



# Hollybrook Infant School

## Newsletter - 25th September 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The term is marching on and we are now already almost half way through it!! It is hard to believe that we are in the last few days of September. Year 2 had a very successful visit to West Wellow last week as part of their History and Geography. Miss Atton is currently looking at the photographs of the visit and will be uploading them to the gallery on the website so please look out for these.

Next Tuesday we have the school disco for Years 1 and 2. Year R children are not coming to this as we feel it is a bit overwhelming for them so early on. This event is one of many organised by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). These events are not only enjoyable outside school activities for the children, but also a fundraiser to purchase items for the school that we would not otherwise be able to afford. In the Infant School we are currently using funds raised last year to buy a wooden train and climbing wall for the Year R playground. We also use money to subsidise school visitors and school trips. The PTA are always looking for volunteers so if you have some time that you feel you could offer please come along to their coffee morning at 9am this Thursday to be held in the Infants. Without the support of parents, the PTA cannot exist.

Both schools have also set up an Amazon wish list; thank you to those parents who used this at the end of last term. Again, it is providing us with much needed everyday teaching resources.

It is coming up to that time of year when parents in Year 2 will be thinking about applying to Junior School. We very much hope that the children will transition from Hollybrook Infant to Hollybrook Junior; parents do still need to apply as they are technically two separate schools. Next Thursday 3rd October, Year 2 parents have a chance to come and be shown around the Junior School by some Year 5 pupils and then have a talk about the Junior School.

We look forward to seeing you in and around school in the next few weeks.

Mrs Wood, Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th September, 9am - PTA coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer in Infant School Hall



Thursday 26th September, 9.30am and 11am - prospective parents 2020/21 to look around the school

Tuesday 1st October School Disco for Years 1 & 2

Thursday 3rd October School Census

Thursday 3rd October, 9am and 2.30pm - prospective parent drop-in sessions at Junior School

Thursday 3rd October Year R sharing time

Tuesday 15th October Harvest Festival (Years 1 & 2 only)

Tuesday 22nd October Year R Harvest Festival in School Hall

Tuesday 22nd October Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd October Parents Evening

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

### Flu Vaccinations

The School Nurse will be visiting school on Monday 14th October to give all children their flu vaccination. A separate letter and form will be sent nearer the time regarding this.

### Parents Evenings

We can confirm Parents Evening is being held on Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October. A letter regarding this will be sent shortly.

## Job Vacancies

### Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (Hollybrook Junior School)

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant in the Junior School, to supervise the children in the dinner hall and during their lunchtime play for 5.83 hours per week.

This role is ideal for someone who is looking to return to work after taking time out to have children, or someone who is looking to slow down a bit but still wants to continue working. Could this be you or someone you know?

If you think you may be interested, job descriptions and application forms are available on the Junior School website [www.hollybrookjunior.co.uk](http://www.hollybrookjunior.co.uk)

**Closing date: Friday 27th September 2019**

## Parking

Could we remind all parents that due to space restrictions, our school car park is for the use of staff only. We would ask that no parents use the car park, even for dropping off children or sandwich boxes etc. as we have a lot of deliveries arriving during the day and our kitchen taking meals to other schools. Unfortunately we are again receiving numerous complaints from our neighbours in Seagarth Close about parking from our parents. The neighbours are complaining that parents are parking in the marked bays at the end of the close, near to our school gate, blocking driveways and generally blocking the road. This is not acceptable, particularly in blocking the road which could prevent emergency services from attending our neighbours, or your children at this school! We would respectfully suggest that as there is no parking in our school car park and no parking allowed in the bays in Seagarth Close, that you do not bring your car up here at all.

Just this morning, we have received the following complaint from a local resident:

*Dear Mrs Wood,*

*It is with great reluctance that I have been forced to write to you. As a local resident I am afraid I can no longer tolerate the attitude and the behaviour of parents of children at your school and their complete disregard for those who live in proximity to the school at the start and end of the day.*

*Daily, when trying to leave my house in the morning I am confronted with blocked access, parents using residents only parking for dropping off children, children allowed to run unsupervised around resident carparks, amongst other actions. This visibly affects all buildings along the entire street.*

*Unfortunately, this behaviour extends to the driving on Seagarth Lane, where parents aggressively drive along the pavement, ignore rules relating to right of way, use the yellow school markings as a personal drop off point to drop their children directly outside the gate or simply stop at random places on the road for extended periods while removing their children from the car.*

*As you are doubtless aware, Seagarth Lane is essentially single track and is not designed for this volume of traffic, and especially this standard of behaviour. If this situation continues, I will be left with no choice other than to contact Hampshire Police and the council as some of the behaviour I have seen presents a serious risk to the safety of all users.*

Whilst we realise parking around the school can be difficult at times, there is ample parking at the Sports Centre which is only a short walk away. We ask that parents are more considerate to our neighbours when parking their vehicles as we are aware that they are now starting to phone the police regarding this issue.

## Outdoor Coats

Please ensure your child always comes to school with an appropriate coat with a hood. We encourage the children to be outside at break and lunchtimes and it is a shame if they cannot fully enjoy all the play equipment if they do not have the suitable clothing. As always, clothing should be labelled. This is imperative in Year R where some of their learning is outside based and we do not want any children to miss out on any of their choices of activity.



### **Year 2 Parent Open Day at Hollybrook Junior**

We know the time is coming for you to apply for Junior School places, and so we would like to invite you to visit Hollybrook Junior School for a tour of the school and a short presentation on the school and more specifically Year 3.

We will be holding two drop in sessions on Thursday 3rd October, at 9am and 2.30pm. It would be really lovely to see as many of you as possible. Even if you already have a child at the Junior School you are still very welcome to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hollybrook Junior School!

### **Contact Details**

A reminder to ensure that the office has been provided with at least 3 contact people for your child and as many working telephone numbers as possible. Also, if you have recently moved, changed phone number or email address, please update the office as soon as possible as it is imperative we have up to date details for all parents / carers. This can be done by email and sent to [info@hollybrookinfant.co.uk](mailto:info@hollybrookinfant.co.uk).

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

During the last school year, we received numerous Leave of Absence requests for holidays taken in May and June. Every year, Key Stage 1 children undergo important tests during these months, and it is imperative that children are not taken out of school during this time, or the time leading up to the tests, and therefore all Leave of Absence requests will be declined. Once we have confirmation of the dates, these will be passed on to parents/carers accordingly.

A reminder that there is no legal entitlement to leave of absence at any time during the academic school year, so please bear this in mind when booking holidays and please be aware you could be subject to a fine, or prosecution, if leave of absence is taken without authority.

### **School Car Park**

Could we please advise parents of children in Year R, and remind all other parents, to use the pavements around the school car park and not walk your child across the car park itself - or let them run across it unsupervised.

The car park is a very busy place, especially when children are arriving at and going home from school, and recently there have been a couple of instances where children have nearly been knocked over as they are walking, or running across the car park instead of using the footpaths provided.

### **Grapes in Lunch Box**

Please could we remind all parents to cut grapes in half lengthways, or ideally in to quarters, if you are going to be providing these in your children's lunch boxes. Grapes are a choking hazard and shouldn't be given to young children whole. Even if your child is used to eating them whole at home, we would appreciate them being cut for school due to the amount of children being supervised in the dinner hall.



### **Medical Appointments**

Wherever possible, medical or dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and certainly avoid registration times (9.00am and 1.00pm). For example, for an appointment at 10.00am we would expect you to bring your child to school as normal, then collect them in time for the appointment and return them straight after. We realise that there is no choice on times and dates for hospital appointments, but following our guidelines will help to minimise your child's absence.

We would also ask that children are not taken out of school for appointments which are not for them but for siblings or parents as this disrupts their learning. Alternative arrangements should be made for bringing your child to school or collecting them and there is of course the before and after school clubs available.

A reminder that a letter or appointment card should please be shown to the office as this will enable us to authorise the absence for you.

### Clothing, Hair and Jewellery

May we remind you of the following rules we follow with regards to clothing, hair and jewellery, as here at Hollybrook we pride ourselves on our children looking smart at all times. This is also important because of health and safety, particularly when partaking in PE.

1. Long hair should be tied back at all times.
2. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's full name.
3. T-shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
4. Jewellery should not be worn to school.
5. No nail varnish should be worn.
6. Earrings: only small stud earrings are permitted; these must be removed for PE; pupils with pierced ears may wear one pair of plain gold studs; no sleepers or pendant earrings are permitted.

### Hollybrook Infant & Junior Dads Football

Calling all Dads!  
Hollybrook Infant & Junior Dads Football is back on after the summer break.



A group of us play every other week at the Sports Centre on a Thursday evening at 9-10pm before heading over to The View for a drink. We'd love others to join us, so please get in touch if you're interested at [petebentleytaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:petebentleytaylor@hotmail.com)

### Attendance

Week	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls
2/9/19	-	-	99.6%	95.8%	100%	99.5%
9/9/19	99.5%	100%	100%	97%	98.6%	99.3%
16/9/19	98.6%	98.6%	95.7%	96.9%	94.5%	96.3%

Whole School	96.8%
Year To Date	98.2%