



# NEWSLETTER

Holsworthy C E Primary

February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,  
We are at the end of another successful half-term. January felt like a year-long month, so both children and staff will welcome the arrival of half-term. Thank you for your support so far this year, and we wish you an enjoyable half-term week.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent-teaching meetings this week. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please speak to the school office to arrange an appointment.

### Healthy Snacks

We have noticed that several children are bringing in unsuitable snacks to school. We have several children in school with severe life-threatening allergies and we also want to ensure children are following a healthy diet. Therefore, we have collated some concise guidance; please see the attached poster. If you have any questions regarding this due to diagnosed dietary requirements, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Hurley our SENDCo.

### Dates

Please find below advanced notice of some dates for the rest of the school year. Further information will follow nearer the time about specific events.

### Spring Term 2024

- 12th – 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half-term
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – NHS height and weight checks from NHS
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Rev. Alison Hardy will lead the school Worship on the theme of Lent
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Really Wild Learning visit EYFS
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Y3/4 Trip to Anglo-Saxon Village
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Week Beginning 11.03.24 – Science week
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9am – Easter Bonnet Parade & service in Church
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Experience Easter at the Methodist Church
- 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Residential
- 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Residential
- 28.03.24 – Last day of term

### Nursery & Reception

Cherry, Hazel and Rowan Class are looking forward to a visit from Really Wild Learning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (please see Parent Mail for further details).



### Reception:

Hazel and Rowan Class went on an adventure to find the hidden treasure of Holsworthy. They looked at the map to choose the route they wanted to take and noticed some of the town landmarks on their way. They finally found the treasure hidden in the town library and were rewarded with sweet treats. Once back at school, they marked their route on the map to ensure they would always be able to find their way back to the treasures of the library.



### Year 1 & 2:

Further details of an exciting enrichment opportunity linked to the children's Gunpowder Plot topic will be sent via Parent Mail soon.



### Year 3 & 4:

Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to their trip to an Anglo-Saxon Village on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and their upcoming residential on 25<sup>th</sup> (Year 4) and 27<sup>th</sup> (Year 3) March. More information about the Anglo-Saxon visit can be found here: <https://youtu.be/RWr5XFNMNqw> and on Parent Mail.



### Year 5

Year 5 pupils attended Exeter Cathedral's event of remembrance on Holocaust Memorial Day. They sang beautifully to the audience – it was a very moving performance. They also listened attentively to the service and a talk about Kindertransport.



## Year 5 & 6:

As part of their Egyptian Temples & Tourists topic, Pine, Birch and Oak Class had a fabulous day at The Royal Cornwall Museum. They learnt about the mummification process through a practical hands-on activity and talk; examined the many Egyptian artefacts exhibited in the museum (including a real mummy); handled and learnt about Egyptian artefacts that are thousands of years old; took part in an activity trail around the museum; and explored the interactive gallery.



## Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a thrilling and interactive concert presented by award-winning composer and conductor, James Redwood. Explore the Orchestra: Dance, Dance,

Dance! showcased the orchestral families, while exploring brilliant examples of how musicians and composers have stretched the boundaries of music. As well as pieces from the world of ballet and some orchestral classics, all the music was specially chosen to get us moving and James led the students in his newly composed song. A great day was had by all!

## Wild Tribe News:

Holsworthy Kingfishers is a project enabling school children to contribute water testing data to a global dataset run by the Earthwatch Europe Charity. The children will be taking samples and conducting an environmental assessment, along with water testing each month to assess the health of the river Deer. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get involved in meaningful, real life citizen science as the future guardians of our environment and to build a sense of ownership, awareness and understanding of the natural assets around us.



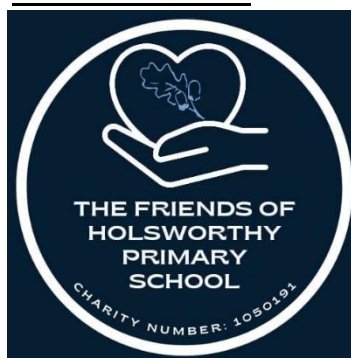
## Safer-Internet Day

Across the school, we have looked at how to stay safe online. The children have explored themes such as sharing content online, reporting unsafe content, privacy settings, online scams, self-image and identity and managing online information. The older children logged on to a live lesson led through the BBC. *Information for parents is attached in a flier and further information can be found here: [Child Safety Online: A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)*

## World Book Day Competition:

Reminder of the World Book Day competition being run by Devon Library Services. Your child can take a photo so that they are part of the design of a book cover OR draw or paint a picture of your favourite character and take a photo with it in front of your face. The deadline for entries is 5pm on 22 February 2024.

## FOHPS News:



Many thanks for your donations for our Bags 2 School collection – together we raised £90. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Easter Bingo due to a clash of dates but have other exciting events up our sleeves: stay tuned for news about our World

Book Day plans and Someone Special Sale (for Mothering Sunday gifts)! We are also looking at rescheduling the bingo for later in the year.

### Upcoming Fundraising Dates:

1st February: Bags 2 School Collection

1st March: Easter Bingo

17th April Coffee Morning in Holsworthy Memorial