



# NEWSLETTER

## YEAR 5 & 6 IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN CHINA TOPIC

The children in Year 5 & 6 had a great day on Wednesday when they took part in a range of activities relating to China. The children created their own Willow Patterned Plates, moulded a 'Terracotta Army,' and made a 'Great Wall of Friendship.' In addition the children enjoyed and cooking and eating Chinese cuisine using chopsticks.



## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE



Following feedback in the parent questionnaires, we wanted to try and improve our communication with parents and share more effectively our school news. In addition to the very successful introduction of 'Parent Mail' we have also built a new website which has now gone live. Whilst there are still some parts of the website which require updating, the website is now live and available for you to start browsing. The new website address is: [www.holsworthy-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.holsworthy-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## Wonderful Outcomes For Pupils Supported By Pupil Premium Funding

At Holsworthy Primary School we have a very successful strategy for supporting pupils who receive pupil premium funding. We invest a significant amount of the money to help ensure the quality of our teaching is always very high but we also use some of the funds to help the children who need pastoral support. As a result our pupils supported by the funding have achieved outcomes that are **better in all areas** than comparable pupils across Devon. In particular, the funding has been very successful in supporting pupils exceed the expected standard (sometimes called greater depth or high score).

	% of pupils receiving pupil premium funding exceeding the expected standard in 2018					
	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	Holsworthy C of E Primary	Devon Average	Holsworthy C of E Primary	Devon Average	Holsworthy C of E Primary	Devon Average
Key Stage 1	29%	14%	14%	6%	29%	10%
Key Stage 2	21%	18%	21%	11%	21%	11%

We believe there are a lot of children who are eligible for pupil premium funding who currently don't receive any (**over £1000!**), especially children in KS1. If you believe your child is eligible for a free school meal then please call the school to see if we can help you apply for the extra funding!

## Remember Coats for your Children Please

A number of children have been arriving at school without coats recently despite the very cold weather. Please could you ensure your children bring a coat to school during the winter months.

## Age Appropriate Games, Television and Films

A number of children spoken to us recently about playing and/or watching material that is not age appropriate. As a result, they have reported having nightmares and being scared. Please ensure that your children are not exposed to computer games or films that are meant for older children or adults. Many thanks for your cooperation.