



NEWSLETTER 30th January 2019

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Dates for your diary

Spring 1

Tuesday 5 th February	9.00am - YR 2 assembly
Tuesday 5 th February	Chinese menu for lunch
Wednesday 6 th February	Drama workshop for Years 1&2
Monday 11 th February	Sports Athlete Visit
Tuesday 12 th February	Year R Parents Evening
Wednesday 13 th February	All year groups Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th February	Year 1 & 2 Parents Evening
Friday 15 th February	3.00pm - Break up for end of term

Spring 2

Monday 25 th February	8.45am - Start of spring 2 term
Monday 25 th February	9.00am - PTA AGM - Junior School Hall
Monday 25 th February	Arts Week
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 14 th March	Year 2 - sight awareness workshop
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day - TBC
Monday 18 th March	INSET DAY - children not to attend school
Thurs 21 st - Fri 22 nd Mar	Science Project days
Tuesday 26 th March	9.00am - YR 1 assembly
Friday 29 th March	Maths Day
Tuesday 2 nd April	4.15pm - 5.15pm School Disco
Friday 5 th April	3.00pm - Break up for end of term

INSET days 2018-2019

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Important things to remember

- Everything your child wears or brings into school must be labelled
- All children require a water bottle in school every day
- PE kits must be in school at all times and include a tracksuit and trainers for outdoors
- Children must be registered with Cool Milk (www.coolmilk.com) in order to receive milk in school, even if they are entitled to it free of charge. This includes children who are entitled to free milk until the term before they turn 5.
- Could you qualify for Pupil Premium? If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child could be entitled to 2 free jumpers/cardigans per year, free milk in school every day, all trips and 1 club per term funded by the school. Apply online at:
<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/schools/schoolmeals/fschm.aspx>

The school, as usual is a hive of activity and last week our Year R children all dressed up in national costumes or in colours of national flags for the day, as part of their "wish you were here" topic. It was fantastic to see the effort that was put in by our parents and the children had a great time making and eating pizza, and tasting foods from different countries.

As you are aware, the Junior school recently had their visit from OFSTED and we have now received a report of their findings, which I am delighted to advise confirms that Hollybrook Junior remains a good school.

We feel the report is a true reflection of the school and we had already identified some of the points raised which are in our improvement plan. The report has been uploaded onto the Junior school website under Key Information if you want to take a look -

http://hollybrookjunior.co.uk/uploads/k_info/ofsted_report_january_2019_25-01-2019.pdf

This half term continues to be a busy one with Year 2 assembly and a drama workshop for Key Stage One coming up shortly, not to mention parents' evening which is in the last week before half term. This is a fantastic opportunity to see how your child is progressing and having a one to one chat with their Teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents' Evening

A separate letter is attached to this email regarding parents evening and the booking system will be available online later on today. Please be aware that Year R have different dates for their parents' evening this term and so if you have children in Year R and a different year group, you will receive a different letter for each child. The link for the booking system is different for Year R so please read your letters carefully.

We remind you also that one of the dates (both for year R) is the same as parents' evening at the Junior School so if you have children at both schools, you will need to co-ordinate your appointments accordingly and early booking is recommended. The Junior School will be using the same system as we do here in the Infant School for booking appointments and you will receive a letter from them separately regarding this.

Chinese New Year Menu

In line with Chinese New Year on 5th February, Chartwells our caterers, will be providing a menu of Chinese Food, a copy of which is attached to this email. Please note our normal menu will not be available that day.

Mayflower After School Club

We have been advised by the Mayflower that due to the success of their after school club, they are extending it to the following dates:-

26/02/19

05/03/19

12/03/19

19/03/19

26/03/19

Parents will be able to book on to the club for the beginning of February.

Cash 4 Clothes

Cash 4 Clothes: Friday 1st February, morning only, junior playground

Please bring to school:

- Clean and good quality clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, jewellery
- Bedding, towels, toys, lightweight curtains, carperts
- 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. Thank you for your support!

Team Spirit Feb Half Term Courses

Join Dazza and the Team Spirit coaches for action packed fun this half term.

Mon-Tues Redbridge School 8:45-3:15pm

Wed-Fri Highfield School 8:30-5:15pm

Every day we run a variety of challenges using our TEAM ethos. Full details can be found on the website - www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk Limited spaces, why not book with a friend.

PTA AGM

We would like to invite everyone to our PTA Annual General Meeting on 25th February at 9am in the Junior School hall. Even if you could make it for 30mins that would be great!

We will be discussing how we will spend the funds we've all raised this year and planning what fundraising events we can run this year to raise money for much needed school equipment and trips.

It would be fab to see as many parents as possible so please help spread the word and come along. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided.

Clubs

Please ensure that if you book your child in for an afterschool activity that you advise your child's class teacher accordingly. Thank you.

Mobile Telephones on school premises

We have had a few issues recently where parents have been using mobile telephones in school and also on school trips. Please note that the use of mobile telephones is strictly prohibited within the school, and we would ask that you also refrain from using them in the playgrounds at drop off and pick up time. If you are inside the school and need to take an urgent call, we would ask that you please go outside of the premises to prevent disruption to children and teachers.

We would remind you that the taking of photos within school is also restricted. Whilst we understand that at occasions such as assemblies, parents want to take photos of their children, please remember that these should not be posted onto social media sites.

School Car Park

Please be reminded that parents are not allowed to use the car park at any time. We have had a few instances this week where staff have been unable to get into the car park in the morning or at lunchtimes as parents are either in the car park, or blocking the entrance with cars. This is not acceptable as our staff need to be able to access the car park at all times. We would respectfully ask parents, even if you are running late in the morning or at pick up times, to walk their children into school from the surrounding roads or the sports centre.



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. 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. As always, clothing should be labelled.



Contact Details

We have had instances recently where we have been unable to contact parents when we have needed to when children are poorly. Please ensure the office have been provided with **at least 3** contact telephone numbers for you. This is a Government requirement under the 2018 Keeping Children Safe In Education Act. 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 all up to date details for all pupils and parents/carers. This can be done on email and sent to - info@hollybrookinfant.co.uk

School Attendance Matters

We have noticed over recent weeks an increased number of pupils arriving at school after the doors have closed and being collected late from the office. It is very disruptive to a class to have children coming in late when they have settled into their learning and also very unsettling for the child who is late to come into a lesson where their peers are already emersed in their lesson. We understand occasional lateness cannot be helped, however, this should not be happening on a regular basis. For the avoidance of doubt, by late, we mean after 8.45am and your child having to be signed in through the office.

Please can we remind you of the following;

- School doors open at 8:45am. Please arrive at school no later than 8:45am as children should be in class and ready to begin their lessons. Doors close at 8.50am.
- After 8:50am, children are late and **MUST** always be signed in at the school office to ensure their safety
- We expect **ALL** appointments, with the exception of hospital appointments, to be made outside of normal school hours
- For appointments from 9:30am onwards, we expect all pupils to attend the school for registration and then be collected and returned within an appropriate time frame.

W/C	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Owls	Overall
14/01/2019	98.7%	92.4%	99.6%	97.3%	98.7%	99.3%	97.7%
21/01/2019	95.0%	95.9%	96.8%	95.0%	95.7%	97.0%	95.9%