



Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

February 2021

Half Term Break
15th - 19th

Tuesday 23rd
Learning Review
Meeting 3:30 - 6pm
SENCO 3pm - 6pm

Thursday 25th
Learning Review
Meeting 4pm - 6:30

March

Thursday 4th
World Book Day

Friday 26th
End of Term 1:30pm

April

Monday 12th
INSET Day
School Closed

Tuesday 13th
Start of Summer
Term

May

Monday 3rd
Bank Holiday
School Closed

Half Term Break
31st - 4th June

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Message from Mrs McGuigan

We have had a very positive first half of the Spring term with our remote learning and there has been some fantastic work coming in from the children. Thank you for supporting your children to help make this happen – we really do appreciate how difficult this can be. It has been lovely to see so many children join our regular Google Meet sessions delivered by class teachers. This is a valuable opportunity for them to ask their teachers questions about their work as well as interact with their friends. I have also been so impressed by how many children have been attending the weekly live assembly and the breakfast assembly last week was a particular success!

Please contact the school if you require any further support – we are here to help you.

The numbers of children visiting the weekly Book Bus has been increasing each week, it has been lovely to have an opportunity to see children that can not attend school. We hope that this continues to be popular after half term as we believe that it is essential that the children continue to read books regularly in addition to their daily reading lessons.

Learning review meetings will take place, as usual, the week after half term so please ensure that you book your time slot with your child's class teacher. The appointments are ten minutes long and should be an opportunity for you and your children to discuss targets for the future.

We hope that we will hear some positive news soon regarding when the school can reopen to all children however we will only find out the same time as parents do, in the media.

All staff are now using lateral flow testing kits twice a week to hopefully identify positive cases without symptoms.

260 postcards have been
sent out so far.....





FUN IN THE SNOW



**Letters &
Emails Home**

Y3 Isolation

Learning Review
Booking Open

Mental
Wellbeing
Day

PSHE - Potato Heads

Making the potatoes was really fun, we used pipes for arms and legs and paper for costumes and drew on eyes and mouths.

By Samuel Yr 4

Making the potatoes was fun. I used pipes for the arms and legs, a potato for the body, small pompoms for the a headband decoration and white board pen for the eyes and mouth.

By Melissa Yr 4



Katie's posh potato Yr4

When he first met her it was love at first sight,
She stole his heart like a thief in the night,
But trouble befell them when their families found out,
Their love was forbidden and to them was no doubt,
Their hearts like broken glass, shattered and in pieces,
She watched her love leave, and the pain never ceases.

Some time had passed but their love never faded,
Lydia's days were spent feeling tired and jaded,
Alone in her room still reeling from the shock,
No sound could be heard but the tick-tock of the clock.
Across the miles was Max, weeping and wailing,
Trying to get over it but alas, he kept failing.
In a moment of madness he mounted his horse,
Where was he going? To see his love, of course,
The ground beneath covered in a blanket of snow,
This treacherous obstacle was an unfortunate blow,
But he remained steadfast in his ultimate goal,
To reach his love, his life, his soul,
As he galloped the miles, a blizzard had formed,
An army of snowflakes around him had swarmed,
His horse grew weary and let out a yelp,
A kindly young man stopped and offered his help,
With the horse now rested they set out on their way,
The moon rising in the sky, saying goodbye to the day.

His resolve weakened like the beats in his heart,
The cold stabbed his body like a sharp dart,
The sky was pitch black, it was the dead of the night,
He kept going and going till her house was in sight,
Reaching her door he called out her name,
He dismounted the horse, which by now had gone lame.
Hearing his voice Lydia rushed outside,
Only to find that her lover had died.



By Layla - Y6

Breakfast Assembly

On Tuesday 2nd February, we all took part in a virtual breakfast assembly. Children in class bubbles in school and lots of children at home all had breakfast together at 9 o'clock.

We all ate together as part of National children's mental health week. Mrs McGuigan read a story about how our emotions can change all the time like someone's hair colour can change if they dye it.

It made us think about how our emotions can change during lockdown and how we need to stay emotionally resilient during this difficult time. The assembly was really fun and we learnt a lot.

Year 5 Bubble: Kandi, Shane, Rosa, Mayson, Bella, Ellis and Gracie





Holtsmere's New Running Track

In January, part of the school field was dug up and replaced with a tarmac running track. We in Yr 6, ran the track and will tell you all about it.

During the Winter, it is too wet to run around the field so this new track will allow us to get more exercise. It has a non-slippery surface so it will help to keep us safe. Six laps of the track is equal to one mile. We decided to time ourselves so that we can see how we improve.

We all enjoyed our run and look forward to using it more.

By Y6: Maisee, Sadie and Ianis

Potato Heads



Yr 4 Online Fancy Dress





Year 5 making good use of the new running Track



Year 5 Lino Printing: On Thursday in art we did lino printing. We had to carve the lino with a special utensil called a brayer. We used tracing paper to trace a leaf onto lino and then carved it out. We painted over the carved lino then put it on paper to make lino prints. By Ellis

At school we did lino printing. We carefully etched out a leaf that had been drawn onto the lino then we painted it and printed it onto paper. It was very fun! By Rosa



