



The Hollybrook Headlines

9th December 2020



Class News - Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been demonstrating super learning attitudes during their topic 'Who's afraid of the dark?' In English they wrote retells of the story 'Owl Babies' by Mark Waddell and then they wrote super fact pages about nocturnal animals. All children tried hard to apply skills they had been taught such as using the suffix -ed, the plurals -s or -es and using conjunctions to join ideas. This gave the teachers a big smile! In Science, they learnt about what animals eat and used this knowledge to classify them into the groups carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. And finally in DT, the children learnt new knowledge about what a moving picture is and had great fun exploring different techniques such as sliders and flaps. We asked them to plan, make, evaluate and then improve their very own moving pictures based on a nocturnal scene. What a busy half term they have had. Miss Parker and Miss Chalk are very proud of their efforts, learning attitudes and achievements. Keep up the hard work Year 1!

Class News - Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been investigating their own question on electricity before carrying out and concluding the experiment. Everyone made sure that it was a fair test and it was great to see how engaged the children were.

We have also been studying the physical and human geography of Tromso and Venice, discussing what it would be like to live there and how it compared to the UK.

Finally, it has been really pleasing to see the children embrace all their writing skills and apply them effectively in their stories! Well done!



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



This Friday 11th December is Christmas Lunch Day in school. All of the meals have been pre-ordered, and there are no other options available. If your child has not ordered a Christmas lunch they will need to bring in a packed lunch. As the children have been offered a roast meal on Friday, there will be a change to the menu on Thursday and the main meal option will be fish fingers and chips.

In addition, everyone is invited to wear non-school uniform with a Christmas theme, or a Christmas jumper. Don't worry if your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper - it's easy to decorate a plain jumper with tinsel or homemade stars and snowflakes. In exchange, there will be a charity collection for Save the Children.

Hollybrook Dad's Football

Calling all Dads! Hollybrook Infant and Junior Dad's Football is back on after lockdown. A group of us play every other week at the Sports Centre on a Thursday evening, 9-10pm. We'd love others to join us! Please get in touch if you're interested at: petebentleytaylor@hotmail.com.

Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that the last date for children to bring Christmas cards into school is Tuesday 15th December.

This year children can only bring in cards for other children in their class bubble. They must not give out cards to other children before or after school in the playground. In the classroom, children will give the cards to their teacher or TA, who will put them in a tray to quarantine for 72 hours. After this period children will be handed the cards that have been sent to them.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Infant School Snacks

In the Infant School, we have seen a number of pupils who are bringing in their own snacks for break times. Please remember that we provide all children with a healthy snack at break time and therefore there is no need for your child to bring in a snack. Please be aware that going forward, if your child brings in a snack, they will not be allowed to eat it. Thank you for your co-operation.

USH - Admissions Policy

Upper Shirley High School is now formally consulting on its admissions policy for the 2022/23 academic year. A copy of the proposed policy is available on the USH website. If you have any comments or questions on the content of the proposed policy, please submit these to: Mrs Jo Glenton, Admissions and Appeals Consultant:

jo.glenton@ushschool.org or by post to the school office.

The consultation period will end on 13th January 2021.

Diary Dates



Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Monday 14th December	Wear your pyjamas to school
Monday 14th December	PTA Christmas Party (Infant School only), 3.45-4.45pm
Thursday 17th December	Party day at the Infant School (sensible footwear and warm party clothes, no dangly earrings please)
Thursday 17th December	Christmas craft afternoon and non-uniform day at the Junior School
Friday 18th December	Non-uniform day

Attendance

Infant School

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

Our current figure is.... **97%**

Our class of the week is.... **Hedgehogs** with **99.3%**

Junior School

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

Our current figure is.... **97.4%**

Our class of the week is.... **6R** with **99.3%**