



# HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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**TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE**

**Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome the Reception children back into school this week. They have settled very quickly. We will be welcoming back Year 1 children, who have booked a place, on Monday. The children in school this week have particularly enjoyed working on the allotment.

I hope you have all had a good week this week, in spite of the news from the Government that we are not going to be able to return all children before the summer holidays. We know that continues to make home life difficult for some families. As we have said before, the mental wellbeing of children and parents is crucial at this time so please just do what you can. We are finding that, as children return to school, we are able to pick up the learning quickly. Do contact us if you need any extra support. Please do enjoy the positive experiences. We love to see all the photos coming in of all the wonderful memories that are being made at this time. These times will go down in history.

I am really proud how the whole of the Holly Lodge community has worked together. Parents – you ARE doing an amazing job! I would especially like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and flexibility as they have risen to the challenges in school. Thank you for the many kind messages that we have received. It does mean a lot. We long for the time when this is all over and we can get back to normal with every child back in school.

As more children become eligible to return to school, please can I ask all parents to ensure you are on time in your allocated arrival and pick up window. This is so we can maintain social distancing. Can I also remind you to send in adequate snacks – either fruit or breadsticks. We are outside as much as possible and children are hungry with all the extra energy they are burning. Please also remember to send your child in with a coat. If the weather turns warmer, they will need a sun hat and come into school with sun cream already applied.

Have a good weekend and remember, each week is a week closer to returning to normal. Please take care and stay safe.

Mrs Dancer  
Academy Head

## Ways to connect:

[hlphotos@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto: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](mailto:Year1@hollylodge.kite.academy)   [Year2@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto:Year2@hollylodge.kite.academy)  
[Year3@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto:Year3@hollylodge.kite.academy)   [Year4@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto:Year4@hollylodge.kite.academy)  
[Year5@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto:Year5@hollylodge.kite.academy)   [Year6@hollylodge.kite.academy](mailto: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 this week. 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 Snaky Lane Snake!



You may have seen on local social media that Ash Vale has a new reptilian addition! The Snaky Lane rock snake was started by one of our pupils, and has become a colourful feature in the nature reserve near school. It now has over 100 rocks added to it! Well done to Freddie in Year 5, this certainly brings a smile to the local community! Ssssssuper!



### A SELECTION OF THIS WEEK'S HOME LEARNING STARS



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