



HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE
Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers



We made it! Thank you all for your support in this unusual year. Resilience – or being a “Rocky Rhino” is one of the skills we teach the children at Holly Lodge, as we prepare children for life. This year the skill has been acquired through “doing” and has been well-modelled by all our families. I would like to award all parents a “Rocky Rhino” award for the resilience you have all shown. Feel free to cut it out and wear it with pride!

Speaking of awards, we held a virtual governor award ceremony on Thursday. Year 6 read some Christmas readings and our Chair of Governors, Andy Green presented the governor awards. Congratulations to the children below who received the termly award for always demonstrating our Holly Lodge REACH values.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the HLSA for their great fund-raising in difficult circumstances. The children were delighted to receive a Christmas gift of books for each class.

The winners of the HLSA Christmas Links competition were: Mia in Year 4 and Lola in Year 6!



This year we have been unable to perform and sing in the usual Holly Lodge way, so every child in the school has learnt sign language! Please click on the link to our special Christmas performance from everyone in the school.

[Holly Lodge - Winter Wonderland](#)

On behalf of all the staff at Holly Lodge we do wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to our return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Mrs Dancer
Academy Head

Christmas Holidays Test and Trace

The Government has announced that schools are required to continue the test and trace process for the first six days of the Christmas holiday. If there were to be a case in school it is important that parents are aware that, up to and including 24th December 2020, we may need to inform you that your child has been in close or prolonged contact.

Should your child receive a positive Covid-19 test result between the end of term and Christmas Eve, you must inform the school.

As school will be closed for the Christmas holidays, the telephone lines won't be manned. **Therefore we ask that you contact us by email:**

info@hollylodge.kite.academy

Please title your email "Pupil Covid-19 Test and Trace"

We ask that you include the following:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- The last date they attended school
- Your contact telephone number

HLSA Coin Collect-athon

A number of classes are very close to filling their jars so we have decided to extend the collecting period into the New Year so that we can take advantage of all those extra coins that might build up over the holidays. Please set them aside ready to bring in at the beginning of term.

Thank you from the HLSA 😊

Hearts for School

At this time of year, the choir from Holly Lodge look forward to visiting Cedar Lodge to put on a festive concert for the residents. This could not happen this year, so instead the children and the residents of Cedar Lodge have sent each other Christmas wishes. The children were delighted to receive messages from the residents and replied back to bring some Christmas cheer. Mrs Dancer said:



"The children were very disappointed that they couldn't go out into the community and sing this year but the messages have helped us connect with the community in a very special way. We wish all our lovely care home friends a very safe and happy Christmas and want them to know that we are thinking of them."



Road and Parking Safety

Please may we remind you of the importance of road safety, especially now that winter is upon us and the days are wetter and darker.

We are still receiving reports of near-misses and of parents parked illegally. We ask that you consider the safety of our pupils, families, staff and other members of the local community. Thank you.

safeguardingmatters

This Christmas, many of our children will be lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some, this will be the first time they are able to connect to an on-line world. The link below gives information on how you can guide your children so that they can enjoy their new digital gifts safely and responsibly. There are tips on how to turn off location settings, how to discourage device dependency and how to set up parental controls.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/guide/12-tips-for-christmas>

Dates for the Year 2020 – 2021

January 2021

- 4th INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
- 5th First day of Spring Term
- 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)

February 2021

- 1st Year R height and weight checks
- 2nd Year R height and weight checks
- 5th Daily Mile Day – England does the Daily Mile (Details to follow)
- 15th – 19th Half Term (School closed)

March 2021

- 1st St David's Day (pupils may come to school in club uniform eg Cubs, Brownies etc)
- 4th World Book Day (details to follow)
- 17th St Patrick's Day (pupils may come to school in club uniform eg Cubs, Brownies etc)

April 2021

- 1st – 16th Easter Holidays (School closed)
- 23rd St George's Day (pupils may come to school in club uniform eg Cubs, Brownies etc)

INSET Days

- 4th January 2021
- 22nd February 2021 - NEW
- 21st July 2021

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

More dates for the Spring 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.

Governor Awards

Congratulations to the following children who had their Governors' Awards presented to them by our Governor Mr Green for showing the following characteristics:

Respect, Effort, Achievement, Care, Honesty

December 2020			
RB	Margot Kidd	3P	Daniela Torok
RL	Jenson Aird	4C	Darcie Bennett
1P	Myla Wornham	4S	Riley Allen
1R	Sybil Murray	5G	Selorm Jiagge
2C	Molly Moyle	5Z	Thomas Pownall
2R	Harrison Collins	6L	Harriet Wisbey
3K	Jake Smallbone	6T	Isobel Baker



Bronze Award

Molly Moyle, George Collins, Julia Giedziun, Eva Stockton, Peter Tropman, Lucas Yip, Benjamin Hunter, George Hubbard, Sophie Ward, AJ Day, Isal Permain, Thomas Pownall, Chester Bromige, Henry Daborn, Orla Andrews, Reginald Depulla, Max Muirhead, Phoebe Collery-Howes, Edward Frith