



The Hollybrook Headlines

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New Website

The Hollybrook Schools are proud to announce that in the next few weeks there will be a new school website. The website will be a shared site, with Infant and Junior pages that you can click on from the front shared page. You may have to bear with us for a short time, whilst bits of information are transferred over to the new site and then put in the right places, but hopefully this won't take too long. Once the website is up and running it will be great to hear your views so that we can ensure it contains all of the information you need.

Covid-19

As all of the Junior parents will be aware, we recently had a confirmed case of Covid-19 in one year group. I would like to reassure parents that when the school receives information that there is a positive case we make immediate contact with the Department for Education (DfE), Public Health England (PHE) and Hamwic Trust (HET). We must then follow the guidance given by those three authorities. To some of you it may feel like we are trying to not tell you everything, but there is only a limited amount of information that we are allowed to share with parents due to GDPR, and the letters that we send are standard letters from PHE. Every school would send out the same letters, to ensure consistent messages are being received across the country. We also don't need to ask as many people to self-isolate as some people would imagine - again all of this information is given to us by PHE when we report the positive case. We are told which adults and children should and should not be self-isolating as a result of an incident following a thorough risk assessment procedure.

As a result of our recent positive case, we felt that it would be in the best interests of the children and their families if we could try and reduce some of the bubble sizes so that if there were to be any further confirmed cases, the number of people being asked to self-isolate could be lessened. I anticipate that this will continue to be the case until Christmas when it will be reviewed again, unless the Government guidance changes before then.

The school risk assessments have been updated regularly and remain on the school website for parents to access. Since Coronavirus started, there have been almost 100 updates from the Government to guidance, which our leadership team has had to fully read, and work out how to implement across the Hollybrook Schools. We are working really hard across the schools to try and keep our children and families as safe as we can.

Any shared areas are being cleaned regularly throughout the day, following the Government guidance and all surfaces are being regularly cleaned to try and minimize risks. We also request that parents refrain from allowing their children onto the playground equipment before and after school to ensure that the equipment can be safely used for the bubble it is set aside for.

Thank you.

Ms Dobson

PE Kits

We have recently asked the children to come in wearing their PE kits on days that they have PE. The reason we have done this is that in the Juniors, to accommodate the boys and girls changing, they move classrooms; we want to try and limit this movement as much as possible, and the safest way to do so is to ask the children to wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Thank you for assisting us in this.

INSET Days

Staff had two very positive INSET days recently whereby we shared our reading and writing assessments with each other and moderated them to ensure our assessments are robust. We also worked on how we can deliver positive remote learning if we needed to close any bubbles. We talked as a staff about how we were delivering a catch up curriculum and what that meant to our schools. We will be posting information about this onto our new website in the next couple of weeks! We then started to look at the History curriculum across the two schools to ensure we have consistency in teaching and progression across the two schools. The staff were fantastic and worked incredibly well together and we achieved a lot over the course of the two days.

Road Closures

We have been in contact with the council regarding closing Seagarth Lane and Seagarth Close to support drop off and pick up times during Covid-19. The council have made us aware that we would need to staff such road closures, either with school staff or volunteers. Due to the number of staff needed on site to ensure the one way system continues to be followed, we would like to request that if there are any volunteers to support manning the road closures please could you contact the school office by the end of November.

Thank you.

PTA Christmas Deadline Reminder

Just a reminder that the deadline for returning the Christmas Shopping Day forms, or for entering the virtual raffle, is Monday 7th December.

If your child is currently self-isolating, there is an online payment and email option for the Christmas Shopping Day. You will need to:

1. Pay the £2 per gift (max. 2 gifts = £4) into the bank account below, with the reference 'SHOP, child's first name, class'.
2. Email the PTA on pta@hollybrookschoools.co.uk telling us your child's name and class AND the name and gender of the person/2 people they are buying for (max. 2 adults).

Please note online payment is only for children who are currently self isolating.

Pay into Unity Trust Bank, Hollybrook Schools Association

Sort Code 60-83-01

Account Number 20432234

Attendance

Infant School

Our target school attendance figure is... **97%**

Our current figure is.... **97.1%**

Our class of the week is.... **Hedgehogs** with **97.7%**

Junior School

Our target school attendance figure is ... **97%**

Our current figure is.... **97.3%**

Our class of the week is.... **5B** with **100%**