

Newsletter- Term 1 2022

Dear parents,

Events this term

Here we are, at the end of term 1 already! We've had a busy term at school! The term began with the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II had died. We marked the occasion with a special assembly. Key Stage 2 also walked to the church to sign the book of condolence.



Years 3, 4 and 5 have been swimming. It has been amazing to see the progress the children have made over the 6 weeks, which is no time at all! The children's confidence in the water has also grown. We have had lots of lovely compliments from members of the public as well as the swimming teachers about the children's behaviour while at the swimming pool. We are feeling very proud of them!



Late in September, we welcomed Happy's Circus- this was a fantastic event organised by the Friends to help raise money for the school. Everyone who came had a great time! Thank you to all who supported this event!

At the end of September we celebrated harvest and delivered our harvest boxes to villagers. These harvest tokens were gratefully received and we have had many cards of thanks posted through our door.

In September we also appointed our House Captains and Vice Captains. We had some outstanding applications and I was delighted to read each and every one of them. The speeches the children gave to the whole school were equally brilliant! Well done to everyone who applied and congratulations to those who were finally elected by the school!



This week we have had a visit from Kent Fire and Rescue. They delivered some training to Oak Class, teaching the children how to 'Re-start the heart'. The children then practised their skills in the afternoon and can confidently manage a situation where they may find someone unconscious. This is an invaluable skill and we hope the children can take with them through life.



What's the plan for school improvement this year?

This year we have three main aims in our school plan. We are working hard to achieve these aims in school, but we need your help.

Key aims:	What this means in school:	What you can do to help at home:
<i>For children to be happy and emotionally resilient.</i>	We will monitor all children's wellbeing and put in place interventions to build the resilience of the whole class/ individuals. We will teach the children strategies to build their resilience.	Talk to your child about their feelings. Help them to find strategies if they are stuck with homework so they can overcome difficulties. Encourage them to join clubs at school where their wellbeing is supported, and their resilience is tested!
<i>For children to be effective authors.</i>	We will be working on the children's editing skills so they can effectively improve their own work. We will also be developing our writing curriculum.	Encourage your child to write as much as possible at home. Encourage your child to think of strategies they can use if they don't know how to spell a word, eg sound it out or use a dictionary. Regularly read with your child.
<i>For children to know more and remember more across all foundation subjects.</i>	We are developing our skill and knowledge progression documents and have planned careful progression across each subject for each class. We are also embedding our retrieval strategies.	Check your child's class page on the school website so you know what your child is learning. Ask them about it and see what they can recall. Enrich this learning with family trips that may link such as a visit to a museum etc.

New Staff

Our children have been keen to get to know about Miss Lamb and Mrs Ross. This is what they have found out about Miss Lamb so far...

We asked Miss Lamb...

What music do you like to listen to? Have you got a favourite song at the moment?

I like lots of different music but if I had to pick a favourite it has to be 80's. My favourite 80's song has to be You Can Call Me Al by Paul Simon. I like to play 80's music to my class and give them the chance to guess the song.

What do you like to do at the weekends/ in your spare time?

I love spending my weekends walking lots, relaxing and making a huge roast dinner on Sunday.

What's your favourite subject to teach and why?

My favourite subject to teach is Maths. However, I have really enjoyed teaching Science and DT this term as I have watched my class create some fantastic moon buggies using electrical circuits.

What's been the best thing about your time at Hollingbourne so far?

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my wonderful class and building great relationships with my pupils.

Attendance

Our end of term attendance (dated 19th October) stands at: 97.2%

Well done to all those children who have not missed a day of school this term! Keep it up. Currently, there are 47 children with 100% attendance.

Sadly, a significant amount of absence at the end of this term is due to family holidays. We are not able to authorise holidays taken during term time. Unauthorised absences can also result in you receiving a fine. Please check our attendance policy for further information. You can find this on the school website.

Tours for children starting school in 2023

We have open days planned on 7th, 14th and 16th November 2022. If you know anyone who needs a Year R place for 2023, they can book on a school tour by calling the school office.

Flu Vaccines

These are taking place on December 6th in school. You need to complete a consent form for this. These were sent out on October 19th so please make sure you complete these by 28th November. If you have not received one, please contact the school office.

Dates for your diary in term 2

- 31st October- INSET DAY
- 11th November- Remembrance at the memorial
- 22nd November and 23rd November- Parents' evenings- letters to follow after half term
- 7th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity- 2pm and evening (6pm)
- 6th December- Flu Vaccines
- 15th December- Christmas party
- 16th December- Christmas lunch and Christingle at 2.15pm
- 17th December- 2nd January- Christmas holidays

We wish you all a lovely half term!

From the Hollingbourne School Team.