

# Holmwood School

## Newsletter - April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a happy Easter break and managed to get out and about to enjoy the glorious weather we had. The children have returned to school full of smiles, and many of them seem to have grown a huge amount in just two weeks. The summer term always seems to be the busiest time of the year in school, so please check the dates below, and as they come out. We work hard to give you as much notice as possible for special events, but sometimes changes do happen, that are not always under our control. With the busy term comes lots of learning opportunities, and teaching staff always comment on how much children seem to physically and mentally grow when the sun comes back out, so please keep up with your learning support at home too.

We all look forward to another happy, successful term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Claire Sharples,

Executive Headteacher

### A successful DT Day across the Bridge –

During the last week of term children and staff from both Holmwood and Ashbrook enjoyed a 'DT Day', making a bridge for the 'Billy Goats Gruff' to cross the river.

It was great to observe children working together on a joint project, planning and making their bridges. It was evident that the children had fun and enjoyed the challenge. Many children and staff commented that their well-being was a 5!!! The children built some amazing bridges, showing great imagination and skills such as perseverance and team work. It was obvious that we have some budding engineers amongst us!

Many thanks to those parents who helped out on the day and also to those who sent in newspaper and card.

Rosie Blackwell - DT leader

### Nursery update

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed an experienced Nursery manager. We aim to have the Nursery open for 3-4 year olds (we will not be admitting 2 year olds) from September, and will be recruiting further staff this term - look out for adverts. If you have an interest in a Holmwood Nursery placement please contact the school office directly. Further details will be coming out soon, along with a date for its grand opening.



### Science Week

In March we took part in National Science Week and we all had a very busy and exciting week, spending our afternoons being scientists. Highlights of the week included a visit by one of our Governors, Dick Carpenter who is also a science teacher and who wowed our Year 2 children and staff with some amazing science. It was also the start of our potato growing competition, where each class planted seed potatoes and will be tending and nurturing them over the next few months to see which class grows the most potatoes. Results will be announced by the end of term and hopefully lots of delicious potatoes to eat too! My highlight of the week was to see so many children excited by science, whether they were making lava lamps, predicting what would happen when different liquids were mixed or using their senses to identify different objects. Thank you to all of you who carried on the science theme at home and had fun with your own experiments.

Ruth Purdon – Science Leader

### Up and coming events:

*(Please see the events calendar on the school website for further info)*

- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Community Volunteering Event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School Photos
- 7<sup>th</sup> June - Athletics Festival
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – TMA Sports Day Year 2
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Holmwood Sports Day (families welcome)
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Big Summer Sing for Yr2 children
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Break up for Summer holidays