



Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Update, 7 March 2018

Attendance 26.2.18-2.3.18

Class	% Attend
3C	100.0
3B	95.2
4C	93.3
4K	95.8
5LH	96.6
5M	98.9
6OB	97.0
6N	95.2
Totals	96.5

Kitchen Assistant Job Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a Kitchen Assistant working 11.30am - 1.30pm, Monday to Friday term time only in the Infant School kitchen.

If you, or you know of anybody who is interested in this position, please call the Catering Manager, Mrs Mandi McNally on 02380 529619.

Saints Foundation City Tournament



Boys from Years 5 and 6 represented Hollybrook at the Saints Foundation Tournament in recent weeks. The boys were one of 54 different schools from all over parts of Hampshire. All teams were put into a groups of 6 on the day and were competing for a place at the national finals. Hollybrook were in a group with Shakespeare (Eastleigh), Stanmore (Winchester), Mason Moor, Arreton St. Georges (IOW) and Fair Oak B.

Throughout the group stages, the boys demonstrated excellent passing football, attitude and determination. In their 1st game they won 9-0 and in their next game they won 10-0. Amazing start! In their 3rd game, it was slightly closer but we edged it 3-2 in the dying moments of the game. In the next game, we again claimed all 3 points by winning 2-1 in another close battle. In our last game against Fair Oak, who had also won all their previous games, we had to win to go through to the quarter finals. Emphatically, we won 3-0 in a performance full grit and determination.

This meant the boys qualified through to the last 8 teams, which was our main target of the day. However, this is where our tournament ended - we were beaten 5-3 in the quarter finals. Having battled back from 3-0 to 3-2 in the game, the boys at one point had a glimmer of hope and went close several times to make it 3-3. However, this game was then littered with poor refereeing at several points. The organiser of the event





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apologised for this. Despite the disappointment of the end result, the boys went away pleased, having made the last 8 out of 54 schools. Also they met a Saints player (Jeremy Pied) and got a free goodie bag! Great day out and well done to the boys who represented our school: showing great behaviour and great passing football on the pitch all day. This was something that was noticed by the organisers of the events and the other managers.

Victory in sight

Recently, the boys played 3 more fixtures in their football league. Before the games kicked off, Hollybrook were in 2nd place- 3 points behind Springhill. Our games were against Calmore, Highfield and Springhill. All three teams were in touching distance in the league. In our first game against Calmore, Spencer scored an excellent header from a great corner from Aston to claim all 3 points. In our second game against Springhill (a crucial game) our boys went 1-0 up early and then conceded relatively late in the game to make it 1-1. However, in the last two minutes of the game, Aston went round a few players and smashed a rocket of a shot in the bottom corner of the goal- un-saveable! This meant we beat Springhill 2-1 in the end. Great result!

Finally, in our third game against Highfield, who were just behind us in points at the start of the day, we battled hard through the torrid conditions to win 1-0. This meant we had claimed all 9 points on offer. After hearing some of the results on the day (Springhill losing at least two games), I think we are now 5 points ahead any other team with only three games left to play. This means we are in a really strong position to win the league 3 years in a row! Come on you reds! Our next and finals fixtures are at the end of March.



Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

Wow!

This week, some of our Year 3 and 4 children represented Hollybrook at a city football tournament. It is worth noting that over 40 different children came to the football trials from Years 3 and 4 which shows how enthusiastic our children are about sport. However, only a group of children could be selected unfortunately - those that showed understanding of the game and showed good sportsmanship on the day. I could have easily chosen them all!

They did absolutely fantastically despite having very little training due to the snow. Training is something Hollybrook like to commit to; I personally like to use part of mine and the children's lunch time to train the children so that they can progress and succeed in sport. However, due to the snow, we were limited. Despite this, the Hollybrook team qualified first in their group where their best score line was beating a school 3-0. Excellent! This meant they went through to the quarter finals where they played against Fairisle. Hollybrook went 1-0 up and then conceded a few moments later. The match finished 1-1 and went straight to penalties. In the penalty shoot-out, both schools scored their first penalties. Fairisle missed their second penalty and so did





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we! Fairisle again missed, their third and final penalty. This meant if we scored our last penalty, we would be in the semi-finals. Up stepped Freddie, who buried our last penalty in the back of the net- putting us through to the semi-finals!

In the semi-finals, we played Springhill (we meet again ☺) and unfortunately lost 2-0. We ended playing for third place after this and we lost to St Monica. This meant that we finished 4th! 4th out of 16 schools on the day! This is an absolutely amazing achievement for a team full boys and girls who don't play for a team outside of school, children from both Years 3 and 4. We had a really good mix of the experienced and the inexperienced - which is suitable at this age. Well done to all of you who came- very proud!

