



Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Update, 21 February 2018

World Book Day, Thursday 1 March

Please refer to Miss Alderson and Mrs Cook's letter, sent earlier this week, for information about what is happening in school on World Book day.

Chartwell's will also be providing a special themed lunch on this day. The menu is attached for your information. Please note that this replaces the normal menu, and there will be no deli bar (jacket potato) option available on this day.

PTA AGM reminder: Friday, 23 February @ 1.45PM in Infant hall

All parents and carers are invited to this AGM to find out more about how we help the school buy essential equipment. Please join us – there will be refreshments available, and toys for pre-school children.

Ruth, our current Junior Chair, will be officially standing down as her daughter leaves in September. Our team cannot continue with just the Infant Chair so **we NEED A NEW co-chair**.

You will be part of a TEAM, you can do this even if you are working, and Ruth will be on hand as part of the team until she goes. Everyone thinks someone else will do it so no-one volunteers! But **we need YOU!**

Please contact Kat on katrinajtrans@gmail.com or Ruth on ruthandgraham@hotmail.co.uk for **more information**.

Car Parking in Seagarth Lane

Please could we politely remind parents who park in Seagarth Lane to do so with care and consideration for other drivers, pedestrians, and local residents. It is a very busy road, especially at drop-off and pick-up times, and wherever possible we would encourage parents to park in the Sports Centre car park and make the short journey from there to school using the pedestrian crossing.

At Hollybrook Infant and Junior Schools we have an inclusive and diverse community. One of the values that underpin our vision is respect, and this applies to both children and adults in our community. We hope that parents will support us in this.

Year 5 Bikeability, 26.2.18 – 2.3.18

The Year 5 children who are undertaking cycling instruction will need to remember to bring in to school next week:

- Their bikes, bike locks and helmets. Bikes can be wheeled across the playground in the morning and locked by the pond area.
- A warm coat/raincoat and gloves.
- Long trousers/jogging bottoms and trainers, suitable for cycling in. Children should come to school in their school uniform and change, unless they are in the morning groups. Children will be told which group they are in on Monday morning. They may already have suitable PE kit in school which can be worn.
- On World Book Day, children should wear their cycling clothes and bring a costume to change into.





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Attendance 5.2.18-9.2.18

Class	% Attend
3C	88.3
3B	93.8
4C	93.3
4K	91.4
5LH	84.3
5M	97.3
6OB	93.6
6N	97.5
Totals	92.5

Parent Forum Feedback - Hollybrook Junior

A few weeks ago we held our first joint Parent Forum. These are the main issues that were raised:

Positives:

- There was positive feedback about the Christmas performance with parents saying that they had really enjoyed it.
- One parent who is new to the school commented on the care and support that she and her children have received since joining Hollybrook.

Concerns:

- There was feedback about information for the Minstead trip being late coming out to parents. We apologise for this and will try to get information to parents out earlier. This particular trip has been quite challenging to organise to ensure that we can accommodate everyone who wanted to go. There was also a plea about Year 4 girls not taking phones on the residential – they will not be taking them!
- There were quite a few comments raised around various issues with homework. Miss Alderson addressed these with all staff involved and you should have received a letter detailing expectations from homework and reassurances about how it is marked.
- One parent asked about the possibility of having an indoor quiet room if children wanted to read or draw. There is an issue over where we could have this as the downstairs classrooms are used for packed lunches. Also, it would be a challenge to supervise as we need the supervisors out on the playground or supervising children eating their lunch. We will certainly look into having a more bespoke area outside where children would have the opportunity to sit quietly with activities such as reading or drawing.
- There was a comment over erratic visits to the library for some classes. We have spoken to teachers and all classes should be visiting the library on a weekly basis.
- There were a couple of comments over lunches – the size of the portions and cold food. We have monitored this and do not feel that this is a regular occurrence – several members of staff regularly have dinners. We have also looked at portion sizes and do not feel that they are too small.
- There was also a comment around children not having enough time to eat their





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packed lunch. The children are given about half an hour to eat their lunch. If they have not finished and there are only a few children left in a classroom then we move them to the hall as we need supervisors to move outside where the majority of the children are.

- A comment was made about ensuring that parents know which of their children is being awarded a certificate in WOW assembly. We have spoken to the office about this and it has been sorted.
- On communication parents have asked for more notice for evening workshops. Again, we will try to put these out earlier – please also look at newsletters as dates are put on these in advance as often as possible.
- Separate changing for girls in Year 6 was raised – we have talked to the Year 6 teachers about this to make this possible.
- We have been asked if we can have a PA system for WOW assemblies – we can certainly look into this but it will depend on the cost.

Thank you to all of the reps who fielded comments and for parents who gave feedback. Just a reminder that if you have an issue that directly affects your child, please come and talk to us in person so that we can sort it out.

Jane Wood
Headteacher

