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This week

It has been an exciting week at school this week – we launched a new range of toys on the playground at lunchtime.

For a while, Mr Davies and Mr Ryan have been gathering resources ready for a re-launch of our lunchtime provision. We are now have a range of games, balls, skipping ropes, dressing-up clothes, drawing materials and much more. The children have loved it. As time goes on the aim is to "zone" the playground into types of play and activity but for now it has been a much more fun time for all.

If anyone can help us, particularly with dressing up clothes, that aren't wanted anymore, we would be grateful. We would also love any Lego or Duplo. Thank-you

Remembrance Day

We will be marking Remembrance Day on Monday with our annual service. It is important that children understand history and its impact on today, as well as having the opportunity to take part in collective ceremonies.

Children will be gathering outside ready to mark the 2 minutes silence at 11am. You are welcome to join us from 10.45am. The head pupils will lead us with a few words and then we will observe the silence and sing the National Anthem.

The weather forecast looks good, however should it be wet, the service will move inside and unfortunately, we won't be able to accommodate parents.

Children who are part of groups such as Brownies, Cubs, Sea Cadets etc are welcome to bring their uniforms to wear during the service. We know some of them will be joining groups on Sunday to parade also.



VALUES

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PROUD TO BE ME ENJOY LEARNING ACHIEVE SUCCESS RESPECT FOR THE WORLD

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<u>Week beginning 11th November</u> Monday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Clubs: netball, multiskills, Young Voices, cross-stitching, chess

Tuesday 12th November

Clubs: football, futsal, Christmas choir, drama, yoga Family Learning (SEND) 1pm

ODD SOCKS DAY



Swimming Year 6 Wednesday 13th November Thursday 14th November Clubs: Tag rugby, forest school,

engineering, gardening, art.

Family Learning 1pm

Swimming Year 4

Friday 15th November

Children in Need Day

Superhero or spotty clothes day



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Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs S Ricketts Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mrs A Donnelly Mr D Davies Mrs R Hussain Pastoral/ behaviour leads: Mr D Davies and Mr Ryan

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO) Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services. <u>Children's Social Care</u> <u>Worcestershire County Council</u>

In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

• Check game age advisory notices

• Limit children's time spent online

• Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked

• Keep phones, tablets etc. out of bedrooms Autumn Term Events

<u>Tuesday 12th November:</u> Antil-bullying week launch. Odd socks day Children are invited to wear 'odd socks' to celebrate individuality and being inclusive.

Friday 15th November: Children in Need

The theme of this year's event is "super powers". Children are invited to dress up as a superhero. Alternatively, they could wear spotty clothes, like Pudsey. (please don't buy clothes specially unless money is going to charity)

We will put an open offer on sQuid for donations to this well known and valuable charity.

Friday 22nd November: 2LR Class assembly 9.45am Parents of children in Mrs Davis-Lloyd's and Mrs Ricketts' class invited.

Friday 29th November: 2HT Class assembly 9.45am Parents of children in Miss Hoare's and Mrs Train's class invited.

Monday 2nd December: Christingle 5pm

Children from Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in our annual Christingle service. Further details will be sent home with children in these year groups.

Nativity – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 10th December 2pm Wednesday 11th December 10am Thursday 12th December 2pm

Friday 13th December 11.15am and 2.45pm Nursery Christmas Sing-along

Monday 16th December 1.30pm Christmas Fayre

More details will be sent but <u>school will close</u> for all children Reception – Year 6 at 1pm. This is to enable families to enjoy the Christmas Fayre together.

<u>Wednesday 18th December</u> School Christmas Dinner. ALL children will be invited to eat a tradition Christmas lunch together

<u>Friday 20th December</u> Christmas Parties for all children across the school.





Mrs Stanley

Many of you will remember Mrs Stanley who was a teaching assistant here for over 20 years before retiring last year. So it is with great sadness that we would like you to know that Mrs Stanley died last Thursday, after a long illness.

She will be remembered as someone who was always kind and caring and provided support to so many children; some of whom who found school challenging. She made such a difference.

Staff who worked with her remember her kindness and great sense of humour. She was someone who always went that extra step for children and staff. We are grateful for the time she was with us and will miss her. We have sent love and best wishes to her family.

Healthwatch Worcester

Healthwatch Worcester have asked us to pass on the following message to **parents with children with special educational needs**. The confidential survey will ask about parent/carers experiences of the: - Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment Process - Quality of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) - EHCP Annual Reviews <u>Healthwatch Worcestershire EHCP Project</u> <u>Survey 2024</u>

Everyone who takes part will be in a draw to win either an iPad10 or $\pounds100$ Amazon voucher.

Year group	Week beginning 4 th November	This half-term	This Term
★ Reception ★	<mark>99</mark>	_	<mark>96.4</mark>
Year 1	<mark>94.6</mark>	-	<mark>94.1</mark>
Year 2	<mark>93.8</mark>	-	<mark>90</mark>
Year 3	<mark>92.2</mark>	-	<mark>95.7</mark>
Year 4	<mark>95.5</mark>	-	<mark>95.9</mark>
Year 5	<mark>93.2</mark>	-	<mark>94</mark>
Year 6	<mark>95</mark>	-	<mark>96.5</mark>
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	<mark>95%</mark>	-	<mark>95%</mark>

OH WOW RECEPTION! WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

If Reception children can reach an attendance of 99%, then so can everyone else. The challenge is on!

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK? IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID. Website:Hollymountschool.org

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What is my child learning? How can I help?

All children have access to age-appropriate educational websites. You will find their usernames and passwords for these in their reading diaries. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. Three key sites are:







Oxford Owl

You will find links to appropriate sites on the school website, year group page. PLEASE you're your child to use these regularly. They will make such a difference to their reading and maths fluency and help a child feel confident in their own abilities.

Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

Spring Term

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February

Monday 24th February - Thursday 10th April

Summer Term

Monday 28th April - Thursday 22nd May

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July

On the following dates, school will be closed to children for staff training

Friday 14th February; Friday 11th April; Friday 23rd May, Monday 21st July

It is expected that children attend school every day that it is open, unless they are too sick or have an unavoidable medical appointment.

If you are not sure if your child can go to school, you will find advice here:

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Arriving to school on time is also important. The school learning day starts at 8.45am. This means children regularly arriving between 8.50 and 9am are missing a lot of school.