



# Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2020 Week 6

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good week. There is a great deal of uncertainty at the moment with the introduction of 'Tiers' and the rise in Covid numbers. I am aware that many local schools have had to close 'bubbles' and I am extremely grateful that we have nearly made it to half term without having to do this.

There have been news reports relating to 'circuit breaks' and a 2 week half term; we have not received any information about this but rest assured that if and when we do I will let you know. We are ready to go with home learning if we need to but hopefully we won't.

### Parent consultations

Thank you to all of the parents who have booked a time slot for their child's teacher to call them.

Please ensure that you are able to take the call at your allotted time and that you are in a place where you have adequate signal.

If you do not answer the teachers will try a couple of times but I am sure that you understand that they have a schedule to adhere to.

If you would like your child to join you on the call that is fine but it is not a requirement.

### Hertfordshire Improvement Partner visit

Each school has an Improvement partner and yesterday our partner, Mrs Heywood visited the school. Not only did she meet with the Senior Leadership Team she also met with teachers and children.

She was extremely complimentary about our school and was bowled over by the children's enthusiasm for learning.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Take care,

**Mrs Nicola O'Connell**

**Headteacher**

### Upcoming dates

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| <b>Week beginning</b><br><b>19th Oct</b> | <b>Parent consultation phone calls</b><br><b>Harvest donations accepted from the 19th more details to follow</b> |
| <b>Fri 23rd Oct</b>                      | <b>Class Harvest assemblies posted on the website</b>  |
| <b>Fri 23rd Oct</b>                      | <b>Break up for Half term break</b>  |
| <b>Mon 2nd Nov</b>                       | <b>Children return to school</b>   |

### Some sad news :-{

Mrs Moore who works in our office and has been an extremely important and valued person in our school for 19 years (I know, she doesn't look old enough!) will be leaving on Friday 23rd October.

She has many things to keep her busy outside of school and has decided that now is the time to focus on them.

Although we are very sad we fully support her decision and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her lots of happiness.

Mrs Sarah Evans has already joined us in the office and we welcome her to our Holtsmere community.



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### Happy birthday to you!

#### Reception Birthday Bubble



### Amazing Attendance

*Every day counts*

**Chestnut 96.04%**

**Maple 99.31%**

**Oak 96.67%**

**Hazel 96.84%**

**Beech 92.67%**

**Pine 99.65%**

Well done to all the classes who achieved above 95%

#### Harvest celebration

A reminder to bring your kind donations to school from **Monday 19th October** and place in the boxes outside your child's classroom.

We are always grateful for your kindness and support.



#### Harvest celebration

Videos of the children in their classes singing Harvest songs will be uploaded on **Friday 23rd October**

Please look under 'classes' and click on your child's class.

#### Word of the week -Year 2

