



NEWSLETTER
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Happy New Year
2024 Year of the Dragon



Chinese New Year: We have had some super celebrations taking place, especially with Year 1 & Year 2 sampling Chinese food courtesy of Bella & Tina's mum and dad. A huge **thank you** from staff & children. Reception class wore red today and had their own Chinese food tasting session.



Intergenerational Project: Our school councillors are looking forward to working with Hollybank residents. We have two dates booked in March for a "meet and greet tea and cake" session, followed by an arts and craft afternoon with a local artist.



Parents that Lunch: Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who came for lunch on Monday – it was a real success! We are now looking forward to running this initiative in other classes as well.

We have had some lovely feedback from parents – if you enjoyed the sessions, please email in what you thought. Thank you.

Number Day NSPCC and Number Week: We will be taking a small group of pupils to Woodbank Primary School to showcase all the work they have done in this last week.

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Noah Y1: Tina Y2: Sofia

Y3: Max Y4: Isla Y5: Ashleigh Y6: James

Lunchtime Award: YR: Tom Y6: Saif

Attendance award: KS1: Y2 – 98.97% KS2: Y3– 97.67%

Staffing: We welcome Miss Holden back on Monday to Reception Class. We will still have Miss Sellars working alongside for a week.

Attendance and Punctuality: We monitor every two weeks and also complete a half termly analysis. We have a procedure of parent letters reminding them about attendance, letters asking for medical evidence and also meetings with the Headteacher.

Our School attendance aim is 95% - we still have some children whose attendance is significantly lower than this which is concerning – it has a clear impact on their learning through school. This is the same with punctuality – missing just 10/15 mins of a lesson consistently will not help them with their grasp at the start of a lesson.

Days off school add up to lost learning. There are 175 non school days a year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

0 days absent (190 school days) - 100% - Excellent Attendance – Best chance of success.

6 days absence or more – 96.99% - Satisfactory Attendance – Harder to make great progress.

15 days absence or more – 92.99% - Requires Improvement – Less chance of success.

19 days absence or more – Below 90% Persistent Absentee – Cause for Concern – Serious Concern, Possible Court Action!”

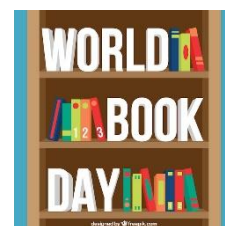
If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Graves or Miss Lancaster
Thank you.

Measles: You may be aware that UKHSA have declared a national incident following the measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. We are likely to see the measles virus spreading rapidly across Greater Manchester with low MMR vaccine uptake. We have posted lots of important information on our website to raise awareness and we would encourage parents and carers to ensure they get their child vaccinated.

Social Media: Please ensure that any issues re school/teachers are NOT discussed on social media such as WhatsApp groups. If you have a question/problem/issue, please contact the school, and speak to the class teacher or myself.
It states in the Parental Code of Conduct that any issues must be taken up with the school themselves, not on social media.
Thank you.

World Book Day: We will be having a day of dressing up in children's favourite book characters. This is based on feedback from last year from parents.

However please do not feel you have to go out and pay lots of money on costumes – this is what we want to avoid especially in the time of increasing costs of living.



Pupil Voice Y2:



Diary Dates

Friday 16th February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 26th February	School Re-opens
Monday 26th February	Y6 Parents Evening (CANCELLED) This will be re-arranged a.s.a.p
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Non Uniform Dress as your favourite book character

Out of School Activity Clubs

Monday	Construction Club with Mrs Hardman	Y1 & Y2	3.15pm - 4pm
Monday	Football Skills with Mr Euston	Y3 & Y4	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Wednesday	Multi-Sports with Mr Cowling	KS2	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Thursday	Mindfulness with Mrs Ashworth & Miss Edgar	Y1 & Y2	3.15pm – 4pm
Thursday	Multi-Sports with Mr Lamb	Y2	3.15pm – 4pm
Thursday	Football Team Radcliffe Borough	Y5 & Y6	3.15pm - 4.20pm

Parental Code of Conduct/Use of Social Media:

Last term we had a few instances of negative use of social media from parents. It says in our Parental Code of Conduct that:

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school does not tolerate:

Defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments about the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school on Facebook or other social media sites or discussing school issues/concerns online.

If you have any issues about school and your child, please arrange a meeting to discuss the matter in person or a telephone call with Mrs Graves – rather than “sounding off” on social media platforms. When this happens on social media, a balanced view is NOT put across and other views/opinions then become involved.

A Few Useful Reminders

Website: Remember you can find out a lot of information on the school website, from letters that are texted out to parents/carers. Upcoming events on the School calendar and don't forget to check out the class pages to see what the children have been learning.

Water Bottles: Please ensure bottles contain only water and not juice. Water bottles are accessible throughout the day to all children, and we have children with allergies to juice.

Trainers: should not be worn for school

Long hair: Please ensure it is tied back for school.

Earrings – Please remember that children cannot wear earrings for PE – they should either be taken out or covered over with micropore tape. Alternatively leave them at home on the days for PE

PE kits – Please ensure that their kit is in school on the correct day.

Coats - Please ensure that children have warm coats to wear in this winter weather - at the moment it is particularly cold. We still want children to enjoy the fresh air, but it is important that they are warm as well.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

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CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

Talking to your child about mental health

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- ① We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- ② I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- ③ Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- ④ Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- ⑤ Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- ⑥ Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- ⑦ Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- ⑧ If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- ⑨ Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- ⑩ Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



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