



HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

Wider re-opening

This week we welcomed back to school the children of critical workers. We have been piloting the Government's "bubble" approach with a maximum of 15 children in class. The children have settled in quickly and well; we are all getting used to the new arrangements. From Monday, all reception children, who have booked a place, will be coming into school. We thank you for your patience, as we take a cautious, phased approach in returning children to school. In an ideal world, we would like to return more children to school more quickly but need to work within current staffing availability, environment restrictions and risk assessments. We follow Government guidelines as to the order of year groups that are eligible to return. The Trust board make the final decision on timings of return.

Home-learning

We review our home learning on an ongoing basis. Thank you for all the positive messages we have received. We are always aware that there are many different challenges and home circumstances, and arrangements do not work for every different household. We know from your feedback that some families are juggling working from home with childcare and sharing devices, and this limits the support you are able to give your children. This becomes more difficult as the time in lockdown extends. We understand that – please don't worry. This is home learning and not home teaching. Please just do what you can – you are not expected to be teachers. We are already finding that children coming back into school are quickly settling in to learning.

We understand that some of you may feel your children are missing out, as they are not eligible for a place in school. Therefore, you will now find that the home learning we are sending out will mirror, as far as possible, what each year group is covering in school. Again, please do not feel under pressure if you are not able to support your child as much as you would like – just do what fits in with your family.

Our available teachers have full-time teaching commitments in class so they may not be able to respond with feedback to the learning year group emails in the same way as they have been. Some teachers are now teaching in different year groups to support the "bubbles" in school. If you need any extra support, please do let us know and we will try to help. The next phase of opening will be to Year 1. We will be in touch next week with more information.

Once again, thank you so much for your kind messages of support. They really do mean so much to the staff.

Please do make sure you check out the photos on the website. We can see that the children have had some wonderful experiences at home, with memories to treasure for the future. This will have a lasting positive impact on their lives. So thank you to all of you at home – your children are learning so much more than you realise. You are doing a great job!

Mrs Dancer
Academy Head

Ways to connect:

hlphotos@hollylodge.kite.academy – this is for photos to be uploaded to the website.*

If you have a message for your child's teacher, please email this to the year group email addresses:

Year1@hollylodge.kite.academy

Year2@hollylodge.kite.academy

Year3@hollylodge.kite.academy

Year4@hollylodge.kite.academy

Year5@hollylodge.kite.academy

Year6@hollylodge.kite.academy



Reception continue to use Tapestry. Teachers will respond via Marvellous Me. Please note that teachers have a full time teaching commitment in school and may not be able to respond as often as you have been used to.

*By sending in a photo to this address, you are giving permission for it to be uploaded to a gallery on the Holly Lodge website. If you are also happy for it to be shared to the Holly Lodge Facebook page, please give your permission when you send the photo. Your child could also feature in the next newsletter! **Please make sure you include your child's year group in emails sent to this address.**

Home Learning

Please head to the following link where home learning is uploaded for pupils to access during the closure:

<https://www.hollylodgeprimary.co.uk/children/home-learning/>

New home learning is added to the website each Friday for the following week... Please note that the home learning is now in year groups to reflect the learning children are doing in school.



Really Wild!



Continuing our weekly wildlife feature, here is a selection of those we have received during the last couple of weeks. If you happen to spot something exciting whilst exploring the local area during your daily exercise, please send us a photo! Thank you for those we have already received, we love to see them. Your photo could even feature in the next newsletter!



The Year 3 fish are doing really well. Mr Morgan is taking good care of them. They have grown so much since lockdown began!

Sewing Superstar!



Congratulations to Amelie in Year 5. She recently entered a "Kids Sewing with Singer" competition. She came first in her category and won her own sewing machine! Well done Amelie!

We love to hear about exciting achievements from our children, so please keep sending them in!

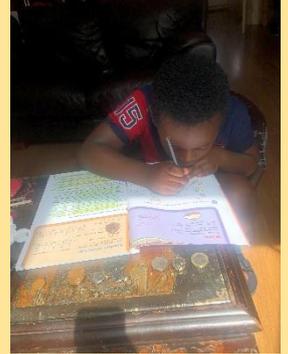
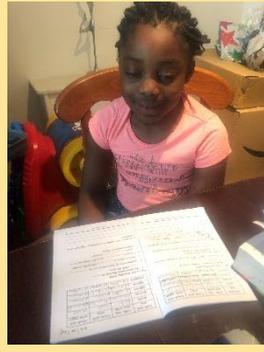


Safeguarding Information

Don't forget to see the poster that was sent out with this newsletter, which includes important safeguarding information you may find useful.

Know. Look. Act. #safeguardingmatters

A Selection of This Week's Home Learning Stars!



Don't forget to check out the full home learning gallery on our website!