



HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 10th September 2021

Newsletter Number 2

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have welcomed in our new Reception children and parents. We are delighted to have so many new families joining our Holly Lodge community. We have been able to settle the children into school in small groups and already we see little friendships forming. The children in the other year groups are settling in well and it is so good to be able to once again resume teamwork and collaboration now we are not restricted to "bubbles". Next week we will hold our first assemblies. To reduce the number of children in the hall, the same assembly will be run twice. Our Monday assembly is always based on our school REACH values. This half term, we are focussing on **Respect**. Our word of the week this week linked with respect is listening. Our school values are for life not just for Holly Lodge, so do speak to your child and ask them about the weekly value.

"Memma the cave woman" visited the Year 3 pupils today to teach the children how our ancestors lived. They learned many things, including how to light fires, forage for food and hunt for signs of animal life. They also had the opportunity to come to school dressed up in their Stone Age costumes and taste some meat and game! It has been a fantastic day, which has really enhanced the pupil's learning of the topic.



Thank you so much for using the drive-through so well – as a Kiss and Drop zone for juniors. We are only able to open this in the morning. The main school gates are open at 8.30am-8.50am. Children should go straight to class on arrival. Please ensure your child is in the classroom ready for the 8.50 register. The rear Carrington Lane is opened, subject to staff availability and will be open by 8.40am. We aim to open the gates for pick up, around 3.05pm or just after. (Timings are subject to staff availability).

Mrs Dancer
Academy Head

School Dinners Update

You may have seen in the news that the country is experiencing supply issues. Our school kitchen has recently been affected. If an item on the advertised menu is unavailable, they may have to offer a close alternative; For example sliced pork instead of shredded pork for the roast dinner or slightly different vegetables. We will of course inform parents if there are any significant changes to the menu.

The catering team, Twelve15, are also recruiting for new colleagues to join their school kitchens in the local area. Please visit their website for current vacancies:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search?keywords=twelve15>

Club News

Please check this section of the newsletter every week for any club cancellations.

We will not send texts for club cancellations unless it is a last minute change

Teacher-run clubs commence next week. For external clubs, please check with the provider for start dates as these may differ.

Club Cancellations*On Tuesday 21st September the following clubs are cancelled:*

5-6 Netball with Mrs Sherry

3-4 Football with Mr Smith

5-6 Football with Mrs Ramsden

No teacher clubs are running w/c 18th October

Surrey Family Learning

Below are the links to a wide range of Surrey Family Learning courses that are running this term. These courses are free and delivered online on zoom. Parents and carers can find out more about the individual courses and book directly by clicking on the individual links or by visiting their main webpage:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

Parenting

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 16th -23rd September 1-2.30pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Friday 17th-September- 15th October 10.30 am -12 pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Wednesday 22nd September -20th October 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Thursday 23rd September - 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 23rd - 30th September 7.30-9 pm](#)

Courses for parents who speak English as an additional language (EAL)

[English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage One 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 10-11.30am](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 12.30-2pm](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Thursday 16th September - 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September -21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

[Education in England workshop Friday 17th September 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Phonics for EAL Parents workshop Friday 24th September 1-2.30pm](#)

Maths

[Family Maths for Key Stage One 6 week course Thursday 16th September- 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Maths for Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September-21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

Family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 weeks Tuesday 14th- 28th September 10-11.30 am](#)

[Family Yoga 3 week course \(with child 5-10 yrs\) Wednesday 15th -29th September 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Health and wellness with Ayurveda 3 week course Thursday 16th -30th September 10-11.30am](#)

[Tasty Casseroles 3 week course Thursday 23rd September - 7th October 10-11.30 am](#)

Library News

The school library will be reopening at lunchtimes for pupils to visit independently in Year 2-6 from Monday 13th Sept. All class teachers from Reception to Year 6 will also be bringing their classes once a fortnight. Please ensure that your child has a named plastic wallet in their book bag for keeping all school reading books safely away from drinks bottles.



In addition, Mrs Smart will be opening the library after school on Thursdays for parents and carers to visit with their children. Pre-school siblings are very welcome to come and register to choose books also. The sessions will run from 3.15 until 3.45. The after-school library opening will be for a trial period of six weeks to gauge if there is suitable interest, so please do come along. The Library is accessed via the Year 3 patio; this door should only be used for accessing the library.

If you took part in the Summer Reading Bingo challenge and still have your completed bingo sheets to hand in, please drop them to the school office by Friday 17th of September.

Upcoming Dates

September

6th Y5 High Ashurst parent information meeting 6pm

10th Y3 Stone Age Day (£11.50 payment due by 3/9/21)

21st – 22nd Y5 High Ashurst residential visit (pupil medical forms due in by 10/9/21)

30th September – “Street Party” in school to celebrate 50 years of Holly Lodge (details to follow)

October

1st INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

18th – 22nd Diversity Week

21st Y4 Greek Day (Details to follow)

22nd Day off in lieu of extra bank holiday (School closed to pupils)

25th – 29th Half Term

November

18th Y3 & Y4 Times Tables Parent Information Meeting 3.30pm – 4.00pm (details to follow)

19th Times Tables Rockstar Day (details to follow)

30th St Andrew’s Day (pupils may wear uniforms associated with the scouting movement or similar)

December

10th Y6 Panto Visit (afternoon - details to follow)

17th Last day of term (school finishes at the end of lunchtime)

INSET DAYS

1st September 2021

1st October 2021

21st February 2022

19th April 2022

22nd July 2022 (Last day of summer term for children: 21st July)

Additional Closure Day

22nd October 2021

(In lieu of the extra bank holiday for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee that falls during May half-term, in line with other Surrey schools) This date was previously published in our newsletter as an INSET day.

New dates added in red. Further dates will be added in due course.



Star of the week

Reporting Date	Name	Teacher Comments
Chipmunks		
09/09/2021	Roman Hayden	This week, after PE, a little boy in Chipmunks class was really struggling to do his shirt buttons up. Mrs Deane asked him to try and have a go, but the boy seemed to be finding it too tricky. Roman was sitting on the carpet watching and listening carefully. He realised that Mrs Deane was on her way to help, but was speaking to another child, so he decided to swoop in and do the buttons up for his friend instead. This was a really lovely thing to do. We are very lucky to have such a kind and helpful person in our class!
Crocodiles		
09/09/2021	Julia Giedziun	Julia has shown super listening skills during the start of Year 4. She is always the first to have completed the task and sits quietly ready for the next instruction. Keep this up!
Giraffes		
10/09/2021	Toby Door	Toby has started year 5 with a fantastic positive attitude. Not only has he shown effort with amazing enthusiasm for his learning, he has also demonstrated respect by being very polite - he has the most wonderful manners!
Koalas		
09/09/2021	Ian Corless-Abbatt	Well done Ian for a very positive start to year 3. You always show that you are ready to learn and have tried your best this week. Keep it up!
Lions		
09/09/2021	Toby Stoves	Toby has made a great start to the year, he has been engaged with his learning particular his maths. I am sure he will have a great year.
Penguins		
09/09/2021	Harrison Collins	Harrison is our star this week for settling into Year 3 with great enthusiasm. He shows a positive attitude to everything he is asked to do and is always very encouraging and supportive towards other children. Well done Harrison a great start to the year.
Puffins		
09/09/2021	Max Keen	Max is our star of the week in Puffins this week for settling in so well into his new school and class. We feel very lucky to have Max in Puffins. He has shown lots of our Holly Lodge values already - keep it up!
Rabbits		
09/09/2021	Finley Hitchman	Congratulations to Finley for being our STAR this week! Finley has shown our REACH value of Listening this week across all aspects of learning - whether on the carpet or working with a partner. Proud of you Finley :)
Robins		
09/09/2021	Heidi Brandish	Well done for your super listening all week Heidi, and trying particularly hard in phonics. Keep up the great effort!
Sharks		
09/09/2021	Harvey Stone	Harvey is star of the week for settling into Year 4 well and for always showing our school value of respect (listening). He always follows instructions the first time and is always ready to learn. Keep it up, Harvey!
Tigers		
09/09/2021	Laura Giedziun	Laura is star of the week for making a great start to Year 6. She demonstrates all of the Holly Lodge values at all times and works hard during lessons. Well done Laura! What a great start to the year!
Zebras		
10/09/2021	Charley Brown	Charley is our star of the week this week because he has impressed me every day with how well he has listened to instructions, and listened when a classmate is sharing something. He has worked hard this week, staying focused as well as helping his learning partners. Well done Charley, keep up the good work!