

Hollesley Primary School

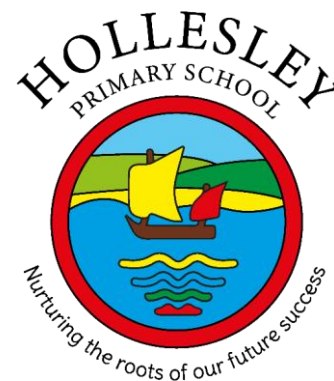
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AUTUMN TERM: NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents

A huge welcome to our new families who have joined us this week in Seals and throughout the school. I hope you have already been made to feel welcome and your children have had a positive first week at Hollesley.

Obviously, today is a day of deep national loss and sadness. My team are prepared with resources to help and support your children if they choose to talk about feeling emotional about the loss of the Queen. The Dfe have written to all schools highlighting helpful resources on the website [Minded](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/minded). It is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss. Families may find it useful in the coming days. Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, the Dfe will contact schools again with further guidance and information. I, of course, will communicate this to families.

NEW STAFF

Mrs Andrews has settled in to her new teaching role and has created a lovely, exciting classroom environment and engaging lessons this week. I am sure our families will continue to make her feel welcome and part of the school family. In addition Mrs Battle has joined our team at Hollesley from Waldringfield. Mrs Battle will be working with SEND children and children who need Speech and Language interventions. Please come and say hello to her and introduce yourself as she is on the playground at the end of the day on a Monday or Tuesday.

As I informed parents at the end of last academic year Mrs Elder (senior Teacher at Hollesley) is now the SENDCo across both schools. She can be contacted by calling one of the schools or via email theresa.elder@hollesley.suffolk.sch.uk. I am still willing to discuss any SEND issue, it is a difficult role to step away from!

UNIFORM

Thank you to all of you for adhering to the uniform policy and equipping your children with appropriate uniform and footwear over the Summer Holidays.

In the school uniform policy reference is made to hairstyles, asking that long hair is tied back. Hair that touches the child's shoulders should be tied back away from their face with a simple hairband. As stated in the uniform policy: *Children with long hair should wear simple headbands, bobbles and hairclips only and should avoid wearing anything too decorative or flamboyant, this includes any other additions to their hair either temporary or permanent. Bobbles and hair accessories should be red, white, black or brown.*

Our cloakrooms are quite small and your child does not need to bring a great deal of "stuff. Please consider this as you allow your children to bring large rucksacks to school! A book bag or a small rucksack is quite sufficient to carry their reading book and water bottle. I appreciate that those of you who bought a new rucksack for the start of this academic are reluctant to not use it. I do not want you to waste money buying another rucksack. Going forward future rucksacks need to be on the smaller side, rather than larger!

PE DAYS

We still request that your child comes in PE kit on PE days. The PE days for the classes are as follows:

Seals	Monday	Thursday
Dolphins	Monday	Friday
Turtles	Wed	Thursday
Otters	Wed	Thursday

HEALTHY SNACKS and WATER

Children in Seals and Dolphins are entitled to a free fruit/vegetable snack provided by the government, they eat this during morning play. If older children want to bring in a morning snack it needs to be an item of fruit/vegetable. School staff do not allow children to go into their lunch boxes and eat their crisps at playtime!

Along the same lines, unless you have spoken directly to me and I have agreed to your child having squash in their water bottles, all children should only have water in their bottles. This is to reduce sticky spillages, damage to school books in book bags and water is the healthier choice throughout the school day.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

From Monday teachers will be running lunch time clubs. There is no cost to parents for these clubs, all we ask is

that children commit to attending throughout the half term. Please see the table at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Note: We have not offered clubs to those in Reception this term, purely because we feel that they need time to settle in and not get too tired.

MULTI-SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There are still spaces left for Multi-Sports on Mondays (Yrs R-2) & Thursdays (Yrs 3-4). Please book via the payment item on the ParentMail app. The cost will be £15 for the term.

MRS WOOD DAYS AT HOLLESLEY

I intend to be at Hollesley Mondays and Thursdays and alternating Wednesdays. As always, please email me or call either school, on any day to speak to me. Waldringfield's number is 01473 736276.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Wood (Headteacher)
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HOLLESLEY SUPERSTARS

Head Teacher's Work Related Awards

Seals:

Martha – readiness to learn; especially in PE and music.

Dolphins:

Olivia – brilliant attitude to learning all week. Neat handwriting & sharing excellent ideas.

Lunchtime Clubs

Monday	Football - Yrs 1&2 Gardening - Yrs 1-6	Mr Hayes Mrs Johnson
Tuesday	Reading for Pleasure - Yrs 3-6	Mrs Elder
Wednesday	Indoor Board Games - Yrs 3-6	Mr Patterson
Thursday	Story Club – Yrs 4-6 Football - Yrs 3-6	Mr Spridgeon Mr Hayes
Friday	Craft Club – Yrs 1-6 Every other week, starting on 23 rd Sept	Mrs Andrews

Turtles:

Ettie – fantastic effort to write sentences including adjectives, precise verbs & repetition.

Otters:

Evan – for giving everything a go this week. Super resilience and full marks on his TT Grids.

Head Teacher's 'R' Words Awards

Seals:

Rosa – Respectful – using good manners.

Dolphins:

Henry – Resilience & Readiness – settling in so well in Dolphins

Turtles:

Jack – Readiness – great start, hand up to ask questions, settling down quickly & listening.

Otters:

Charlie – Responsible – for his learning and for helping a Reception child when they needed help from an adult.

Gold Awards

Charlie G – for alerting staff to an unwell child so that they could be helped quickly.

Ruby R – for looking after and playing with Kiera in the playground

Anya – for finding every opportunity to read for pleasure.

Diary Dates

Fri 16th Sept	Dolphins Class visit to Christchurch Mansion
Tues 27th Sept	Open morning for new intake in Sept 2023
Tues 27th Sept	After school 'settling-in' chats for parents of new children in Seals
Weds 28th Sept	Friends AGM at school, 7.30pm email tyler_julz@yahoo.co.uk if attending
Mon 17th Oct	Harvest service at the Church, 1:30pm
Tues 18th Oct	Whole school visit to Pipers Vale Gymnastics
Weds 19th Oct	Open afternoon for new intake in Sept 2023
Fri 21st Oct	PD Day children not in school
24th-28th Oct	Half term