



Hollybrook Infant School

Newsletter - 23rd October 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe there are only a few days left until half term!

It was lovely to see so many parents coming to join us at St James' Church for Harvest last week! It was a lovely event and special to see the Infant and Junior schools celebrating Harvest together. The Year R Harvest celebration in the Infant School was very successful too! Thank you for all your donations for the Basics Bank Southampton.

The PTA have set up an Amazon Wishlist which contains some items the schools would love to have! If you would like to support the school and purchase something from this list, then please follow this link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/14EI3U6B3L743?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_mw_WJ7Yxc1BTAVug

Any items will be gratefully received and, as always, we appreciate all the support!

We hope you have a good half term break.

Mrs Clifford, Deputy Head

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents Evening
Friday 25th October	Non-uniform day
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Friday 8th November	PTA Cash 4 Clothes collection
Wednesday 13th November	Prospective parents to look around the school, 9.30am and 1.30pm
Friday 15th November	INSET Day
Friday 29th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 2nd December	Prospective parents to look around the school, 1.30pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term

PTA Cash 4 Clothes

The PTA is organising another Cash 4 Clothes collection on Friday 8th November. Please save the following for us and bring in as school starts (in the morning only). Bag drop is at the side of the Junior School opposite the Year R classrooms.

Please collect:

- Clean and good quality clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, jewellery
- Bedding, towels, toys, lightweight curtains, carpets
- Bric-a-brac, records, CDs, DVDs, PCs, electrical equipment
- Books

If you have lots of bags please contact Kat on 07791 770824 to drop at her house on Thursday evening. Thank you for your support!

Milk Bottles

Just a reminder that the Infants are collecting as many 4 pint milk bottles as possible. They should be empty and cleaned but with the lids still on, as we are creating an igloo as part of our topic. We will be collecting until the Monday after half term. Thank you!

Year R Playground

With the help of funds raised by the PTA, we have had some new equipment installed in the Year R playground. This equipment offers children the ability to practise new skills that the previous apparatus didn't offer.

All aboard the Hollybrook Express! The new train apparatus provides an opportunity for children to crawl, role play, and imagine.



Build those muscles! Our new rock holds along the wall give children a chance to build their upper body strength.



As always, this equipment is only to be used during school hours under the supervision of school staff.

Thank you very much to all the parents that give up their time to volunteer to the PTA, either by being a member or helping out at key events. At such a hard time for school budgets, the funds raised at these events are invaluable.

Non-Uniform Day - Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fayre

The PTA are busy organising a Christmas Fayre to raise money for both schools. We would like to ask all parents and carers to 'bring a bottle' to school on Friday 25th October, in exchange for a non-school uniform day. Please ensure the bottle is a full, new, unopened bottle. The bottle can be bubble bath, soap, soft drinks, alcohol etc. This will all be used for a bottle tombola at the fayre!

Many thanks in advance!

Attendance

Week	3K	3LH	4C	4B	5OB	5C	6N	6M
23/9/19	100%	98.7%	100%	96.9%	94.5%	98.6%	95.2%	100%
30/9/19	98.4%	98.3%	99.3%	99.3%	94.7%	98%	98.1%	98.4%
7/10/19	100%	99.3%	97.9%	99.3%	95.3%	98.3%	99.3%	96.8%
14/10/19	98.1%	97.3%	96.2%	91.3%	88.7%	93.8%	97.4%	96%

Whole School	94.7%
Year To Date	97%

School Meals

A new school dinner menu will begin after half term, with a few changes to the options available. Our catering company Chartwells are now able to offer the option of a packed lunch, typically consisting of:

Sandwich (ham, cheese or daily special, e.g. egg mayo wrap, cheese and marmite sandwich)

Veg sticks (e.g. carrot or cucumber)

Fruit

Dessert (e.g. mango frozen yogurt, orange flapjack)

Following a recent survey and consultation with the kitchen, we are going to trial keeping the jacket potato option for now. This is dependent on the kitchen being able to cope with the extra option and the popularity of it. Therefore, the daily options will be:

Main meal option

Alternative hot meal option

Jacket potato

Packed lunch (choice of sandwich filling or daily special)

Please note, jacket potatoes will now be offered daily, and the pasta option offered on alternate weeks has been removed. A copy of the new menu has been sent home to pupils this week.

Thank you for your patience and understanding when the kitchen was recently closed. We are pleased to be fully operational again in time for the new menu!

Facebook Groups

As many of you may be aware, the school has several Facebook groups, a whole school group and individual groups for each year.

The main page, which everybody can access, will be used as an additional information page to run alongside the website, where you will be able to find upcoming important dates including any INSET days etc.

The individual year groups also have a Parent Group which is to be used for discussing fundraising, social events and meetings connected to the school.

None of the Facebook pages are intended to take the place of any other forms of communication we currently use, as we understand not everyone has or would like access to Facebook. All pages will be moderated by the school and are to be used in a positive manner please.

Please note, to join any of the Facebook groups, there are two steps to the procedure:

- 1. Sign and return the agreement to the Facebook Policy.**
- 2. Request to join the necessary group(s).**

Members will not be authorised to join until both steps have been completed and we are seeing an increasing number of people only completing one step.

The agreement to the policy can be found on our website or a paper copy can be obtained from the school office.

You can request to join the respective groups with the following links:

Main page:

<https://www.facebook.com/hollybrookinfant>

Year group pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hollybrookinfantyear>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hollybrookinfantyear1>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hollybrookinfantyear2>