

A message from Kevin Ward

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2018.

A number of parents have raised questions about financial contributions – money that we ask for to support trips, after school clubs, and activities run by outside providers. (Fencing, taekwondo, swimming, canoeing and biking.) At Holmleigh we are committed to offering a wide range of educational experiences for the children. This provision over many years is one of the reasons why we have been recognised as an outstanding school by Ofsted since 2008. In the past, school funding was sufficient to help pay for these activities. However, parents will know that since 2010 school budgets have not kept up with rising costs, and now, for schools throughout the country, funding is at crisis levels. At Holmleigh we have tried to manage this, but have still had to lose 14 of our support staff over the past 4 years. The next financial year will be even more difficult. If we stop our clubs and activities, your children will miss out. So we continue to ask for this money, as we believe that you all recognise and appreciate the value that these activities add to your child's education. Let's make 2018 another great year for Holmleigh children!

Year 6

Happy New Year. Our topics for this term will include:

Science: Evolution and Inheritance

ICT: Researching

Literacy: Poetry- John Keats

Autobiographies and Biographies



Reception Class enjoying PE this week.

Numeracy: Fractions, Decimals & Percentages, Ratio and Proportion and Measurement and Statistics. We will also be starting our canoeing and biking sessions on **Tuesday** afternoons at Leaside. Wishing you all the very best for 2018.

Ms Boateng and Ms Karen

Year 5 Happy New Year! Year 5 have been working hard since returning from the Christmas break. In History they have started learning about Ancient Greece. They are studying Islam and how Muslims worship in RE, and are writing a fantasy story in English. There will be no trips this half term. If you wish to help your child with their History lessons a trip to the British Museum is very useful.

Ms Ercan, Mrs Keogh and Ms Debbie.

Year 4

Welcome back to a new year. In year 4 we are reading the fantastic book *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and we're practising our paragraphing skills and learning how to use a range of conjunctions. In maths we have been learning all

about 3D shapes, their properties and their nets. Many of the children produced excellent science homework over the Christmas holidays based on our topic of sound. In geography we are learning about lines of longitude and latitude. Last week we enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Wallace Collection and our art work will soon be displayed in class. Thank you to Hukam's mum who accompanied us on the trip and was a great help. We have another reading millionaire!!! Congratulations to Subhan who has become our third reading millionaire.

Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena

Year 3 An e-mail message was received last week from a member of public after Y3 pupils were observed travelling to the Science Museum. Well done Y3, you have made us all proud.

"Thursday 11th January, while on Piccadilly line at about 10.00am. Just like to say how well behaved all the children were. I was offered a seat straight away. Just wanted to say I have been travelling on this line for over 10 years and I have never seen such well-behaved children. Congratulations to you all. Mrs Baker"

Ms Innle and Ms Leyla

Year 2

Our topics for this term will include:

Science: Materials and forces

ICT: Logo and control

Literacy: Instructions, stories from different cultures, fantasy stories, recounts and poetry about the senses.

Numeracy: Fractions, Measurement, 3D Shapes and 3x and 4x times tables, problems solving and using the four maths operations to solve calculations.

We will also be learning about the life of Florence Nightingale in history and continuing our sessions learning gymnastic skills.

Miss Rose and Miss Monica.

Year 1 Happy New Year! This term Year 1 will be learning about traditional tales and information texts in Literacy.



In Maths we will be continuing to work on our addition and subtraction, as well as some work on telling the time. We will be learning about seasonal changes in Science. We are also looking forward to our trip to the Postal Museum on the 29th where we will take part in the Jolly Postman workshop and explore the Postal Museum exhibition and galleries!

Ms Esma and Ms Srur

Reception

Our Friday morning parent and pupils reading sessions are going very well (lots of dads joining in).

We are looking at **Being Healthy**, what that means and how we can achieve it, so lots of cooking! Also **Weather**, in terms of how different weathers affect our moods, how we dress, and what we do. We will be needing some volunteers for upcoming trips.

Ms Claire, Ms Farzana and Ms Freeha



Nursery ‘

We welcome new children and their families to our nursery. A big thankyou to the current nursery children who are being so friendly and kind towards their new nursery friends. This Term the children will continue to develop their relationships with each other, using words to talk about how they feel. Children will be encouraged to manage their own coats, hats etc as the weather changes and their interest of construction with recycled materials will develop further. The whole class have been recently introduced to a famous French film called Le ballon rouge’ which will lead to the exploration of ‘what matters to children’ through a mini project about balloons.

Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit

Other important news

GARDEN HOUSE REFURBISHMENT

The refurbishment of the former schoolkeeper’s house (The Garden House) will begin very soon and should be complete after 4 weeks. This is being funded from school capital, as agreed by Governors. It will not offer the full conversion that we sought funding for from the local authority, but will at least enable us to use the building. Importantly, it will also mean that we can start to develop the garden as a growing

space. We will need your help, so get your gardening gloves ready!

Reading Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parent/carers volunteers to read with groups of pupils in Reception and Year 1. We run a structured reading programme called Daily Supported Reading in these classes. A minimum of 3 mornings (except Fridays) commitment for a term is required. The sessions take place between 9am and 9:30am. You will be trained and supported by a member of staff. If you are interested and would like to volunteer please contact Ms Gray, Ms Dere or myself. Thank you.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6th February 2018** with the slogan **“Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you”**.

Please take some time and look at the resources on www.saferinternet.org.uk website. If you follow the education pack link you will find a range of resources designed specifically for parents and carers to use with their children. Hope you find them fun and educational.

Ms Aydemir

HOLMLEIGH COOKERY CLUB

Cookery Club has started again, and we are looking for parents to take on a session. If you can spare an hour on a Tuesday from 3.30 to 4.30 to cook a simple recipe with a small group of kids, please get in touch with Sophie Persson. It's a great way to share your knowledge with a group of really enthusiastic children! There is always an extra pair of hands to help, and lots of support and advice if needed.

You can catch Sophie in the playground most mornings, email apple.sophie@gmail.com or leave a message with the school office. Thanks!

Here is one of the recipes we have made – a simple cookie without lots of added sugar:

Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes about 15 cookies

2 ripe bananas
110g/4oz peanut butter (or other nut butter)
170g/6oz oats
2 tbsp chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 180 deg/gas mark 4 and line a baking sheet with baking parchment, or use a muffin tin and line with muffin cases.

Mash the bananas in a large bowl.

Add the nut butter and mix well. Gradually add the oats until you have a thick consistency that holds together. You may need to adjust the amount of oats you use

depending on the size and ripeness of the bananas.

Stir in the chocolate chips.

Transfer spoonfuls of the mixture onto the baking sheet or muffin cases and bake for 12-15 minutes until just starting to brown.

MADE IN HACKNEY

Made in Hackney are running a number of free (or voluntary donation) cooking courses in the area. For further details, flyers are in the school reception.

To book any of these courses, ring 020 8442 4266 or email info@madeinhackney.org

International Cuisine Cookery Course

Mondays: 5 Feb – 12 March 6.30-8.30
Redmond Community Centre
Kayani Avenue, N4 2HF

International Cuisine Cookery Course

Thursdays: 1 Feb – 8 March 6.30-8.30
Nye Bevan Community Hall
Overbury Street, E5 0AW

Family Cooking for Life

Thursdays: 1 Feb – 15 March 4.30-6.30
Redmond Community Centre
Kayani Avenue, N4 2HF

Family Cooking for Life

Mondays: 5 Feb – 19 March 4.30-6.30
Nye Bevan Community Hall
Overbury Street, E5 0AW

Family Cooking for Life

Tuesdays: 6 Feb – 20 March 4.30-6.30
Lea View House Community Hall
Springfield, Upper Clapton, E5 9DX



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