

Important messages for this week:

Please can we remind parents & carers

- That only ONE person is to collect children at the end of the school day/nursery session wherever possible. This is to enable suitable Social Distancing for all Parents, Carers, Children & Staff.

We would be grateful of your support with this to help us to continue to be as Covid Secure as we can be.

- Now the colder months are here could you please make sure your child comes to school with a coat as they will need it when they go outside at break/lunch.

Mentions: This week's theme is linked to Responsibility and is for someone who is taking a keen interest in their work and learning.

Nursery: Grace L, Lewis B and Oliver W

Reception (F2): Stanley H, Reef M, Ruby C and Kaiden R-C

Year 1: Harper L, Aseel N, Summer S and Charlie B

Year 2: Lexi F-M, Jack H, Amelia B and Henry B

Year 3: Molly B, Alfie I, Ronnie H and Kye D

Year 4: James P, Kiannah' J S, Layla S and Reece M

Year 5: Mia E, Jacob M, Tilly V and Mason H

Year 6: Lexi T-M, Lexi S, China A and Michael A

Attendance:

Whole School attendance:

94%

Winning Classes:

2GF, 3KW & 6IR – 100%

Time 2 Chat:





Conversation starters for you and your little ones

Where is this bird flying to?



Go through the letters of your name,
can you find a word for each letter?
Are some letters trickier?

Sign of the week:

Snow	
Makaton Sign	Makaton Symbol
	 Snow
Snowman	
Makaton Sign	Makaton Symbol
	
<p><u>Watch how to do it here:</u> https://bit.ly/3pX14Gh </p>	

The Feel Good Family Factor:

We are all living busy lives, especially at this time of year. It's always good to take 5 minutes and calm our mind and body, switch off and relax. Yoga is a good form of relaxation and exercise, why not try it, discover something new.

Calming sequence

This sequence is perfect to do at night before you go to bed, or at any time when you need to calm down.

1 Mountain

Start by standing up straight in Mountain Pose, with your feet slightly apart. Breathe slowly through your nose.



2 Tree

Keep one leg strong with the foot planted as you lift the other leg up to become a tree. Reach up to the sky with your branches and keep your head still. Stay here for five to ten breaths. Do the same on the other side, then go back to Mountain Pose for a few moments.



3

Standing Forward Bend

Stand straight, then slowly roll forwards. Keep your legs bent to help you relax. Feel the weight of your head hanging down and touch the ground with your hands. Stay here for five to ten breaths. When you've finished, sit down on the floor.



4

Seated Twist

Turn into Seated Twist and stay for a few breaths. Then breathe in and stretch up before breathing out and turning your body the other way into an Open Twist. Repeat both twists with the other leg.



5

Humming Bee

Sit back and practise your Humming Bee breath. Switch between making a bee noise and breathing normally. Do this three times. When you have finished your breathing exercises, slowly open your eyes.



Mindset Lunchtime Group

Following our great start last week, we tried out another relaxation technique. It involved sitting on a chair and alternating between pushing down and pulling upwards. All the children agreed that it left your muscles feeling relaxed afterwards.

Then we made a stress ball using salt and a balloon. Holding the funnel in the neck of the balloon and pouring the salt was trickier than we expected. Year 5 really liked the texture of the balloons. We talked about it about all the different ways we could make one eg rice, sand and flour. I've heard that toothpaste in a balloon is a great texture too. Let me know if you have a go at home. Mrs Smart.



Reading News:

Every Friday we will be posting some videos of staff reading stories for each Key Stage. The videos will be posted together as an assignment and be 'live' on your child's English Teams account until next Friday. We will also put these onto our school Youtube Account (links below) All our books this week have an animal theme.

For EYFS and KS1

Miss Arnold reads We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Mrs Bardgett reads Whatever Next!

Link for Youtube Playlist - [EYFS and KS1 Stories](#)

For KS2

Mr Staincliffe reads The Housecat

Miss Davies reads A Song of Gladness

Link for the Youtube Playlist - [KS2 Stories](#)



Look out for:



Snow White (Virtual Panto) – more information to come



PTFA Christmas Raffle - more information to come

Term Dates:

Please see below for the Nottinghamshire County Council School holiday dates for 2020/21.

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Class Emails:

Nursery (Mr Smith)	HPF1@holgateprimary.org
F2RV (Mrs Vowles)	F2RV@holgateprimary.org
F2PD (Mrs Payne/Mrs Dixon)	F2PD@holgateprimary.org
1HO (Mrs O'Kane)	1HO@holgateprimary.org
1BG (Mrs Barnes/Mrs Grimwade)	1BG@holgateprimary.org
2GF (Mrs Fitzpatrick)	2GF@holgateprimary.org
2JB (Mrs Bardgett)	2JB@holgateprimary.org
3KW (Mrs Wilson)	3KW@holgateprimary.org
3LN (Mr Newbold)	3LN@holgateprimary.org
4NW (Mrs Wilkinson)	4NW@holgateprimary.org
4GS (Mr Smith)	4GS@holgateprimary.org
5DG (Mr Gleave)	5DG@holgateprimary.org
5CS (Mr Staincliffe)	5CS@holgateprimary.org
6ED (Miss Davies)	6ED@holgateprimary.org
6IR (Miss Roe)	6IR@holgateprimary.org

Upcoming Events:

Friday 4th December will be a busy day in school as the following events are taking place:-

- The Flu Vaccinations.
- Elf Day - dress up to help beat dementia! (see Parentmail and Website for full details).
- Hucknall Fire Service will be coming into (in a Fire Engine!) to collect our school contributions (see Parentmail and Website for full details).



EYFS

This week the nursery have been learning about celebrations. We have read the story Kipper's Birthday. The children have really enjoyed sharing their birthday stories and what they do. We have also enjoyed sharing our news about our Christmas lights and sharing some photos which has been amazing. The children have been working hard with their writing and we are all pleased with their progress.

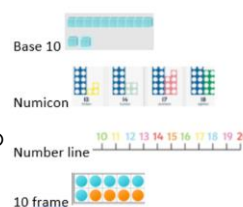
We got into the Christmas spirit down at forest school this week creating a twig Christmas tree.

This week in PE F2 have been taking part in the PE Challenge for the School Games competition. We practised our bowling skills. We had a go at recording our score and then trying to beat it on our next go. We had great fun!



KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

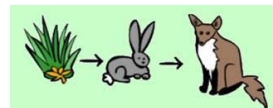
This week in Year 1 for maths we have been learning how to add using numbers up to 20. We are using lots of different ways to find the answer. We have used a number line, a 10 frame and Base 10 (Dienes). We've also started looking at money and trying to add 2 coins together. Are there any coins hiding in the sofa or in a piggy bank that you could look at and add together?



What a busy week Year 2 have had! All pupils have worked hard to practise and recall their phonic knowledge when reading and their confidence is really growing.

We have worked hard to rewrite the whole story of The Tin Forest this week. We needed to make our writing more interesting remembering to use precise nouns and link our sentences together. We also needed to keep checking our story made sense and it had a beginning, middle and an end.

Our science lessons have looked at food chains this week and pupils have loved finding out which animals eat which and who will be the strongest predator. Maybe you could find out some more food chains with your child.



KS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Year 3 have been enjoying their dance lessons with Aaron, who works for Premier League Primary Stars. Aaron comes into school every Friday and teaches Year 3 different styles of dancing. So far, the children have learnt country dancing. Archie said, "It's unique, a special kind of dance from America." Orla said, "I have learnt how to tip my cowgirl hat."

This week, Year 4 have written incredible stories based around the book 'Fox.' These stories were written from the perspective of Dog, a kind and caring animal who rescued an injured Magpie.

In Maths, we have been tackling grid method for multiplication. This has been super tricky but we are all now amazing at multiplying 3 digit numbers.

We have been getting creative and making Roman Shields. We learned about how the Romans made a formation using their shields to protect themselves during battle.



KS2 (Years 5 and 6)



This week in year 5, we started a new English unit linked to our History topic on World War 2

The English book is Michael Morpurgo's Friend or Foe. It is the story of two evacuee children, sent away from their family in London to the countryside of Devon. In our topic, we have been identifying the allied and axis forces during the second world war and finding them on the world map.



We have also continued to have Bible Explorers come in and deliver some of our RE curriculum.

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2020-21



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