



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Lockdown Bunting

The children have been given a piece of bunting to capture a memory from lockdown. They have been supported in creating their bunting through teacher-led conversations at an age-appropriate level about the positive aspects of lockdown life. As part of our recovery curriculum and wellbeing activities we wanted the children to reflect back on Lockdown and see that it was by no means a completely negative experience and that out of strange, unusual and difficult situations can come positives. The bunting has then been strung together to make a classroom display of positive lockdown memories.



WEARING PE KITS ON PE DAYS

We have made a decision that we hope will benefit everybody. We have decided that on their PE days children will wear their PE kit to school and will stay in it for the day and go home in it. Several other primary schools and many secondary schools are doing this. We believe that it will help because:

- Parents can wash PE kits more regularly if they remain at home
- It will avoid children accidentally putting on the wrong bits of kit or uniform that belongs to someone else
- It should help reduce lost property
- It will give more time for PE lessons with the earlier ending of the school day if children are already changes

This will come into effect from **MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**

We have decided to give you a week's notice so that you can ensure that you have all the correct items

Every child will need:

- Red shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain white trainers
- Plain dark green jogging trousers and sweatshirt

Children will come to school dressed with the red shorts and white T shirt underneath the plain dark green tracksuit. On their feet they should wear plain white trainers. Your child will need to come to school like this twice a week.

	<p>The HOLLY PARK P.E. Kit</p>
<p>A plain white t-shirt</p>	
	
<p>White trainers</p>	<p>Red shorts</p>
	
<p>A plain green sweatshirt</p>	<p>Plain green jogging trousers</p>

PE days are as below:

Y1 Pine Tuesday & Wednesday

Y2 Rowan Wednesday & Thursday

Y3 Willow Monday and Tuesday

Y3 Hazel Monday & Thursday

Y3 Spruce Monday & Thursday

Y4 Mulberry Thursday & Friday

Y4 Sycamore Thursday & Friday

Y5 Maple Thursday & Friday

Y5 Juniper Thursday & Friday

Y6 Beech Wednesday & Friday

Y6 Cedar Wednesday & Friday

Reception

Reception children will not need their PE kit until after the half term holiday. They will also however need the green tracksuit and white trainers. Reception staff will let you know on which days.

Have your circumstances Changed?

It is very likely that the financial circumstances of many of our families will have changed during lockdown and beyond due to furlough, unemployment, cuts in income etc. It may well be that many families may now find themselves entitled to free school meals, pupil premium support in school and discount on school trips. If you feel that you may now be eligible for any of this – please see the forms attached at the end of the newsletter. If you are in doubt or have any questions then please call Miss Hounslow in the school office. Please do fill in and return the form if you are eligible as this will mean that your child will get extra help and support in school and discount on trips and activities.

Have a child yourself or the child of a family friend or neighbour wanting to Join Holly park in September 2021?

Do you have a child who is the right age to come to nursery or start in Reception next September? Do you have a family friend or neighbour whose child is ready to start nursery or Reception next year?

At present due to Coronavirus, schools are not able to offer parent tours of the site. This is the same for secondary schools who have a Y7 intake next September or sixth form colleges looking for new A level pupils next September.

We have already had a few phone calls from prospective parents who would like to see the school.

In order to give new parents the best chance in the present circumstances to get an idea about Holly park and a feel for our school, we have created a special website page with lots of information. The page is on the website under the 'JOIN HOLLY PARK' tab and is the first drop down called 'JOINING THE SCHOOL.' On there we have put lots of information, photographs of the site, videos by various members of staff and some virtual tours of parts of the school.

The website page has lots on it already and should be fully operational by next week.

If you yourself need to have a look or know family, friends or neighbours who may need it, please do point them in the right direction.

A couple of my Headteacher friends have already had a look and really liked it and will be doing something similar in their schools.

Leaving Things Behind at The End Of The School Day

We do our best to ensure that children bring everything out at the end of the school day however sometimes they forget things – like cardigans, water bottles, jumpers, lunch boxes etc. Unfortunately we cannot have children going back to class to get these things. I am very sorry about this but they will have to wait to collect the next day.

Attendance

Attendance over the first full week back was 94.80%. The best attendance was from Y5 Maple Class with 99.33% attendance – WELL DONE

Punctuality

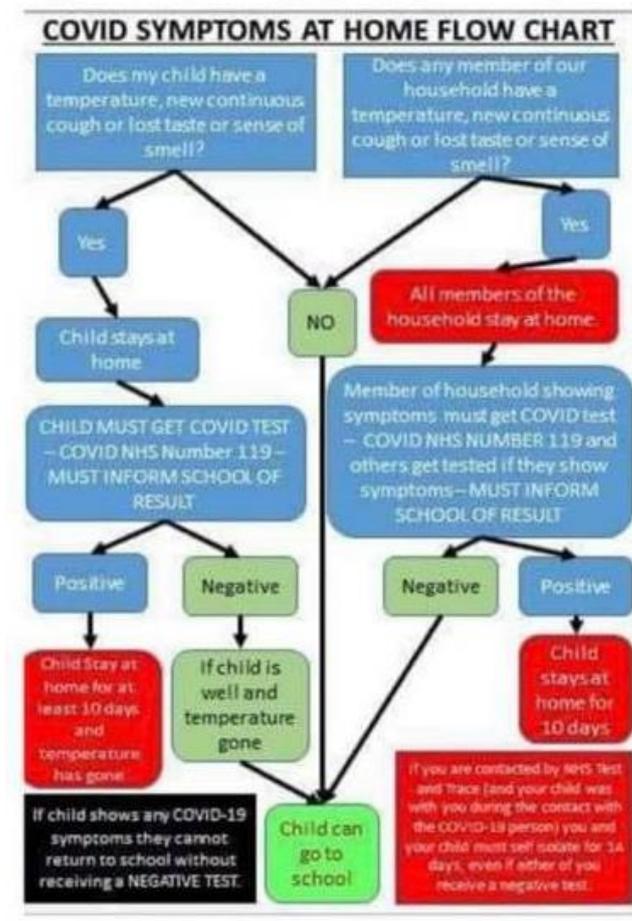
I am delighted to say that punctuality at the start of a school day is very good. Thank you. Let's keep this up!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September Y4 Together Apart Project
Wednesday 23rd September Meeting for Nursery & Reception parents – the curriculum
Tuesday 29th September Y4 Together Apart project
Friday 2nd October Reception phonics meeting for parents
Monday 5th October INSET Day
Tuesday 6th October Y6 School Journey Meeting
Friday 9th October World Mental Health day
Wednesday 21st October Harvest Festival
Friday 23rd October House Challenge

Coronavirus

Parents may find the flow chart below useful.





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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Since September 2014 all children who are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in a state-funded school have been offered a free healthy school lunch. Children in other school years are also offered a free school lunch if their parent are receiving any of the welfare benefits listed overleaf.

If your child is eligible to receive a free school meal because of receiving welfare benefits (whatever school year they are in), we need to know as we can claim additional money to help support your child – this money is called Pupil Premium.

Registering for Pupil Premium could raise an extra £1,300 to help support your child. It may fund valuable support like extra support, additional teaching staff or resources. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that we receive as much funding as possible.

If you register for Pupil Premium and your child is eligible, then they will definitely receive **extra support at school** and you will also be eligible for a **50% discount on all school trips**, paid for with the Pupil Premium money.

We ask that if you think that the information above applies to you that you fill in the attached school meals registration form. This is important so that we can continue to register pupils who attract pupil premium, which is worth £1,300 a year per pupil for our school.

Please return the form in an envelope marked for the attention of Miss Hounslow. All registration forms are treated in the strictest confidence. We would like all forms returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Ann Pelham
Headteacher

REGISTRATION FORM – FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

We need information about you and your child, so that we can provide them with the best education and support by making sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled. Please complete this form and return to your child’s school as soon as possible.

Child’s last name	Child’s first name	Date of Birth

Parent 1	Parent 2
Last name	Last name
First name	First name
Date of birth	Date of birth
National Insurance number	National Insurance number
Home phone number	Home phone number
Mobile number	Mobile number
Address	Address
Postcode	Postcode

Please tick the box if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family’s financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure our school is as well funded as possible. Please return as soon as possible.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery Children and Pupil Premium

A few years ago, the government introduced a new funding stream in schools in order to provide extra support and provision for some pupils this was called - Pupil Premium, and was available for pupils in Nursery to Year 6.

If you are receiving welfare benefits then your child may be eligible for this funding. This funding is worth £300 per nursery child. Registering for Pupil Premium could raise an extra £300 to help support your child. In the rest of the school we have used Pupil Premium money to fund valuable support like extra support, additional teaching staff, and extra resources. Parents only have to register once and then funding continues for a further 6 years. From Reception upwards the funding is £1,300 per pupil.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form attached. It is therefore important to sign up so that we receive as much funding as possible. We need to know who is eligible so that we can claim additional money to help support your child – this money is called Pupil Premium.

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