



Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Update, 4 October 2017

Health and Safety issue – Parking in Seagarth Lane

It has been brought to our attention that some parents who bring their children to school by car via Seagarth Lane are causing anxiety to other families by driving or parking along the road without consideration for the safety of pedestrians. If you need to bring your car, please could we respectfully ask that you do not drive up on to the pavements to park, or block the entrance to the school gates, as this presents a danger, particularly to children, who may not be seen. We would encourage you to use the Sports Centre car park, and use the pedestrian crossing to walk the short distance from there to school. Thank you for your support in helping to keep your children safe.

Harvest Festival, Tuesday, 10 October

We are looking forward to attending the Harvest Festival next Tuesday morning, and hope you will be able to join us. Please remember that children can bring donations of non-perishable food items with them on the morning to take to the church. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to let you know that £234.38 was raised by you and your friends at the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week. There are a number of empty cake boxes that can be collected from the school office.

Hollybrook Schools Association News

Christmas Cards 2017

You should have recently received a Christmas card order form with a blank design form on the back for your child to create a personalised Christmas card.

Please return all design and order forms plus money by this Friday (6 October). The printer will not accept late forms and the design must be on the design form.

If you need another form, please ask at the office. Please enclose cash or cheques made out to Hollybrook Schools Association.

PTA Events

You may wish to make a note in your diaries of the following dates:

Fri 6 Oct: Completed Christmas cards due back

Fri 13th Oct: Cash for Clothes

Fri 26 Jan – cake sale Years 5&6

Fri 23 Feb – cake sale Year 1

Fri 16 March – cake sale Year 4

Fri 27 April – cake sale Year 2

Fri 25 May - cake sale Year 3

Fri 13 July – cake sale Year R





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House Captain elections- the big reveal

Well done to all children who participated in the house captain elections. Many brave children stepped up and tried their hardest to become a House or Vice Captain - thank you for all your efforts. Children created posters for their campaign and also delivered very professional speeches during house assemblies. Some could have been running for prime minister!

Below are the results and a group picture of the official winners:

Earth

House Captain: Ryan Weaver

Vice Captain: Rhys Weaver

Fire

House Captain: Max Russell

Vice Captain: Isabel Brennan

Water

House Captain: Alice Driver

Vice Captain: Mario Borcau

Air

House Captain: Samuel Hallam

Vice Captain: Leona Verdi-Lloyd



Well done all!

Mr O'Brien

Sports News

Football

Recently, Year 5 and 6 boys entered another early on football tournament. Last week, they played a variety of teams in a group stage. The games again were only 8 minutes long which resulted in most games being goalless, 1-0 scores or 1-1 draws for all schools. Despite the short games, our new Upper School Hollybrook team is starting to take shape and they are starting to play very good football. Beating local side, Oakwood, was the highlight of the day, where Alex K (new to the school) scored the winning goal. Well done boys for efforts that day!

Using these tournaments and recent training sessions, a league team has been picked for Upper School boys and they will be playing their first league games on the 19th of October.





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Cross country

The cross country season kicked off last Friday where we saw a reasonably good turnout for our first races of the year. Girls impressed overall with two children coming in the top twenty. Boys also showed great effort too but perhaps we need a few more children from Upper Phase attending to help boost the squad.

There were a few children racing for the first time and they all said they enjoyed the experience and got a lot of it. Congratulations everyone who finished the race - which all our children did! There were 174 boys racing and 124 girls racing too.

Benchball

This Thursday, our children are attending a benchball event for the first time in HJS's history. In Year 6, we have a range of children who demonstrated strong sporting attributes when doing benchball in PE. However, due to only being able to take 12 children to the event, we have randomly selected a mix of boys and girls who put in a good performance in the PE session. They have had a mini training session with myself and Mrs Norton at break and will play for fun during the tournament on Thursday. Mrs Norton will be the lead coach at this event, with Miss Alderson sharing her expertise too! Good luck to all that are involved!

Sports Teams

Representing a school in a sports team usually creates life long memories for a pupil and it should create a great sense of pride for the pupil involved. Being selected to be part of a school sports team is a privilege.

The opportunity to play in a sports teams only happens if there are dedicated members of staff in our school that can give up their free time to train the children and take them to events. We are fortunate to have members of staff prepared to commit to these extra responsibilities. There are many schools locally who do not have this privilege and they do not enter sporting events or as many. Committing a team to a sporting event isn't just taking them to the event. Training sessions every lunch time, organisation of kits, risk assessments, transportation and coaching all takes a lot of time.

If your child is selected for a team in future, we would really appreciate your help with the following so that we can get the best out of these events:

- Reminding your child how rewarding the experience can be and how they should be proud to represent their school
- Making sure that any kit borrowed from the school is returned promptly (washed and dried as best as possible)
- Helping to support with the transportation of your child to and from the event where possible
- Showing support to our members of staff, who dedicate a lot of time before, during and after these events.

We continue to enter more and more events each year. These events are brilliant for the children and I hope we continue to successfully enter these events in many years to come - and also bring home some more silverware! Last year, we won four events 😊

Mr O'Brien

