



# HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Newsletter Number 17

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you and well done to you all!

I hope you are all settling into the new "normal". Please do be kind to yourselves. These are tough times for many families. I know some of our critical workers are facing huge challenges. We say "Thank you" to you all for your hard work. I know some of you too, have challenging circumstances at home, especially where you are trying to support your children. Do reach out if there is anything we can do – even if it is just to chat to one of our telephone support team.

Thank you for your feedback and lovely messages of support for our teachers and support staff who are working hard to deliver learning in school and remotely. Thank you to everyone who is working to keep Holly Lodge safe.

If you wish to communicate to your child's teacher, please send an email to the office. Seesaw is for children's learning and any messages to teachers may not be picked up.

## Changes to pick up arrangements from Monday for Critical workers

We constantly review our risk protection measures and consider all feedback. As from Monday, we are going to make a few changes to ensure easier social distancing and ease congestion. Please note time changes for year **1, 3 and 4**:

**Year 1** – Please queue – socially distanced at the staff car park – adjacent to the year 1 classes to drop off and collect your Year 1 child. (You no longer have to walk around the playgrounds). Pick up will be at **3.10pm**. Your child will be brought out to you.

**Year R and 2** – no change (3.15pm)

**Year 3 and 4** – Pick up at **3.10pm**

**Year 5** – children will be brought round to you via staff entrance – wait in usual place at drop off (3.15pm).

**Year 6** – no change – (3.15pm)

Please can I remind everyone to wear a face-covering during drop off and pick up.

Mrs Dancer  
Academy Head

### Year 2 Mexico Day

Year 2 were not going to let lockdown get in the way of their Mexico Day! We've had so much fun learning about their traditions, ingredients in recipes - particularly salsa and guacamole, which we made and tasted today. Everyone at home took part too so felt like we were all together again. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Emmet's ([www.mremments.co.uk](http://www.mremments.co.uk)) for donating the fruit and vegetables we used today.



### Online Reports Portal

#### Years 1 -6

Last year we launched our Parent Portal, which is used for reporting to parents for children in **Years 1-6**. The online portal for parents to access their child's report **opens on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm and closes on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. In order to access your child's report please click on the link below:

<https://parents.kite.academy/login.php>

Your email address and password will be the same ones you used to register for the portal when it was first launched in the Summer Term. If you have forgotten your password, please click "Forgotten your Password?"

If you do not have access to an online device, we will post a copy of your child's report to you. Please contact the school office to request this. Paper copies of the reports will only be available once the portal has been opened to everyone. **Please note if your child joined later in the autumn term or at the start of the spring term, they won't receive a report this time, but will be included when we do the next reports later in the academic year.**

### #safeguardingmatters

Please see the link below to some resources from the internet safety website Think U Know. There are short activities that you can do with your family to support their online safety at home. There are also videos on the following topics: watching videos, online gaming, social media, sharing images, livestreams and cyber-security.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### Thank you to the HLSA



Thank you to the HLSA for kindly funding new carpets for Butterflies and Ladybirds, they look great and really brighten up the classrooms!

### Library and Reading News



In the run up to Christmas we conducted a large sort out of the non-fiction stock to ensure that old, damaged or dated stock was removed. This is very important as we want children to be excited and engaged by the texts that they choose. We were able to arrange for a company called [www.bookrescuers.com](http://www.bookrescuers.com) to have the stock to be reused and where suitable, sent to support education in Africa. This was only possible thanks to our kind neighbours at [www.hispeed.co.uk/](http://www.hispeed.co.uk/) on Lysons Avenue, who kindly collected the boxes and delivered them to the charity free of charge. We are delighted that as many books as possible will be re-used and not end up in landfill.

We are currently working on multiple avenues to support reading whilst the children are working remotely. Further details should be with you next week but in the meantime, please continue to use [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk), where you can find a wealth of books suitable for all age groups.

### Well Done Sophie!

Well done to Sophie in Year 4 Sharks! Sophie's weather report that she recorded at home was broadcast on ITV's Good Morning Britain this week!

### Surrey Family Learning

Please click on the link below to view the latest bulletin from Surrey Family Learning, which includes details of home schooling support, family activities and free parenting workshops that are running this term.

[Surrey Family Learning Bulletin 17](#)