

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Update, 15 November 2017

We would like to highlight some of the events we have coming up in the next week or so:

- **Children in Need Day – Friday, 17 November:** For those who wish to take part, in return for a donation to the charity's funds, children can come to school wearing something bright, colourful and spotty!
- **Guildhall Concert Rehearsal for School Choir – Saturday, 18 November 9.15-10.30am, Weston Park Primary School.** Please note that there is no parking on site due to building work.
- **Book Fair – Tuesday, 21 to Monday 27 November:** Please come along and browse the books in the Year 3 classrooms after school.
- **Flu immunisation programme for Year 3 and Year 4 – Tuesday, 21 November:** Please remember consent forms need to be returned by Friday of this week. Consent forms should be returned, even if you do not wish your child to have the nasal spray.
- **PTA Christmas Fayre - Friday, 1 December:** Raffle ticket stubs and entries for the colouring competition should be returned to school as soon as possible.

School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday, 15 December

The children have been given an order form to bring home for Christmas lunches, and this needs to be returned by Wednesday, 29 November. There will be no deli option that day, so if your child does not want a Christmas lunch they will need to bring in a packed lunch. A copy of the order form is attached in case you have not received it, along with a festive picture from Chartwells that you can print off for your child to colour in!

In order to avoid having roast turkey twice in the same week, the menu choices on Thursday, 14 December will be as published for the Friday, ie, crispy fish and chips or veggie hot dog and chips.

PE Kit

Our children at Hollybrook have been noted for be very good at having their PE kits in school which leads to high participation rates in PE – so thank you for assisting the children in having their kits in school. However, just a reminder: PE kit should be brought into school the first day of each half term and preferably remain in school until the last day of each half term, when it should be taken home to be washed.

Also please could you ensure that your child has all the suggested kit:

- Shorts and T-shirt for in indoor gymnastics - children should not wear trousers (anything ankle length).
- Jogging bottoms/tracksuit trousers and sweatshirt/tracksuit top for outdoor PE, especially at this time of year.
- Trainers - they need to be suitable and fastened on the front. Children should not wear their school shoes in PE lessons.
- Children must not wear jewellery during PE lessons – if earrings cannot be removed, children must tape them up. Please provide them with their own tape.

Table Tennis

Nearly a quarter of our school have already participated in Hollybrook Junior School sports teams so far this year which is amazing!

Next week, we are venturing out to a table tennis tournament for the first time ever. The children who have been selected from Year 5 and 6 have been practising every break time recently, to sharpen their existing skills for the tournament. Good luck to the four girls and four boys who are representing our school next Tuesday.

Also, soon, a selection of children from Year 3 and Year 4 will be representing our school in table tennis at a city festival.



Mr O'Brien

Number clash

This half term, our annual mathematics event 'Number Clash' is taking place. It was brilliant to see how engaged and competitive children were last time in this event.

This week, all children will complete a qualification sheet. From this, the top boy and girl from each year group for each house will qualify for the finals.



The finals will be like a game show, where the children team up together, with children from their house, to battle it out to be crowned Number Clash champions. Those children who do not make the finals can use the qualification process as a chance to catch up with different areas of maths and will also get a chance to be in the audience during the finals.

The names of the children who qualify will be announced on 17 November (this Friday).

The Upper Phase Final (Years 5 and 6) will be on 21 November and the Lower Phase Final (Years 3 and 4) will be on 22 November during assemblies.

Good luck!
Mr O'Brien

Anti-Bullying Week, 13-17 November 2017

As part of anti-bullying week, the children have had class assemblies to discuss and think about how we are all different but all equal. The discussions held in each class clearly showed the children's understanding of how to be responsible and respectful friends. They also had an awareness of the different forms bullying can take and what to do about it. We would encourage you to talk to your children about this topic.

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Health and safety reminder

Please remember that dogs are not allowed to be brought on to the school site. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Attendance 6.11.17-10.11.17

Class	% Attend
3C	99.1
3B	99.1
4C	97.4
4K	95.3
5LH	100.0
5M	97.8
6OB	95.5
6N	100.0
Totals	98.0

Raise funds for our schools when you shop

Please use the links below to raise money for our schools when you shop online. Retailers give the school money and it doesn't cost you anything! Most retailers can be found through Easyfundraising and give around 1-2% of the purchase price, and £10 plus for utilities. The Book People scheme gives the schools money for books, and with Micro Scooters we receive 10% of your purchase price.

Easyfundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hollybrook/>

The Book People: www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising - enter code "HtsVqFK"

Micro Scooters: WWW.MICRO-SCOOTERS.CO.UK enter code "139632" for Juniors and "138898" for Infants

Yours sincerely

Jane Wood
Headteacher





Dates For Your Diaries – Autumn Term 2017 (Updated 15.11.17)

These dates are subject to change

Day	Date	Time	
Fri	17.11.17		Children in Need Day
Tues	21.11.17-27.11.17	3.15-4.15pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Tues	21.11.17	am	Year 3 and Year 4 flu vaccinations
Tues	21.11.17	pm	Year 5 swimming (non-swimmers) (4 of 6)
Tues	28.11.17		Year 3 drumming concert (details t/f)
Tues	28.11.17	pm	Year 5 swimming (non-swimmers) (5 of 6)
Wed	29.11.17	2.00pm	Music concert (details t/f)
Fri	1.12.17	Am	Year 3 trip to Nuffield Theatre (details t/f)
Fri	1.12.17		PTA non-uniform day (for cake donation)
Fri	1.12.17	3.00-5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tues	5.12.17		Guildhall Christmas concert (selected children only)
Tues	5.12.17	pm	Year 5 swimming (non-swimmers) (6 of 6)
Fri	15.12.17		Christmas jumper day/School Christmas lunch
Mon	18.12.17	Am	PTA Christmas shopping morning (details t/f)
Tues	19.12.17	pm	Christmas performance (details t/f)
Wed	20.12.17		Christmas performance (details t/f)
Thurs	21.12.17		Last day of term
Fri-Sun	22.12.17-7.1.18		SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Mon	8.1.17		SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SPRING TERM
Fri	26.1.17		Year 5 and 6 PTA cake sale