



**Academic Year
2021/22**

September

Autumn Term Starts
Monday 6th

Tuesday 14th
Meet the Teacher
Yr 5 & 6

Wednesday 15th
Meet the Teacher
Yr 3 & 4

October

Half Term
25th - 29th inc

November

Friday 5th
Flu vaccinations

December

Tuesday 21st
End of Term
1:30 pick-up

**The staff would
like to say thank
you to all the
parents and
children for the
lovely gifts**

Holtsmere End Junior School Newsletter

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Message from Mrs McGuigan

The end of this school year has come around very quickly as the weeks this term have flown by. It has been a strange term in so many ways however the children have shown great resilience.

The children's first day back for autumn term is Monday 6th September 2021. Staff have two INSET days on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September.

Uniform

Reminders have been sent home regarding the correct school uniform to be worn in September. It is essential that your child is dressed in the correct uniform from head to foot including black school shoes. We will be checking that children are dressed in the correct uniform on the first day in September.

Attendance

It is vitally important that children are on time for school and in school as often as possible. Children have missed a great deal of school due to the pandemic and we are keen to start afresh in September with the children's attendance one of our top priorities. Children being brought to school late can make a huge difference and an impact on their learning. The school day starts as soon as the children come through the door at 8.45 and learning begins. Even 15 minutes a day is over an hour of missed learning by the end of the week.



Meet the teacher meetings

On Tuesday 14th September for Year 5 and Year 6 and Wednesday 15th September for Year 3 and 4 we will be running our yearly 'Meet the Teacher Meetings.' These will be straight after school in the classrooms or via zoom at 3.30pm- we will let you know at the beginning of term.

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Message from Mrs McGuigan continued....

This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and learn about the expectations of the new year group.

These meetings will give you information about the timetables for the children, topics that will be taught as well as homework expectations.

Year 6

The year 6 children were lucky enough this year to attend the annual residential trip and have experienced the usual BBQ and disco, even if it was a little bit different! We wish the Year 6 children the very best of luck at secondary school and we look forward to hearing about their many future successes.

Staff leaving

Mrs Florido, year 4 teacher, Miss White, a year 5 teaching assistant and Miss Toms will be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish them lots of luck for the future and thank them for their hard work and commitment for what has been another challenging year.

New staff

Miss Abrey joined the Holtsmere team a few weeks before the end of the summer term. Miss Abrey will be teaching a year 4 class in September. We are delighted to welcome Miss Abrey to the Holtsmere team in particular as she is an ex-pupil so Holtsmere born and bred!

Parent contact information

Please don't forget to advise school of any changes to contact details - especially mobile phone numbers which you may change/upgrade 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 and the school should have at least two contact numbers.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support this year have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



Head Boy & Girl

We are very pleased to announce that the Head Boy and Head Girl for the next year will be:

Nathan Turner & Nikkia Cameron-Paul

Deputy Head Boy & Girl: Louie Redican & Millie Beamon

Ancient Egyptians

For Egyptian day we learnt about Tutankamun and we were making lots of special things for Tutankamun's tomb. As Tutankamun died suddenly we had to prepare all the jewellery for the afterlife. We learnt to make the tomb using a sharp wooden stick and some clay. We also made a golden plaque using a special design. Tutankamun was a really good hunter so using all the feathers he collected we made a fan with an Egyptian design.

We have learnt about Tutankamun and what he was good at and why he was so important. With a wooden stick, some herbs and a small cloth in strips we made a mummy. We also found out that Tutankamun became Pharaoh when he was nine.

Ollie Year 4

I have learnt a lot about Egypt and what they do all the time. We also learnt how to make very creative things. It was very fun and exciting to do we did about 5 different things and we took lots of pictures so everyone can see our outfits and all of us together !!! Also we did painting and made treasure. An Egyptian man came on zoom meeting and he told us all about Egypt. I know everyone was very happy.

Aleyna Year 4



Ancient Greeks

Greeks: I did a mosaic, I made a leaf headband and I made bracelets. They all were delightful and really creative, I enjoyed all of them.

In the bracelet making, I learnt that only the middle one gives you abilities, such as an owl which stands for intelligence while the other ones on the sides are just for decoration.

When we were making a leaf headband, I realised that when you folded the green paper and cut one leaf it actually came out as two leaves.

Although all of these activities were wonderful, my personal favourite activity were the mosaics. We got tiny squares which were brownish, red and blue and we stuck them on cardboard and covered it with grout, which ended up with a fascinating result.

All of these activities were brilliant and fun to take part in and I would like to thank all the adults and teachers for planning this.

Abby T. Year 3



Sports Day: Winning Team



FIRE - Well done everyone!

