



HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 11th December 2020

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TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy week here at Holly Lodge, with many festivities taking place. Pupils enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Thank you to the HLSA for providing (recyclable!) Christmas crackers for our pupils, helping to make their lunch a little more special. The cheeky elves have also been getting involved in classes!

In place of our annual visiting theatre production, Image Theatre provided a virtual performance of The Snow Queen for all the children in their class bubbles. The children really enjoyed the show. There was laughter echoing around the corridors.

Class Christmas parties take place on Tuesday. Pupils may come to school in mufti on this day, and should bring in a snack box to enjoy during the party. Please see below for full details.

The HLSA Christmas Grand Draw took place today. Congratulations to all the lucky winners! All money raised by the HLSA goes directly to benefit our children. We are currently getting quotes for our new year 3 and 4 adventure play area to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2021.

Thank you for your continued support with our risk protection measures to keep the whole of our community safe. Please keep following Government guidelines as we are in school to ensure that we all keep safe to enjoy Christmas.

Don't forget, last day of term Friday 18th School finishes at the end of lunchtime YR 12.45pm, Y1&2 1.00pm, Y3&4 1.10pm, Y5&6 1.15pm. Our Friday afternoon childcare session won't be running, however "The Lodge" after school club is open until 6pm.

Mrs Dancer
Academy Head



Latest Covid Guidance from the DFE

“We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a schools last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December.”

#safeguardingmatters

TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than that 13 despite its terms and conditions. Using the new Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child’s TikTok experience in a safer way. It lets parents link their TikTok account to their family members to enable a variety of new content and privacy settings.

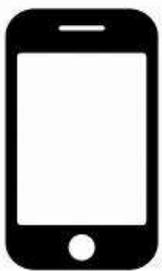
Using the Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child’s TikTok experience in a way that covers how they browse for content and how they interact with others. Some of the features include:

- Searching: You can decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds
- Screen Time Management: Sets how long you want your child to spend on TikTok each day
- Restricted Mode: You can limit the appearance of content that may be inappropriate in the feed
- Comments: You can decide who can comment on videos (everyone, friends, no one)
- Discoverability: You can decide on whether the account is private (you decide who can see the family members content) or public (anyone can search and view content)
- Liked Videos: You can decide whether others can see the list of videos your child has liked
- Direct Messages: Turns off direct messaging.

To find out more information about TikTok’s Family Pairing please see the following link:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

Contacting Staff Outside of School



As you may be aware, some of our staff members are also parents that have children at the school. Understandably, this means that staff may have friendships with parents outside of school.

But with this in mind, we ask that you do not contact staff members outside of school to discuss school-related issues. This includes using social media such as Facebook.

We have a fantastic team of employees who regularly go above and beyond what is expected of them. We encourage a fair work-life balance for all our employees, who are entitled to rest and relaxation when they are not at work. Our staff also follow a strict code of conduct, and are therefore restricted by what they are permitted to discuss on social media, or any other means, as safeguarding and confidentiality are a priority.

Any queries or concerns should be communicated through the correct channels; via the school office or speaking to your child’s teacher.

Class Christmas Parties, Tue 15th December

Please could your child bring in their own, named, personal plate/tub of party food, as there will be no sharing, for their class Christmas party. The party food is in addition to lunch; please keep it separate from packed lunches. Please could we remind you not to include any items which may contain nuts. Pupils are also allowed to wear mufti on this day. Party clothes are allowed but please ensure that they wear suitable footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather. Class parties take place during the school day.

Pupil Christmas Cards

*Pupils may bring in cards for their friends. Class/year group post boxes will be emptied each Friday, with cards quarantined over the weekend to be given out to pupils on Mondays. **The final posting date is Monday 14th December**, with cards quarantined and given to pupils by the last day of term. All envelopes should include pupil name and class.*

Dates for the Year 2020 – 2021

December 2020

15th Class Christmas parties

18th Last day of term – School finishes at the end of lunchtime YR 12.45pm, Y1&2 1.00pm, Y3&4 1.10pm, Y5&6 1.15pm (“The Lodge” after school club open until 6pm)

January 2021

14th Y3 Egyptian Day

15th Y2 Mexican Day

18th Online reports portal opens to parents (details to follow)

29th Online reports portal closes to parents (details to follow)

INSET Days

4th January 2021

21st July 2021

Further INSET days to be announced. Please note INSET days may be subject to change.

More dates for the Autumn term will follow in due course. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, all dates and events may be subject to change. New dates added in red.



Bronze Award

Teddy Marshall, Daniel Hansby, Eleanor Peat, Amanda Gaskell, Haashim Ali, Alice Rolph, Victioria bond, Jensen Jeeves, Max Gilroy, Sebastian Nosworthy, Ben Ammar, Ava Miller, Leo Stanley, Mylo Harris, Sophia Cornally, Harleigh Lee, James Charlton, George Waple, Kyarah Jean Bassett, Logan Wornham, mason Evans, Katelyn Porter, Becky-Sue Lees, Benjamin Batstone, joshua Evans, Samuel Glass, Myla Wornham, Isabella Parkes, Siana Dhami, Zana Walker, Zenya Whitmore, Sybil Murray, Noah Rich, Elena Hensby, Arjun Dhillion, Joseph Williams, Majid Shehada, Sophie Lloyd, Isla Fisher, Joshua Gardiner, Millie Caine, Hallie Townsend, Kaleb Hedges, Florrie Morgan, Barney Matthews, Vinnie Couchman, Albert Hooton, Oscar Midson, Ethan Pryor, Jennifer Batstone, Rebecca Dukes, Issac Handem, Issac Handem, Taylor Hanning, Ryan Depulla.



Star of the week

Butterflies

10/12/2020 Maximos Leka
Maximos is star of the week for showing a 'can do' attitude in his phonics learning. He tries particularly hard in phonics and because of all his effort he has become a super reader. Well done Maximos, keep up the good work.

Chipmunks

10/12/2020 Iestyn Avery
I'm really proud of how much Iestyn has shown off the Holly Lodge value of 'effort'. This week, he has not just completed his learning so that it is good; he has tried to complete it so that it is brilliant! Iestyn has realised that he can do amazing things when he works hard and tries his very best. Keep it up Iestyn!

Crocodiles

10/12/2020 Max Richards
Max has been putting lots of effort into his learning this week; he has worked hard to learn about apostrophes and their different uses in English. Max has also shown kindness and thoughtfulness to others which has been lovely to witness. Keep up the great effort Max.

Giraffes

10/12/2020 Jack Wilson
Jack always tries hard with his learning, but this week I have been particularly impressed with how much he has contributed to maths lessons - his hand has been up all the time! He has also worked really hard in literacy and got lots of ideas down for his version of the Queen's Christmas speech.

Koalas

11/12/2020 Julia Giedziun
Julia has shown a much more positive attitude at school this week. We have enjoyed seeing her beaming smile and hearing her happy laughter.

Ladybirds

10/12/2020 Harris Hayworth
Well done Harris you have remembered to make those good choices this week and shown good listening when on the carpet. Keep it up!

Lions

10/12/2020 Daisy Fox
Daisy is Star of the Week because she is always cheerful and has ago at everything. She really shows the Holly Lodge values.

Penguins

10/12/2020 Trinity Cook
Trinity has shown great perseverance and determination this term and always works hard to complete tasks even when she finds them challenging. She comes into school each day with a smile on her face and is ready to learn.

Puffins

10/12/2020 Tobias Farry
Tobias is our star this week because he always shows our Holly Lodge Values. He is a polite, kind and caring member of Puffins class. Well done, Tobias!

Rabbits

10/12/2020 Freyja Wilson
Congratulations to Freyja for being our Star this week! Freyja has shown real positivity towards her learning in class this week - particularly when tackling tricky money problems. She has been a real Rocky Rhino and an Active Ant when approaching her learning in class. Congratulations Freyja, it's lovely to see, keep it up :)

Robins

10/12/2020 Gabriel Otu
Thank you for being so helpful in the classroom this week Gabriel, and keeping everything neat and tidy. Fantastic effort!

Sharks

10/12/2020 Joshua Carley
Joshua is star of the week for a huge improvement during PE lessons. At first, he found keeping up with the dance moves quite challenging, but this week, he was fantastic! He also worked well in a group to start creating his own dance. Well done Joshua.

Tigers

10/12/2020 Samuel Lawrence
Samuel is star of the week for always putting extra effort into his work and into all activities in the classroom. He is always raising his hand to answer questions and his work is always neatly presented and well-organised. Keep up the excellent work and amazing effort Sam!

Zebras

10/12/2020 Sophie Judge
Sophie is our star of the week this week because she has worked really hard on her positivity. She has made a real effort this week by doing the daily dashboard each morning, and by putting her hand up to contribute in lessons. It has been so lovely to see and I look forward to seeing this positivity continue! Well done Sophie, keep up the great work.