



# Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Parent Update, 13 December 2017

We are nearly at the end of what has been a very busy term, and would like to remind you of what is going on in the run-up to Christmas.

### Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas Lunch, Friday 15 December

School Christmas lunches have all been pre-ordered. Don't forget, your child can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers for the occasion!

The normal menu for Friday of fish and chips or veggie burger will be offered on Thursday, 14 December instead.

### After School Clubs

All the after-school clubs finish this week. A letter with club details for next term will be coming out before Christmas. Most clubs will start back week commencing 15 January 2018.

### PTA Christmas Shopping Morning, Monday, 18 December

The PTA are unable to accept any more gift lists after today's deadline.

### Christmas Performances, Tuesday, 19 and Wednesday, 20 December

We look forward to welcoming you to the children's Christmas Performances next week. Please note that there are no more tickets available for the performance on Tuesday afternoon.

### Community Events

Flyers with details of some up-coming events are attached, for your information.

### Safety on the School Site

Please could we respectfully ask that parents using the pedestrian entrance to the school are aware that there may be children using the same path to push their bikes round to the bike rack outside Little Berries. We appreciate that the path is narrow, but the children have been asked not to cross the car park for their own safety, as there may be vehicles manoeuvring. Thank you.

### Poppy Appeal 2017

Our Poppy Appeal this year raised a total of £68.90. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy in support of the work of the British Legion.

### Attendance 4.12.17-8.12.17

Class	% Attend
3C	98.3
3B	94.1
4C	99.5
4K	90.9
5LH	93.4
5M	93.9
6OB	92.9
6N	97.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.1</b>





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## SPORT MAD WEEK

We've had a week packed to the rim of sport tournaments and events. We love it!

### YEAR 5/6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM

On Monday, 11 December, the Year 5/6 girls' football team took part in the Southampton indoor football tournament at Bitterne Park Secondary school. They played their first two games against Blackfield and Oakwood and sadly lost both games. The girls' spirits were not dampened, instead they showed real grit and determination. After some team talking and encouragement, they went on to draw against Thornhill and win against St Monica's! The girls showed their ability to work as a team, to listen to advice and adjust their style of playing, which really paid off.

Mrs Norton

### INDOOR FOOTBALL

Well done to all the boys and girls who participated in the indoor city football championships this year. All these tournaments were at very short notice due to the organiser having issues with booking a venue. Thank you to the parents who got the reply slips in quickly and also for returning the kits.

### YEAR 6 BOYS TASTE SUCCESS AGAIN

The Year 6 boys played Townhill, Tanners Brook and Newlands at the event on Monday. In their first game, they won 1-0 against Townhill - a very close game with Alex K slotting in the decisive goal in that match. In their second game, they drew 1-1 with Newlands - Alex earning a penalty in the last minute. Max R confidently dispatched the ball in the back of the net. In their last game, against Tanners Brook, they had to battle to claim all three points. Hollybrook were on 4 points and Tanners Brook were on 6. This meant that we had to win to be the overall winners. Tanners Brook went 1-0 up after a few minutes, so the boys not only had to win the game but come back from 1-0 down to do it. Amazingly, Hollybrook showed that fighting spirit and battled back to win the game 3-1. This means that Hollybrook have won their group stage! The winners of all the groups in the city (3 of them) will now go through to the indoor finals in the New Year to battle it out to be overall champions.

I am very proud that these boys, who do not all play for a club outside of school, showed what they had learnt in our school training and they had the determination to win their group.





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## YEAR 4/5 BOYS SO CLOSE TO SUCCESS

The Year 4/5 boys played Blackfield, Orchard and St Monica at the event last Thursday. In their first game against St Monica, the boys narrowly missed out on claiming all three points. Having been 1-0 up for most of the game, the boys were in control but in the last couple of minutes, St Monica pegged one back to make it a 1-1 draw. After that, they played Blackfield. This game was a goal fest, where our boys stormed to a 6-1 victory! Excellent goals from a range of boys were great to see.

The boys were now on 4 points (just like the Year 6's had been) and had to win their last game against Orchard to be overall winners. Unfortunately, the boys could not take all 3 points this time but showed good determination. They came so close, being 1-0 up until the last two minutes of the game, when a few mistakes led to two cheap goals for Orchard. On a balance of play, Hollybrook were the stronger team with more chances. However, Orchard won 2-1 and progressed through to the finals.

A great start for all the boys involved, especially as this was their first indoor football tournament for the school.

## Other football news

Well done to all the children who came to the Eastleigh Silverlake tournament on Wednesday. The boys enjoyed a day playing football against other schools in the city. The boys faced a very tough group against certain teams who had 'academy level' players in places, and unfortunately Hollybrook didn't play their best that day, as well as having injuries. With the boys, we've all looked at where things went wrong and talked about how to improve these areas. We've put this down as a one-off random performance and will fight to improve next time. Despite this, some of the boys had already enjoyed the indoor football success earlier in the week and also gained free tickets the Eastleigh vs Bromley game at the weekend. This game was a corker by the way - '4-4'! So we saw this as just another opportunity to learn from the game and have fun.

## Handball festival LOOKING GOOD





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A range of children from Year 5 and 6 travelled to Bitterne Park Secondary last Friday to participate in a handball festival. At this festival, the children learnt and explored a range of skills/rules in handball. They practised defending, shooting, movement and passing. At the end, they had a chance to play a friendly against Springhill (one of the schools who also came to the festival). This was a good opportunity for them to experience a competitive game of handball. In that friendly, Hollybrook won 2-1 with some excellent shooting from Max and passing from Harry. Luke T in goal was excellent, saving a penalty. All children involved show great ability and good listening skills too. This all looks promising for the handball tournament in the New Year.



**Special thanks to Mrs Norton and the other parents who helped transport the children to and from a variety of events. This was a very busy week of sport!**

Mr O'Brien

