

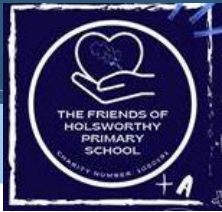


HOLSWORTHY

C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Working together, growing together, all to flourish

Monday 18th November 2024



- 05/12** Silent disco
- 06/12** Non school uniform day
- 13/12** Christmas fair

Also this week:

Wed 20th November

-Big Brush Club are visiting EYFS

Thursday 21st November

-Willow and Ash visit to Kents Cavern
-Choir are performing at Exeter Cathedral

Friday 22nd November

-Maple visit to Kents Cavern

Attached with this newsletter:

- Parent Carer Forum
- Ilsham English Hub
- Enrichment news

Parent Carer Forum Event – THIS WEEK!

As part of our work on the PINS project (Partnership for inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools), Sarah and Julia from Parent Carer Forum Devon will be in school running meetings for parents at either **1:45pm or 6pm on Wednesday 20th November** in the school hall. *See attached flier for more info.*

Support British Farmers

As a farming community, it feels only right that we support our farming families and neighbours on **Tuesday 19th November**. Following the announcement of the budget, the National Farmers' Union (NFU) has organised a protest, arguing that these reforms are a threat to the future of farming communities. On Tuesday, we will ask all the children to change into their wellies for all of break and lunchtime and we will be talking to the children about 'no farmers, no food' as a way to show our support. *This is entirely optional. If you do not want your child to participate on Tuesday, please drop the school an email.*

Silent Disco

Reminder - Tickets are on sale for the FOHPS Christmas Disco on **Thursday 5th December**. Places are booked at £1.50 from the school office.

Ilsham English Hub – THIS WEEK!

Ilsham English Hub are hosting a free ZOOM session to support your child's reading journey at home on **Tuesday 19th November 2-3pm**
<https://forms.office.com/e/b5PCNQnd4S>

Remembrance

Many of the children from Holsworthy Primary joined the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November. It has been noted by the community, how nice it was to see them represent our school so beautifully. Whether that be through laying wreaths, making contributions, or simply joining in to mark the moment with their families. Thank you if you joined for this service.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the families and friends who joined our Armistice Service in the park on Monday 11th November. Our two-minute silence was marked with poems, songs and readings by the children. They did brilliantly well.

Starting School in September 2025?

Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her fifth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they are due to start primary school in September 2025. Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 opened on **15th November 2024** and close on 15 January 2025.

The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as 'Offer day'. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on 16 April 2025. Apply for your child's place on the Devon Citizen Portal (link below). If you have friends or family who have a child due to start school, we are more than happy to provide tours of the school; please contact the office to book a visit.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Holsworthy Food Hub

Please see the attached flier about Holsworthy Food Hub. The hub is open every Friday 1pm – 2pm at Holsworthy Methodist Church Hall, Bodmin Street.

Please note, the Food Hub will be shut on Friday 6th December.

Pupil Ethos Group (PEGs)

Last week, the PEGs were invited to Holsworthy Methodist Chapel to help pack Christmas shoeboxes to be sent to children in deprived countries, or countries at war. Miss Paddon and Mrs Schiller accompanied the PEGs, and were so impressed by their careful listening, empathy for those in need, and thoughtful packing. The children packed an impressive 37 shoeboxes - that's 37 children in deprivation who will now receive a Christmas gift. Thank you to Michelle at the chapel for inviting us and leading the session, and also to the volunteers at the chapel's coffee morning who provided us all with a mid-morning snack!

