



# HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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**TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE**

**Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty**

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back for the summer term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter. Exciting changes have been taking place during the break! I'm sure you will have spotted the new Year 3/4 adventure playground. We held our official opening ceremony this week. The ribbon was cut by the three brothers who together with their dad helped raise over £2400 by their Christmas tree collection. (Dan's Gardening Services run by Mr Muirhead). This project could not have gone ahead without the fundraising efforts of the HLSA. I would like to say a huge thank you to the HLSA and the Muirhead family. But I would also like to say thank you to all our families who donate and take part in our fundraising initiatives. Every penny you raise, goes directly to benefit the children. It was such a special moment to see the joy on the faces of the children. This will be enjoyed by Holly Lodge children for many years to come.

Another change that parents won't have seen is in our school hall. We now have a beautiful new mural with a nature theme. This ties into our REACH values of Respect and Care. Climate change and our environment is a key issue, and it is so important to respect and care for our planet. The mural was donated, designed and installed by local company tpd. I would like to thank Shawn Wickens and his company for their kind and very generous donation. It looks absolutely wonderful! See below for more details and a sneak peek! TPD are offering a discount to any of our school community – so perhaps if you have a business (or a room) that needs a unique personal touch, do contact them.

Please ensure you have booked your parent telephone consultation appointment for next week with individual teachers. If you require a longer or face-to-face meeting, contact individual teachers via the office. All staff have identified gaps (and strengths) in learning over lockdown and will share how you can support your child in our partnership.

Your partnership with us is very important as we minimise the impact of lockdown. The priority area of need is **reading comprehension** – as this supports all areas of the curriculum including writing and maths. We ask every parent in every year group to commit to hearing their child read/sharing a story 5 times every week. This makes such a difference. It is not just about just learning to read the words but engaging in conversation about the book (e.g. characters, setting, themes, context, vocabulary).

Also, please encourage regular practice of **maths fluency**: times tables, number bonds and practical maths activities (e.g. weighing/measuring ingredients, money/fractions when sharing sweets/pizza). Encourage regular practice on Times Table Rockstars. These are areas of learning that only improve by regular practice – but make such a difference to children’s progress, as these are the tools which are the gateway to unlocking learning at a higher level. A daily investment of 20-30 minutes of time with your child will pay huge dividends as your child moves up the school. We want every child to have the best life chances.

Mrs Dancer  
Academy Head

### Our New Mural!

Fantastic new wall graphics have been designed and installed in our school hall by creative production house tpd. In addition to graphics, tpd design, produce and install interactive displays and physical and digital customer engagements. tpd are offering an exclusive 10% discount to members of our school community on any job quoted by the end of May 2021. If you'd like to find out more, check out their work at [www.tpdhouse.com](http://www.tpdhouse.com) and simply get in touch via [hello@tpdhouse.com](mailto:hello@tpdhouse.com) quoting Holly Lodge School.



### Spring Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to:



<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/holly-lodge-gu12/digital-book-club>

to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month’s Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by May 4th, 2021.**

### **#safeguardingmatters**

Streaming songs with explicit lyrics. Watching videos featuring adult themes or bad language. Downloading apps or games that they’re not quite old enough for yet. When a child uses a smartphone – either their own or a parent’s – there are all kinds of harmful content they could unlock, either through natural inquisitiveness or by sheer accident.

The parental controls you’ll find on most smartphones are an excellent way of minimising this possibility. They don’t completely remove the element of risk – but they do significantly reduce it. The attached guides explain the process of setting up these filters on iPhone and Android devices.

## Our New Adventure Playground!



### **\*\*Upcoming Dates\*\***

#### **April**

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening Week 3.30pm – 6.00pm (**online booking via Scopay closes 26<sup>th</sup> April 10am**)

#### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)

6<sup>th</sup> Local Elections – School remains open during polling

20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Wavell Induction visits

24<sup>th</sup> Allergy Awareness Week

26<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Roman Day (No costumes required - details to follow)

28<sup>th</sup> Mufti day (in return for £1 donation to the school for new gardening items for the allotment)

31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June Half-term break (school closed)

#### **June**

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Kingswood Residential (TBC)

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> STEAM Week (Science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics)

21<sup>st</sup> INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Ash Manor Induction day

30<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Ash Manor Induction day

#### **July**

7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Wavell Induction day

8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Wavell Induction day and evening

20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term (school finishes end of lunchtime)

#### **\*INSET DAYS\***

21<sup>st</sup> June

21<sup>st</sup> July



**Bronze Award** Jack Little, Arjun Tahim, Elliot Sharland, Hanna Machowetz, Zara Tollerova-Kendrick, Scarlett Trotter, Mason Bishop



**Silver Award** Milo Allen, Jensen Jeeves, Max Gilroy, Oliver Bond, Julia Giedziun, Ella Chick, Jude Martin, Aidan Jackson, James Mason, Benjamin Batstone, Harrison Collins, Polly Flint, Annabelle Thorne, Lacy Munday, Sophie Wheeler, Amy Lamb, Abigail Ryan, Bethany Bole, Kaleb Hedges, Honey Larkham, Isobel Baker, Edward Scott-Fernandez, Thomas Pownall, Ethan Pryor, Jennifer Batstone, Bella Cousins, Rebecca Dukes, Laura Giedziun, Isaac Handem, Tabitha Rogers



**Gold Award** Matilda Bland, Rosie Richards, Brandon Stubberfield, Adam Trawczynsky, Charlee Endersby, Daisy Farr, Mia Ross



# Star of the week

Date	Name	Teacher Comments
<b>Butterflies</b>		
23/04/2021	Emily Ward	Emily is star of the week because of her positive attitude to school. Emily tries her best in all her learning and a with a big smile on her face.
<b>Chipmunks</b>		
22/04/2021	Tilly Brimacombe	Tilly has shown lots of super smart learning this week. Each lesson, she has sat really smartly listening, she has shared lots of smart plans and ideas when working as a group and she has impressed us with neat and careful presentation in her learning books. Well done Tilly! Keep it up!
<b>Crocodiles</b>		
22/04/2021	Ben Noyce	Ben is a hardworking member of the class. It has been lovely to see him challenging himself this week both in class with new learning and on the new adventure playground. Keep it up Ben!
<b>Giraffes</b>		
23/04/2021	Heath Jackson	Heath always shows amazing resilience and effort in his learning. I have been particularly impressed with his maths this week, with how he has persevered and kept going until he is confident!
<b>Koalas</b>		
22/04/2021	Toby Harding	Toby has demonstrated his eagerness to learn this week, showing great independence throughout the week. Toby is always on task and focused and will complete his learning to the best of his ability. Toby shows great support to his peers, sharing thoughts and ideas regularly in class discussions. He is a role model to his peers not just in his learning behaviour but also in his respect for his peers, all adults in school and our school environment. Well done Toby.
<b>Ladybirds</b>		
23/04/2021	Kyarah Jean Bassett	Kyarah has worked really hard to improve her writing this week. She is a super Rocky Rhino. Well done!
<b>Lions</b>		
22/04/2021	Kacie Brennan	Kacie always shows the Holly Lodge values, working hard, trying her best, helping others and being respectful. This week she has worked particularly hard on her mathematics asking questions and making sure she understands what she is doing. I know she will keep up the great effort.
<b>Penguins</b>		
22/04/2021	Harvey Stone	Harvey has been a busy beaver this week, always putting his hand up, asking lots of inquisitive questions and making lots of contributions to class discussions. Well done for showing such lovely enthusiasm and working so hard in your first week back.
<b>Puffins</b>		
22/04/2021	Jenson Heeley	Jenson is our star this week for all of his hard work and effort in reading. Jenson has been reading lots at home and at school. It is lovely to hear Jenson read with such confidence! Keep it up! Well done!
<b>Rabbits</b>		
22/04/2021	Kian Lynch	Congratulations to Kian for being our STAR this week. Kian is someone I can always trust to think about his learning and use Holly Lodge's learning behaviours in class. Kian has also been brilliant this week at being one of my top class teachers! Keep it up Kian - proud of you :)
<b>Robins</b>		
22/04/2021	Hallie Townsend	Well done for being really caring and helping your friend with their numeracy this week. Keep it up, Hallie!
<b>Sharks</b>		
22/04/2021	Elliot Jordan	For having an EXCELLENT first week back at school! Elliot has worked hard all week and made sensible choices in and out of the classroom. Keep being a superstar Elliot.
<b>Tigers</b>		
22/04/2021	Kolya Kramer	Kolya is star of the week for consistently demonstrating the Holly Lodge values. He is polite and respectful, always works with effort and his work is always completed to a high standard. Well done Kolya. Keep up the excellent work!
<b>Zebras</b>		
22/04/2021	Tabitha Rogers	Tabitha is our star of the week this week because she is always very trustworthy and honest. Her good role modelling always shines through and she sets a great example to her classmates. Well done Tabitha, keep up the excellent work.