



# HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Newsletter Number 9

**TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE**

**Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an exciting start to the new half term. A specialist teacher came in run some Diwali dance workshops for all year groups over two days. The teacher travels the country taking workshops in many schools and she fed back that she was very impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of our children at Holly Lodge.



Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated a Christmas shoebox to our FCSI appeal, we received 85 donations! These are being collected and will be making their way to Bulgaria to bring some Christmas love to families who would otherwise go without at Christmas.

This week our Eco Council met for the first time. We are very excited about the initiatives they are planning for the coming year. Watch this space for further details. The Eco Council are hoping to work towards Green Flag status so Holly Lodge can be recognised as an Eco School in the future.



Our school field is looking bright and colourful with all the bird scarers that have been designed and made to help control the Canada Geese on the field. I have not seen a single goose over the past three days. The sports council will be judging the scarecrows on Monday.

Our new cricket pitch has arrived. Mrs Ramsden, our sports coach was able to secure a grant for the funding and we are looking forward to being able to offer cricket in the summer!



Please may I remind all families to take care when entering and exiting school. Please use the pedestrian entrance, not the vehicle entrance and exit. The morning kiss and drop drive through for junior children is working really well at the moment and we want to keep all pedestrians safe by ensuring those on foot use the pedestrian gate only.

Mrs Dancer, Academy Head

## New School Dinner Menu

The new school dinner menu for November 2021 to March 2022 is available on our website:

<https://www.hollylodge.kite.academy/assets/Uploads/Hot-Pupil-Lunch-Menu-Autumn-Winter-November-2021-to-March-2022.pdf>

## 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\*

## Club Cancellations

**No upcoming cancellations.**

## HLSA News

Exciting News!! 🎉🎉 The HLSA are now part of the Co-op Local Community Fund which means that every time you shop at a Co-op store, you can raise funds for the school! If you are a member, for every £1 you spend on selected Co-op branded products and services, 2p will go into your membership account which will then be donated to a fund of your choice - so PLEASE sign up to Co-op and choose the HLSA as your fund! <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/57725>



## DISCO!

The disco for pupils takes place next Friday, and tickets are now available to buy via the HLSA hub!

The timings are as follows:

Year R 4.30pm -5.30pm

Years 1,2,3 5.45pm -6.45pm

Years 4,5,6 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

## Attendance and Punctuality Update

We would like to remind you that school registration for the day is at 08.50am. Children are expected to be in class ready at this time. In order to facilitate this, the school gates are open at 08.30am, giving your child plenty of time for their transition in to the school day. If you arrive once the gates are shut, you *must* sign your child in via the office for Safeguarding reasons. Late arrivals at school have several repercussions.

- He/she misses out on essential instructions given at the beginning of lessons - in fact, arriving 10 minutes late each day adds up to missing 1 1/2 weeks of school by the end of the year
- Pupils may feel awkward and embarrassed going into the classroom when everyone else is already settled
- When one person arrives late everyone loses out – the class is disrupted and the teacher must take time away from the other pupils to explain what is going on for the lesson

If your child arrives after 9.10am then they are classed as missing that session, and this will have a direct effect on their attendance percentage. Punctuality is monitored closely, and if we feel that there is an issue, we will communicate this to yourself.

If your child's attendance becomes a cause for concern, whether this is because there have been multiple absences through illness or other reasons, we will let you know. If you have any concerns in regards to attendance, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office

-Kate Beer, Kite Inclusion Welfare Officer

### PANTS Rule – Years R, 1 and 2

During the week commencing 29th November the Reception, Year 1 and 2 teachers will be teaching the children the underwear rule (PANTS). The teachers will be using materials from the NSPCC website to support their teaching. It would be helpful if you could talk to your children about this subject. Here is the link to the NSPCC PANTS video.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

### Covid Testing and Symptoms - Reminder

The three main symptoms are a **new, persistent cough / change in sense of smell or taste / raised temperature.**

Even if your child displays only one of these symptoms, you will still need to arrange a test. **We would like to remind parents that lateral flow device (LFD) tests are not designed for use when children are displaying Covid symptoms.** These are designed for asymptomatic testing only and cannot be used in lieu of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Unfortunately, we cannot accept symptomatic pupils back to school unless they have a negative PCR test.

### Update From Surrey Family Learning

Enrolments for ONLINE courses starting in November and December are now open. We have plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support:

- Parenting
- Wellbeing
- Managing anxiety
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Getting to grips with maths and phonics
- English for parents/carers as an additional language

Spaces are limited so we do encourage parents and carers to sign up early. There is further course information on our [website](#).

<https://mailchi.mp/f40867b163e4/family-learning-733532>

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

#### November

- 9<sup>th</sup> Individual Pupil Photos
- 10<sup>th</sup> Individual Pupil Photos
- 12<sup>th</sup> HLSA Disco (tickets now available on the HLSA Hub)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Odd Socks Day (pupils invited to wear odd socks to kick-start anti-bullying week)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> YR-6 Flu Vaccinations (letter sent to parents in September)
- 16<sup>th</sup> YR Reading and Phonics Parent Information Meeting 2.30pm – 3.00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y3 & Y4 Times Tables Parent Information Meeting 3.30pm – 4.00pm (details to follow)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Times Tables Rockstar Day YR-6 (Rock star mufti clothes may be worn)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Y4 Rainforest Day (permission and £6.50 payment due 19/11/21)
- 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's Day (pupils may wear uniforms associated with the scouting movement or similar)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Y6 Height and Weight Checks (School Nursing Team)

#### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Y1 Phonics Screening Parent Information Meeting 2.40pm – 3.10pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Y6 Panto Visit (afternoon - details to follow)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of term (school finishes at the end of lunchtime)

#### \*INSET DAYS\*

- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021
- 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 ( Last day of summer term for children: 21<sup>st</sup> July)
- ~~19<sup>th</sup> April 2022~~ – CANCELLED (new date TBC)

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



**Bronze Award:** Jemima Staines, Alfie Cooney



## Star of the week

Reporting Date	Name	Teacher Comments
<b>Butterflies</b>		
05/11/2021	River-Blue James	River is star of the week for being a Rocky Rhino writing her name. You have done so well and we are very proud of you River!
<b>Chipmunks</b>		
04/11/2021	Blake Pedrick	Blake has been putting in an extra effort to share his ideas with the class and ask his own questions about the learning too. Well done Blake! It is lovely to see how engaged you are with your learning!
<b>Crocodiles</b>		
04/11/2021	Felix Lovegrove	Felix has come back from the half term with a great attitude to learning and has been working hard on his focus in lessons. This week, he has shown great perseverance when learning our new line dance in PE. He didn't give up and made sure to keep trying his hardest. Well done Felix! Keep this up!
<b>Giraffes</b>		
04/11/2021	Brandon Stubberfield	Brandon has impressed me with his amazing effort in all areas of learning - he has been trying so hard to be focused, write with detail and explain his reasoning in maths, as well as being helpful in the classroom, for example by trying to take responsibility for keeping the classroom tidy and organised.
<b>Koalas</b>		
05/11/2021	Jack Little	Jack has shown a much improved focus in his independent learning this week, which means he is showing off his understanding. He has also enthusiastically engaged with our theme learning, sharing his wider knowledge and experience with the class. Well done Jack, keep it up!
<b>Ladybirds</b>		
05/11/2021	Cooper Clayton	Cooper shows great respect to his friends and was super polite to visitors, saying hello, showing the Holly Lodge values.
<b>Lions</b>		
04/11/2021	Adam Peters	Adam shows a real enthusiasm for learning, he will contribute in lessons and demonstrates all the Holly Lodge values.
<b>Penguins</b>		
04/11/2021	Kian Lynch	Kian has a fantastic attitude to learning. He has worked really hard over the past couple of weeks practising his spellings and he is now able to confidently spell all the year 2 high frequency words. What a star! Keep up the great work.
<b>Puffins</b>		
04/11/2021	Sebastian Hansen	Sebby is our star this week for his wonderful participation and enthusiasm during the Diwali dance workshop. Well done, Sebby. We are very proud of you!
<b>Rabbits</b>		
04/11/2021	Noah Rich	Congratulations to Noah for being our STAR this week! Noah shows continued perseverance, particularly during Maths, when working out how to answer the challenge questions. Well done Noah. Keep it up :)
<b>Robins</b>		
04/11/2021	Daisy Richardson	Well done for always showing a positive attitude and trying your best, Daisy! I was especially impressed by your great effort during the Diwali dance workshop. Keep it up!
<b>Sharks</b>		
04/11/2021	Khalil Dadi-Sessegnon	Khalil is star of the week for putting in 110% effort on TTRS! At home, he challenges himself every evening and has consistently improved his speed of answering questions. Only 0.8 seconds until you are a rock hero! Keep up the hard work, Khalil.
<b>Tigers</b>		
04/11/2021	Tabitha Rogers	Tabitha is star of the week for always being polite and respectful. She demonstrates the Holly Lodge values at all times and goes above and beyond to be thoughtful and kind to others. Well done Tabitha. Keep up the exemplary behaviour.
<b>Zebras</b>		
04/11/2021	Patrick Bridger	Patrick is our star of the week this week as he has been an excellent role model. He has been working really hard this week and even pushed himself to answer challenge questions in our maths lessons. He is always trying his best and persevering with his work, even when it is tricky. Well done Patrick, keep up the great work. You have made me very proud.