

# HOLYOAKES FIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

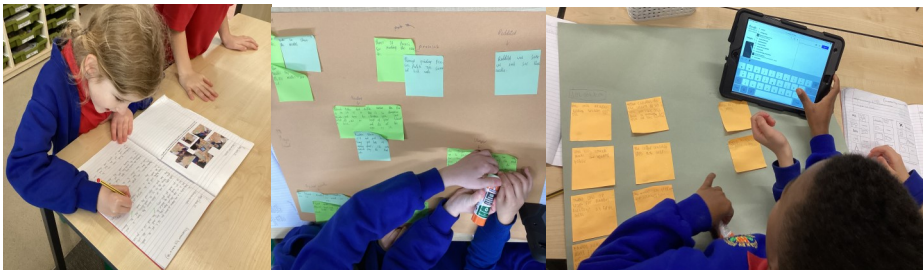
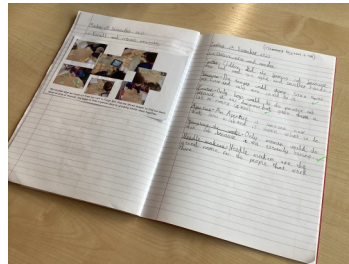
8th December 2023



Happy Friendly Fun Safe

## This week at Holyoakes:

In Oak class this week we have been delving deeper into the history of needlework. We began with recalling what we found out from our visit to Forge Mill last week. Children then organised their ideas by grouping them. For example, the different processes involved in making needles, the working conditions and interesting facts. The children then chose an area which they wanted to learn more about and researched this on the internet. Later in the week the children used historical evidence, including census' and written accounts, to learn more about the different jobs in a needle factory and the conditions which they worked in. The children have really enjoyed learning about the local history of Redditch and they are looking forward to creating their own factual pieces of writing next week.



## Attendance Stars:

Despite the recent bout of winter illnesses, **Oak class** achieved an amazing **99%**, closely followed by Ash, Fir and Willow class with **97%**.

Who will be the overall winners this term? Will any class manage 100% before Christmas!

## Important Dates:

- Tuesday 12th December— Reception Smart Trees Trip
- Wednesday 13th December— Christmas Fayre
- Thursday 14th December— Reception audiology checks
- Tuesday 19th December—Early Years Nativity & KS1 Concert
- Wednesday 20th December— Early Years Nativity & KS1 Concert
- Friday 22nd December— Christmas party day
- Friday 22nd December— Schools closes at 3pm for the Christmas break.
- Monday 8th January—TED (School closed to all pupils)
- Tuesday 9th January—School re-opens to all pupils



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## Hall of Fame:

During our Hall of Fame assembly this week the following pupils were congratulated for their achievements during the previous week:

Kinyo—Ash  
Grace B—Ash  
Ronnie—Birch  
Airah—Birch  
James—Cedar  
Gracie—Cedar  
Leo—Elm  
Jacob—Elm  
Aizah—Fir  
Elliott—Fir

Evie—Hazel  
Antoni—Hazel  
Teddy—Rowan  
Tegan—Rowan  
Bella—Willow  
Harrison—Willow

**Well done to you all!**

## Parking around the school site: Urgent plea!

**Please do not block resident's driveways!**

Once again we have had a number of complaints about irresponsible parking. Number plates have been passed on to the police. Please park a little further away and walk a short distance and avoid parking on Fairweather Close.

We know that this is a small minority of parents but it does impact on the school's reputation as well as letting down the majority of parents who always do the right thing and either walk or park away from the school. **Will it really take a serious accident before this small minority of drivers take any notice?**

## Parental Consents:

Thank you to all parents who have updated their child's parental consents on MCAS. Anyone who hasn't yet been able to do this, can we please ask that you do as soon as possible. With our Christmas performances next week, it is a great opportunity to share events through our social media and school website.

If you are having any problems accessing your MCAS account please speak to the school office

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**child** at  
**school.com**





**Christmas Fayre Wednesday 13th December:**

Our Christmas Fayre is now less than a week away. The event has always been a great success, with lots of fun games, cake stalls and of course the very popular BBQ.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our chocolate and bottle tombola's. We are still collecting and as always would be very grateful of donations.

**Cake Stall**

The children will be busy baking during school for our cake stall, however if anyone is able to donate and cakes, cookies, mince pies, etc that would great.

All donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the fayre.

