



HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Newsletter Number 27

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

Yes! We've made it! We have got this far without having to close any "bubbles". Thank you so much for all your co-operation in keeping Holly Lodge Covid-safe. It has been so important for us to have the children back in school and we want them to remain in school. As measures ease, we will be reviewing our risk assessments, but please could I urge you all to still remain careful. I would like to draw your attention to the important information below regarding pupil testing and isolation – especially with the guidance on use of the LFD home tests, as well as our test and trace procedure for the Easter holidays.

We are so proud of our children for the way they have adapted and settled back into school this term. We have used a strength-based approach looking at the positives and how we use what we have learnt to support well-being and learning.

Comic Relief update – I am excited to bring you an updated total, raised from online and cash donations.... £1,017! This is the most we have ever raised for Comic Relief. Care has been the focus in the teaching of our Holly Lodge values this term and it is important that we teach the children to look outside of themselves to care for others. The generosity of our families shows this care in action. Thank you!

Over the Easter holidays, the year 3 and 4 adventure playground is being replaced. We are really excited that the HLSA fund raising over the past year has enabled us to go ahead with this project and we are very grateful to the support of the HLSA. Without them, these projects would not happen. Thank you for supporting them.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to our very dedicated staff team at Holly Lodge, who have all gone above and beyond in putting the children first.

Have a wonderful Easter break. Take care and stay safe. I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19th April.

Mrs Dancer
Academy Head

Important Pupil Testing and Isolation for Parents

As schools have now returned to full attendance, we understand parents' frustration when their child is asked to isolate at home either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or because of being in close contact of someone who has tested positive. However self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

We are pleased that so far we haven't had to close any class bubbles at Holly Lodge and want to keep it that way. If your child displays any of the Covid symptoms, you will need to arrange a Covid test. I realise that this may inconvenience parents, but by doing this you are protecting all of our children and our families.

We would like to remind parents that lateral flow device (LFD) tests are not sufficient for use when children are displaying Covid symptoms. These are designed for asymptomatic testing only and cannot be used in lieu of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Unfortunately we cannot accept symptomatic pupils back to school unless they have a negative PCR test.

Holly Lodge staff are following guidance and therefore, please could I ask you all to treat all members of staff with respect if you are advised to keep your child at home or arrange a test. I know it is frustrating if your child cannot come into school but please do not take out your frustration on the staff. If you do need to speak to the office, please telephone or email, as we need to keep the number of visitors in the building to a minimum.

Easter Holidays Test and Trace

Schools have been asked to assist with test and trace for the first 6 days of the Easter break. As school will be closed for the 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

The inbox for this email address will be checked each morning and afternoon between **Thursday 1st and Tuesday 6th April**. Please note that you may not receive an immediate reply, but we will respond to you as soon as possible. (Email enquiries relating to anything else other than Pupil Covid-19 Test and Trace will be responded to when school reopens on 19th April)

Reminder

When bringing forms with payment, especially loose cash, into school (for example those who are signing up to the new clubs that are starting after Easter) we ask that you **please put it in an envelope before handing it in. Please also include your child's name and class on the front.** Thank you.

School Dinners

We have been informed by Surrey County Council that the price of paid pupil meals will increase by 5p to **£2.45 from September**. If your financial circumstances have changed and you believe your child may be entitled to free meals, please contact the school office for a Pupil Premium form. Pupils in YR - Y2 remain entitled to subsidised meals under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.



Bridges Big Sunflower Competition



Bridges are running a fantastic competition this summer! Grow and nurture the tallest sunflower this Spring & you could win £250 for Holly Lodge & a £100 amazon voucher for you!

Enter here: <https://www.bridges.co.uk/2021/03/25/sunflowers2021/>

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The **BIG** Sunflower Competition

Grow and nurture the **tallest sunflower** this Spring & win **£250** for your school & a **£100** amazon voucher for you!

It's easy to enter the competition! Apply for your seeds/use your own and register via sunflowers@bridges.co.uk or [CLICK HERE](#)

Plant and take a dated picture (*date written on a piece of paper in photo is fine*). Email over a photo of your sunflower with the height of the sunflower with a tape measure alongside to show the scale **by noon on 31st August 2021!** *The deadline to apply for seeds is 19th April 2021.*

Open to children of primary school age in GU and RG postcodes.

The tallest sunflower will be chosen based on the photos submitted before the deadline proving their size!



Governor Awards

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

Respect, Effort, Achievement, Care, Honesty

March 2021			
RB	Beatrice Laudicina	3P	Jack Estcourt
RL	Eilidh Taylor	4C	Emily Whelligan
1P	Samuel Glass	4S	Sophie Groenendaal
1R	Oscar Pittman	5G	Amy Sykes
2C	Harrison James	5Z	James Thornhill
2R	Kian Lynch	6L	Irslan Mahmood
3K	Mia Nutbeen	6T	Nikolas Szczepaniec

Upcoming Dates

April

1st – 16th Easter Holidays (school closed)

19th Summer term begins

20th Year R health screening (school nursing team) please note date change

23rd St George's Day (pupils may wear club uniforms eg Brownies, Clubs etc)

26th – 30th Parent's Evening Week 3.30pm – 6.00pm (**online booking via Scopay now open**)

May

3rd Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)

6th Local Elections – School remains open during polling

20th Year 6 Wavell Induction visits

26th Year 3 Roman Day (No costumes required - details to follow)

28th Mufti day (in return for £1 donation to the school for new gardening items for the allotment)

31st May – 4th June Half-term break (school closed)

June

7th – 11th Year 6 Kingswood Residential (TBC)

7th – 11th STEAM Week (Science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics)

21st INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

29th Year 6 Ash Manor Induction day

30th Year 6 Ash Manor Induction day

July

7th Year 6 Wavell Induction day

8th Year 6 Wavell Induction day and evening

20th Last day of term (school finishes end of lunchtime)

INSET DAYS

21st June

21st July