



Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn 2 Week 5 2022

Dear Holtsmere families,

I hope that you have all had a good week.

Deco morning

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual 'Deco' morning today. It is always such a lovely time in school and a great start to the festive season.

The children are busy rehearsing their plays and Christmas songs in anticipation of their performances and I'm sure that you're being 'treated' to the songs at home! If you haven't already booked to come and see one of the performances please do so using Arbor. If you are having difficulty logging on or navigating the system please do come in with your device and speak to one of the ladies in the office, they will be more than happy to help.

H S A donations

Thank you also to all of our families who have donated items for the 'colour' hampers and to the members of the Home School Association who have worked tirelessly this week to sell tickets and come into school to put together the hampers. I am overwhelmed by the amount of items that have been donated, particularly in these challenging financial times. All monies raised are always gratefully received by the school and put to good use.



Dogs

As you are aware only assistance dogs are permitted onto the school site. I recently received an email from a local resident about a dog being tied up on the Botley Road sign, becoming distressed and breaking the sign. Understandably the resident was extremely annoyed by this, particularly as we have had lots of complaints about parents parking inconsiderately in their road too. The residents would like the road sign fixed. Obviously I have no idea if this was one of our parents or one from the Juniors, however if you would like to talk to me about it I am happy to liaise with the resident. Thank you.

Snail

Beech class are looking for a holiday home for their lovely African land snail 'Flash' over the Christmas period. If you would like to volunteer please let Mrs Butler, Mrs Carini or the office staff know. I believe that he's very low maintenance!

Clubs

Just a reminder that after school clubs will end next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Nicola O'Connell

Director of Resources: Scott Crudgington



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Dear Parent / Carer

BookTrust *Time to Read* promotion



Your child has been given their *Time to Read* pack today. This is a free gift from the charity BookTrust for them to keep and enjoy sharing with you at home. In it you will find the story 'We're going to find the monster! Written by Malorie Blackman, illustrated by Dapa Adeola and published by Puffin. This year's story is a fun family adventure that you can act out together. With lots of repetition, expressive language, an action-packed imaginative adventure and a reassuring ending it is sure to become a family favourite to read again and again.

You can watch Malorie Blackman read her story at [Malorie Blackman reads from We're Going to Find the Monster](#), shortlisted for Jhalak C&YA Prize 2022 - YouTube

Hertfordshire Libraries

Your child is learning to read at school and reading together everyday will really help them build their skills and confidence. Children learn best when they enjoy what they are learning. As well as helping them with their class reading book, do try to read other books with your child. This could be picture books, other beginning to read stories & fact book, longer stories or information books – whatever they are interested in.



Do explore your local library. They have thousands of exciting books to discover. Library membership is free and reception aged children will receive a My First Library card and a special certificate when they join the library. Your child will enjoy being able to choose their own books, helping to make reading fun. Because you borrow books rather than buy them, your child can gain confidence by trying out lots of different books, plus you are helping the environment too! You can find out more by watching the special library video at <https://youtu.be/VSzIqD1vmIM> and by scanning the QR code.



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Yours faithfully

Margaret Street

Early Years Librarian



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Happy Birthday !!!



Week 5 attendance

Chestnut	Maple	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Pine
95%	82%	96%	97%	88%	95%

Upcoming dates

Friday 9th December	H S A Neon disco	
Monday 12th December	Nursery Christmas celebration	9.15
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Nativity	9.15
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Panto in the morning and lunch. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their sweat-shirt/cardigan if they have one. We do have spares in school.	
Thursday 15th December	Year 1 Christmas Play	9.15