

# HOLYOAKES FIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th April 2024

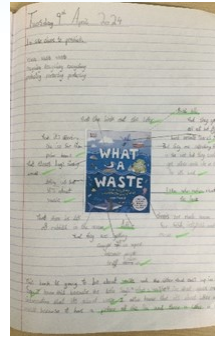


## This week at Holyoakes:

Willow class have had an amazing first two weeks back! The children have absolutely loved reading their new key text; 'What a waste'. They have made predictions and labelled the features of the new text and discussed what they like and what they could improve.

They have begun researching about Plastic Pollution and the effects it is having on our environment, this is something the children are all passionate about exploring.

In Geography the children furthered their understanding of the British Isles by labelling the surrounding islands and used the iPads to research facts about coastlines.



## Important Dates:

**Monday 22nd April**—Earth Day

**Friday 26th April**—Cedar class dance festival, Arrow Vale School

**Tuesday 29th April**—Rec height and weights check

**Tuesday 30th April**—Reception height and weights check

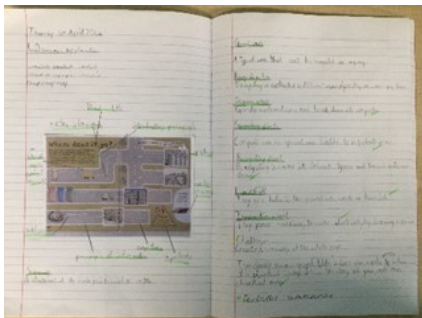
**Wednesday 1st May**—Year 2 cricket skills at Redditch cricket club.

**Thursday 2nd May**—School closed for polling day

**Monday 6th May**—May Day bank holiday school closed

**Friday 10th May**—Year 4 leavers photos

**Monday 13th May**—Year 4 cricket competition



## Easter Raffle:

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter raffle. We are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing £174.50. Thank you for your continued support.

## Welcome to Holyoakes:

A warm welcome to Mrs Kathy Lawrence who joined our year 2 team. The children have done an amazing job of welcoming her and have enjoyed getting to know her. She will be working closely with the pupils in year 2 and providing extra targeted support.

THANK YOU



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**Home/School Communication:**

Communication between home and school is a vital part of school life. Can we please ask that you log on to your MCAS app and check all contact information we hold is correct and make any necessary changes. Could you please also check that we have at least two contacts for your child in case of an emergency.

Any issues updating your app, please contact the school office.



**Sickness bugs in school:**

Over the last week we have had a number of children absent from school due to a sickness and diarrhoea bug.

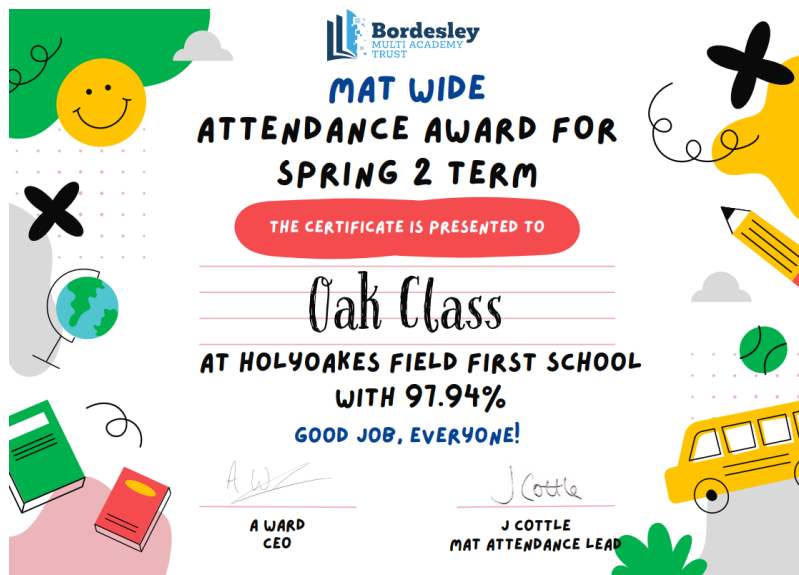
Can we please remind parents, if your child is off due to sickness and diarrhoea they **MUST** remain at home until they are clear for 48 hours.

**Attendance Stars:**

We are delighted to hear that **Oak class** had the best attendance across the four trust schools for the second half of the Spring term. They achieved an amazing 97.94%

Last week's best attendance award went to **Hazel class** with an amazing 97%, closely followed by Ash and Cedar class achieving 96%.

Unfortunately, we have been hit with a sickness bug this week, so this makes **Elm class** achieving 95% even more impressive.



**Dogs near the school entrance:**

Can we please ask, when walking your dog to the school that you keep them on a short lead. If you are walking them on an extendable lead please ensure that they are not walking ahead of you when approaching the school. There have been a number of incidences where dogs have been on extendable leads and have ran or jumped towards a child and scared them.

