



Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Update, 20 September 2017

Reading journals

Your child will have now received their reading journal which forms part of their regular home learning. Children should read for at least 20 minutes each day and log this in their reading journal. There is also a task to be completed every 2 weeks. The reading journal should be handed in alongside all home learning every 2 weeks. If your child loses their reading journal, please let the office know. It can be replaced for a nominal fee.

Harvest

The Harvest Festival this year will be held on 10th October at St James Church and will be a joint event with children from the Infant School. We will be asking children to bring donations of non-perishable food items for the Basics Bank charity. A separate letter will be sent home with full details.

Year 3 Open Mornings

As part of their transition to Junior School, Year 3 children are inviting their parents into school on Friday 22nd September and Friday 20th October from 8.40am to 9.15am. This will give parents the opportunity to see the children's classrooms and to talk to their child about the learning they have done in Year 3 so far. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at either Open Morning!

Health and Safety in the Playground

Please note that children are NOT PERMITTED to play on the playground equipment before and after school, as this could be dangerous, especially climbing on the roof of the play barge. This applies to children from both the Junior and Infant Schools.

Sweets and cakes in school

We have become aware that some children are bringing in sweets and cakes for their birthdays, to hand out to their friends at the end of the day in the playground. A number of parents have let us know that they have concerns about this, and we have decided that this will not be allowed from now on. Thank you for your co-operation.

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday, 29th September and Community Events

Please see the attached flyers for details of the Macmillan Coffee Morning that will be held in school next week, and other local events that may be of interest to families. Donations of cakes for the coffee morning would be very welcome – please bring contributions in to school by the afternoon of Thursday, 28th September.

PTA Used Clothes Collection

Please see the attached letter from the Hollybrook Schools Association for details.

School elections

At Hollybrook Junior School we are going to be electing our House and Vice Captains on Tuesday 3rd October. On the day, there will be election boxes and polling booths/areas for children to secretly record their vote. Usually we borrow official city voting booths and ballot boxes from the City Council but this year this has not been possible due to a flooding problem at the council. However, we will have alternatives.

On the day, we will be using pupils from USH (usually prefects or aspiring prefects) to accurately count the votes for each candidate from each house. Also to make sure that all voters are voting for a candidate from their house group.





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All children, who were in a recent assembly, have been told how the process works and many have done it before. Below are the key dates for the election process:

*Posters go up as of now- Year 6 children can create sensible and positive election posters to stick up around the school. All children have been instructed of what to do at school.

*29th of September- speeches during house assemblies. Children can write a speech to read in a house assembly or present a powerpoint that aids their speech.

*3rd of October- voting day. All children will vote in the school and will experience the voting process.

*4th of October- house and vice captains revealed during assembly.

If there are any queries about the election process, do not hesitate to ask me.
Mr O'Brien

Year 4 and 5 football tournament

On Monday, selected Year 4 and 5 boys participated in a city football tournament. The boys proudly wore our new kits and certainly represented our school/team in a professional manner. Due the tournament being so near to the start of the year, it does not give any school sufficient time to form a strong team together and provides little time to train. However, having been trained every lunchtime for a week, the boys made a good impression. After a cautious start in their first two games, they shook off the cobwebs and then went on to dominate their last three games- scoring 10 goals in the process. Well done boys, very proud of your efforts!

Next Monday, Hollybrook are out at yet another football tournament with some of the Year 5 and 6 boys. Come on you reds!

Mr O'Brien

Attendance 11.9.17-15.9.17

Class	% Attend
3C	98.6
3B	100.0
4C	98.7
4K	98.6
5LH	97.1
5M	96.2
6OB	99.6
6N	97.0
Totals	98.2

Yours sincerely,

Jane Wood
Headteacher

