

Hollingbourne Primary School



“A learning community– developing hearts and minds”

4th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had an amazing summer with your children. We are refreshed and ready to start another exciting year!

Thank you all so much for all the kind messages and gifts given at the end of last year- to myself and to other staff within school. It really does mean so much. Thank you in particular to our Year 6 parents who as well as buying personal gifts for staff also made an incredible donation towards the fire pit installation. This is a resource which will really enrich the children's learning.

Welcomes.

We welcome all our new Year R children and parents to our Hollingbourne school family. We hope that both you and your child settle in quickly.

We also welcome new staff- Miss Rebecca Hills who is going to be working in Beech Class as class teacher alongside Mrs Jones. In addition, Mrs Julie Stevens is joining our Midday Meal Supervisor team! We are delighted that you have joined the Hollingbourne team.

We are also in the process of appointing a new TA who will work in Key Stage 1 as we say farewell to Mrs Baker. We are incredibly sad to see her leave, but would like to say thank you for all her hard work and wish her all the very best in the future...

Permissions and other information

Over the coming days/ weeks there will be a few forms for permission to sign/ information to update. Please can I ask that these are returned to school as soon as possible after distribution so that we can update our records accordingly.

Updates of methods of communication

We will continue to try and reduce the paper letters going home, and instead use our electronic systems. Please can I ask that you check your contact details are still correct with office staff. I understand that for some parents, this system has had a few glitches. If you have not received information that you think you should have then please let us know as soon as possible and we will try and resolve the matter.

Last year you received a weekly newsletter. This year we will write termly newsletters. To stay up to date with events in school you will need to refer to the school website www.hollingbourne.kent.sch.uk and also our Twitter page @HollingbournePS. The website will contain the calendar where you can stay up to date with up and coming events. Just click on the 'news and events' tab then go down to 'calendar' (see image over page).

Under the 'curriculum' tab you can also go down to 'wider curriculum experiences' to see photos of events in school. A lot of these will also be on our Twitter page. The Twitter page is more instant and can provide you with feedback during the day as events happen.

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This year we are also going to showcase learning within the ‘class pages’. You will be able to keep up to date with what learning is planned and see photos of recent key moments on your child’s own class page.

Each week we will publish the award winners such as Hollingbourne Heroes and Readers of the Week under ‘Children’s News’ which is under the ‘News and Events’ tab.

Up and coming events

We are hoping that you will come and join two key events in the next couple of weeks. On September 6th (18.30) you have an opportunity to hear an outline of the school plan and also meet your child’s class teacher(s). Even if you know your child’s class teacher this is still worth attending as you will be able to hear about expectations for this year.

On Saturday September 15th Friends of Hollingbourne are holding a September social. We hope that you can join us for family fun (and food!). If you are new to the school, this is a great opportunity to chat with other families.

After/ before school clubs for this year have not yet been finalised, however a published list will be available on the website and information will also be shared via letters for parental permissions to be granted etc. We will send out an email to you with a link to the website when our clubs are ready to run.

This year we are aiming to increase the number of class trips. These trips will enrich the learning happening within class. For us to be able to run these trips we will be asking for a voluntary contribution which will vary from trip to trip depending on costs involved. Please refer to our charging and remissions policy for details on how we charge for trips/ events. For information- we are also already in the process of booking the KS1 residential for July 2019... Miss Allen is also making plans for the KS2 residential. More details will follow soon!

I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Yours sincerely,

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