



# Inspire Believe Achieve

Our aim is to inspire and encourage our children to believe in their ability to succeed through learning. This vision will enable them to achieve and succeed in reaching their full potential and beyond, now and for their future.

November 2020

## Head of School Update

Welcome back after a rather soggy half term break! We hope that you all managed to enjoy our Harvest Festival celebrations posted on class webpages. We were so impressed with the creativity and enthusiasm everyone showed. A huge thank you to you all for your generous gifts which were shared with the Holbeach Community Larder. We recognise that many of our families are facing challenging times at the moment and we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Our School Parliament is now up and running and the children have identified that our next charity event will be supporting Children in Need on 13th November. We are also busy raising money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal so please support us by sending in pupils with donations to buy a poppy. The children had a fantastic end to the first term by taking part in our very first Hedgehog Hunt. It was great to watch the children searching the school field for hidden hedgehogs! Please ensure all sponsor money is sent in to school promptly. Thank you.

During this term we would normally be completing a wide range of Christmas festivities together with our families. At this time, we are busy looking at how we can still enjoy such events and hope you will recognise that we are doing all we can to make this school year as close to normal for the children and yourselves, whilst maintaining current restrictions. We will send out further information on events once details have been finalised.

## Coronavirus Advice

We have added a Coronavirus advice page to the school website where all our information, plus information from various organisations is now kept. This will hopefully help families to find key documents or information in one place rather than hunting through to find previously sent documents.

## Children in Need day

Children of the School Parliament have decided that the school will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November, with a minimum donation of £1. Children should wear clothes which are suitable for school, including appropriate footwear.

## Term Dates:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Other Dates:

11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu vaccinations
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need day
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov onwards	Bikeability (Y5/6)
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff training day

## Holbeach Community Larder

The Holbeach Community Larder is a local foodbank available to families who may be struggling during these difficult times. A poster with further details is attached with this newsletter should you, or someone you know, need some assistance to feed your family. They can be contacted on 07511 091637.

## P.E Update

Swimming for Years 1 to 6 has now ended and classes will now complete two P.E lessons every week. This means that pupils should wear P.E kit to school two days every week. Class teachers will inform you of your child's P.E days in their class newsletter. With the colder weather now here, please remember to send in a coat on PE days as well.

## Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If you have concerns about the safety of any child, you should let somebody know. Both Mrs Flack and Mrs Adie are the designated safeguarding officers within the school.

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