts of their education, due to the forced closure of the school, and although we did our best to deliver remote learning moving forward we are keen to reflect and further improve what we can offer children. We were grateful to the parents that responded to our survey at the end of the summer term as this has helped us plan for the future.

As Covid 19 continues to be part of daily life it is very important that we are prepared to deliver lessons remotely with as little interruption to the

children’s education as possible.

If there is a local lockdown and the school is advised to either partially, or completely close, we want to deliver the best support that we can to ensure that children stay on track. The quality of this support will depend on when, and if, remote learning is required however we would like parents and carers know that this is our ambition and staff are receiving training on an alternative platform to be used that will allow us to improve on what we can deliver. More information will follow later this half term and will include school expectations regarding children’s engagement in the remote learning provided.



How are we covering missed learning in Maths?

In Maths this year, we will be working hard to teach the aspects of the curriculum your child has missed due to the forced school closure as well as teach this year's curriculum. To do this we will be using new planning that prioritises the learning for your child's year group and links it back to learning that should have been taught in the Summer Term. This means they will be taught the missed skills, that they need to be able to complete this year's learning, before new concepts are taught. Additionally, we will be continuing our 10 minute Fluency sessions for all children at the start of every afternoon to both maintain learning from the lessons and reactivate learning that is coming up. Your child may also spend time doing Responsive Maths on some afternoons with a Teaching Assistant to consolidate learning completed in the morning. Finally, weekly Maths homework, which consolidates learning taught in school that week, will be given out as normal across all year groups and it is advised your child completes as many challenges as possible. From this, any misconceptions arising will be picked up by your child's teacher and addressed in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

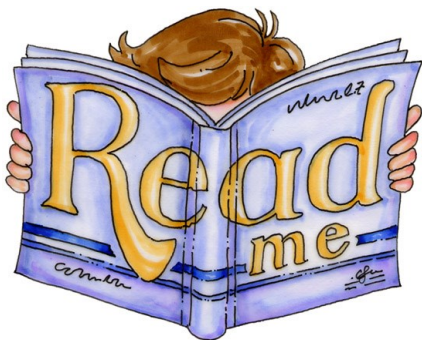
Mrs Deacon - Maths Subject Leader



How are we covering missed learning in English?

In English this year, we will be working hard to cover the learning your child has missed due to the forced school closure as well as teach this year's curriculum. To do this we will be revisiting some areas taught last year and integrating them into this year's curriculum. This may include stand-alone grammar lessons or possibly including it as starters to lessons. Your child may also take part in writing interventions with Teaching Assistants in the afternoon in order to meet writing targets.

Additionally, daily reading lessons will continue which will include a variety of texts in line with the genre being taught in English lessons. These reading lessons will include skills that your child would have previously used as well as opportunities to apply new skills taught. Your child may also spend time in reading fluency interventions in the afternoon with a Teaching Assistant in order to develop their understanding of various texts. Children are still expected to read four times per week at home and their reading passports will continue to be monitored weekly. Also, a weekly reading comprehension will be set as homework to consolidate the skills taught in reading lessons.



Lastly, we have implemented a new spelling scheme which will consist of two whole-class lessons per week as well as possible starters in English lessons. Children will focus on a certain spelling rule each week and will be given weekly spelling homework in line with the rule taught that week. Any misconceptions picked up in lessons or homework will be addressed at school or in a possible phonics/ spelling intervention.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Carroll

Letters & Emails Home

Flu Vaccinations

Yr 4 Swimming

Yr 5 PGL 2022

Yr 6 PGL 2021

New Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff, Mrs Robson in Year 3, Miss Holder in year 6, Mrs Hill and Mrs Humara as lunch time supervisors. We are also very lucky to have employed a new sports apprentice, Lois Parker we certainly hope that we will be able to take part in as many sporting events as possible this year and as many children as possible will have the opportunity to take part successfully!

Parent Contact Information

Please don't forget to advise school of any changes to contact details – especially mobile phone numbers which you may have changed/ or upgraded over the summer break. We must be able to contact you during the day in case of emergency or to follow-up any absence queries.

Please also ensure that you download the Parentmail and School Gateway apps as most of our communication comes electronically.

PGL 2021



All the current year 6 that wish to attend PGL next year should by now have informed the office. The first deposit of £45 is due at the end of September.

The second deposit of £65 (making a total of £110 in your Gateway account) is due by 13th November.

The final balance must be paid by 13th April next year. Payment is made through the Gateway app and you may pay weekly, monthly or as often as you wish.

Class	11/9/20					18/9/20				
	5 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing	5 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing
Mrs Kaydu	Thomas	Filip	Amelia B	Jack	Junior	Will	Abby	Vienna	Caitlin	Amelia B
Miss Fuller	Roy	Lucy	Jaziah	Tutu	Grace	Polly	Antonia	Abilgail	Henry J	Carter
Mr Scarbrough	Hristian	James	Aram	Lyla	Alicya	Jean B	Tommy	Melvin	Flynn	Toby
Miss Carroll	Chloe	Maciej		Spencer	Andreea	Ava	Samuel	Oliver	Maciej	Keerthi
Mr Heskin Mrs Florido		Scarlett	Harry	George	Ronnie	Emma	Gloria	Pippa	Stanley	Mia
Miss Graham	Sebastian	Louie	Maisie	James	Millie	Gracie	Rosa	Faith	Daniel	Rineira
Mrs Deacon	Millie	Alexander	Nathan	Freddie		Emily	Jensen	Jared	Kane	Marianna
Mrs Tredwell						Chayse	Lilia	Niall	Nicole	Maisie
Cooks Award										

Attendance	11/9	18/9	Attendance	11/9	18/9
Mrs Kaydu	93.2	92.1	Miss Fuller	98.7	95.6
Mr Scarbrough	96.2	92.8	Miss Carroll	96.0	92.8
Mr Heskin/ Mrs Florido	93.3	89.8	Miss Graham	88.9	91.8
Mrs Tredwell	89.0	91.7	Mrs Deacon	92.9	86.4