

## Important messages for this week:

Last Friday Hucknall Fire Station sent along some of their crew members to collect the Holgate offering. Children from Nursery, F2 and some Y2 children came along for a socially distanced hello and 4 of our Year 6 children took out the large number of bags from our school community. The families of Hucknall who will benefit from this collection will, I am sure, be truly grateful for your generosity. Thank you so much to all who donated.



**Mentions:** This week's theme is linked to Responsibility and is for someone who are showing an interest in others.

**Nursery:** Lilly Mae S, Georgia E and Lewis B

**Reception (F2):** Sydney s, Layla So, Brooke W and Axel O

**Year 1:** Daniel H, Darcey C, Xander and Joshua T

**Year 2:** James L, Sarayah W, Kylan H and Taylor

**Year 3:** Lila C, Mia S, Stevie-R LR and Lawson

**Year 4:** Shanay E, Jaycee-Leigh B, Evan S and Blase H

**Year 5:** Georgia F, Alfie S, Darla H and Skye G

**Year 6:** Spencer P, Mason A, Max A and Erikas B

## Attendance:

**Whole School attendance:**

**97.4%**

**Winning Classes:**

**2JB & 3LN – 100%**

## Time 2 Chat:

*Conversation starters for you and your little ones*

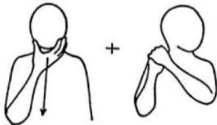



Would you rather be reindeer or an elf? Why?



I'm sure you've been busy writing your Christmas list.  
What is the difference between 'Want' and 'Need'?

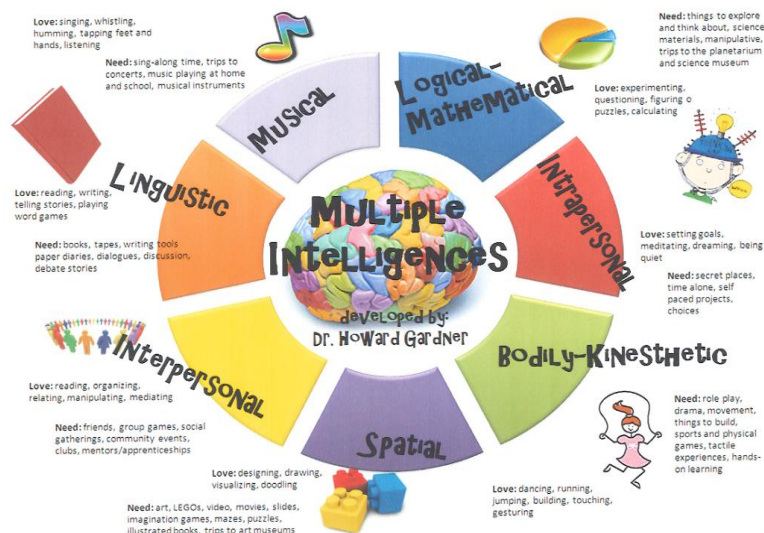


## Sign of the week:

| Father Christmas   |   |
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| Star   |   |
| Makaton Sign   | Makaton Symbol  |
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| <b>Watch how to do it here:</b><br><a href="https://bit.ly/2V8UjCj">https://bit.ly/2V8UjCj</a> |   |

## The Feel Good Family Factor:

Did you know that you have different skills which make you 'intelligent'? Our brains are very clever and we all learn in different ways. We all enjoy different things too. Wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same? Have a look at the chart and see how you prefer to 'learn'. Are members of your family the same?



## Mindset Lunchtime Group

Our group started again with a breathing relaxation session. At the children's request, we tried colour visualisation again. As they enjoyed it so much. Each of us chose an alternative colour this time to see if we felt any differences. One child said that they felt really warm and sleepy at the end.

Next we tested out our team building and cooperation skills. Nothing challenges you more than putting up a Christmas tree together. The children were amazing and there was not one cross word between them. A massive achievement when deciding on which decorations should go on first. From the photo, you will see they did a good job. Our last activity was a fun memory game. It was called "I went to market". The aim of the game is to take turns adding items to the shopping list. We decided to think of decorations and Christmas food. 5DG were excellent trying to remember baubles, potatoes, mince pies, red bows and turkey etc. I can't say that my memory was as good.



## 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 a *winter theme*.

### **For EYFS and KS1**

Mrs Payne reads an exciting Christmas story  
Link for Youtube Playlist - [EYFS and KS1 Stories](#)

### **For KS2**

Miss Davies reads Polar Express  
Link for the Youtube Playlist - [KS2 Stories](#)



### Look out for:

- Christmas craft items purchased will be coming home on Monday. W/C 14/12/20
- Christmas cards coming home next week. W/C 14/12/20

### Term Dates:

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

#### **Autumn Term**

Schools Open - morning Tuesday 1 September 2020

Half Term - Monday 19 October 2020 - Friday 30 October 2020

Schools close - evening Friday 18 December 2020

#### **Spring Term**

Schools Open - morning Monday 4 January 2021

Half Term - Monday 15 February 2021 - Friday 19 February 2021

Spring Break - Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021

#### **Summer Term**

Schools Open - morning Monday 19 April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 3 May 2021

Half Term - Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021

Schools Close - evening Wednesday 28 July 2021

### Class Emails:

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

### Upcoming Events:

- Hucknall Rotary Club (Santa) is coming to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas dinner party bags are on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- The last day of term is Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> December.





## EYFS

This week the **Nursery** children have had a great time getting ready for Christmas. The children took part in our Elf day and all looked fabulous in their outfits. The children have also enjoyed creating and preparing our crafts for the Christmas craft sale. We have been all working hard to make our special gifts for you to purchase. The children have enjoyed our new advent calendars in their groups and the chocolates. We have decorated

our Christmas tree and we have a special visitor in nursery called Elfis who is a good elf. The children have enjoyed finding him in different parts of the room. So far he has been reading and writing and decorating a tree.



This week Christmas has arrived in **F2**, along with those cheeky elves...ask your children to tell you about what the elves have been up to! We have really enjoyed learning about the Nativity story and acting it out using the story props in our role play area. We have been busy making decorations and writing our letters to Santa. We have also been learning about adverts and we have used the Aldi Christmas advert to learn all about Kevin the Carrot. We have even created our own character called Belle Broccoli...I wonder what adventures she will get up to? Watch this space!

## KS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Monday afternoon, **Year 3** enjoyed watching the NED Mindset production. They learnt that your brain grows from the power of learning and how they can help it to grow. Never give up, Encourage others to shine and Don't give up - let go of "I know" and let your brain grow. The children are going to use what they have learnt to help themselves and their friends at school

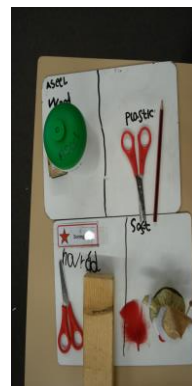


This week in **year 4**, we have been continuing to build our knowledge of the Romans and who came after them. We have been tackling some very tricky bus stop division problems In Maths, but have conquered these with great determination. Finally, we have channelled our inner poets and have written a poem in the style of 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo.



## KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

**Year 1** have been learning about materials in science. Can we find things made of wood, plastic, metal, glass, fabric? How do we know it is made of those things? What can we say about those objects? Are they hard, soft, smooth, see through, bumpy, bendy? We have sorted materials by what they are made of, and also by their properties. We have also been trying really hard in our phonics every day, and our new sounds this week were: ur (fur), ew (blew) and au (launch). They are definitely tricky ones to remember!



**Year 2** have researched and designed their own bug hotels this week.

We had lots of fun gathering sticks, leaves and bark to encourage minibeasts into their new home.

In math's we have continued our learning on fractions, finding halves, quarters and thirds of quantities, making sure they are all equal.

In English the children have described a new dragon character for their story.

They have tried hard to use more precise vocabulary to describe how the dragon moves around the busy city of London.

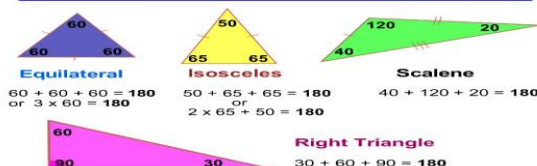


## KS2 (Years 5 and 6)

**Year 6** have been busy this week learning how to use a protractor. We then used this newly learnt skill to measure and draw our own angles. We have also been exploring how to calculate angles in a triangle and know that they need to add up to 180o.

### Angle Sum of a Triangle

The three angles in any triangle always add up to make a total of 180 degrees.



This week, **6IR** have been completing Home Learning and I've been really impressed with the children's dedication to learning at home. If you require any support with anything at all, you can contact me on [6IR@holgateprimary.org](mailto:6IR@holgateprimary.org) or your child can use the chat function on TEAMS to send me a message. I'm really looking forward to seeing lots of Home Learning this week. Keep it up 6IR Miss Roe 😊

# Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2020-21



September 2020 to July 2021

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