

# Hollesley Primary School

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## **SPRING TERM: NEWSLETTER No. 8**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Dear Parents & Carers**

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another busy term, with lots of learning opportunities. We are especially excited for the Indian Drumming & Indian Dancing workshops later in the term, and once again returning to Pipers Vale to improve our gymnastic skills!

### **UNIFORM**

As we start another term, I would like to remind parents of our uniform policy. Our school uniform consists of a red sweatshirt/ cardigan (school logo items are available), white or red polo shirt ( red/white gingham dress) grey school shorts/trousers/skirt/pinafore. Children should wear black sensible (flat) school shoes or trainers with PE kit. On PE (or swimming days) children should wear their house team t shirt with black/navy shorts/jogging bottoms/legging with a plain black or navy hoodie/ sweatshirt. We have several children wearing non-school logod/ branded items as PE hoodies, these are not acceptable.

Also, on the subject of uniform makeup is not permitted (including coloured lip balm). Your child will be asked to remove nail varnish and earrings must be removed when your child is swimming/ participating in PE. We also insist on children having a change of footwear at playtimes/lunchtimes. This is to ensure that mud is not trampled throughout the school after they have used the field. If your child does not have a change of shoes, they will be told to remain on the playground rather than having their playtimes on the field. A suitable coat (depending on the season) should be in school at all times.

### **LOGOED UNIFORM**

Our uniform website is now live and orders can be placed if you require uniform with the Hollesley School logo. <https://sportsclass.com/hollesley/> For shipping options please select "ROYAL MAIL" or "DELIVER TO SCHOOL". You

will be notified when dispatched. **Logoed uniform is not compulsory.** Last year we used some of our PE Funding to buy each child a PE T-Shirt. For anyone that has joined us since last summer please let us know if you would like us to order your child a T Shirt in their Team colour and what size they would like.

### **SCHOOL ABSENCES**

Please remember to let the office know if your child is not attending school due to illness. With cases of diarrhoea or vomiting, children should not return to school until 48hrs have passed from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

### **REQUEST FROM BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

If anyone has any toys/games they would be willing to donate to Breakfast and After School Club so that we have more of a variety of things to play with we would be very grateful. 😊

### **WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like to invite the children to come to school either dressed up as their favourite character or bring a prop with them that is associated with that character. Please can the children also bring the book with them that their character is from.

### **MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH**

Once again, we are looking forward to celebrating Mothers' Day in school by inviting mothers/female family members to come in and have lunch with their children. We will be hosting our Mothers' Day Lunch on Thursday 7th March. More details will be sent out nearer the time on how to book and pay for your lunch.

### **SEND SURGERIES**

Mrs Elder, our school SENCo will be holding some more SEND surgeries this term. The latest SEND/Parenting newsletter is attached and The Positive Parenting leaflet mentioned in the SEND newsletter can be found at <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/positive-parenting/>.

The SEND surgeries will be held on the following dates:

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January | 1:15pm – 3pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February | 1:15pm – 3pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March | 1:15pm – 3pm

### **SUFFOLK FAMILY CARERS**

A family carer is anybody, of any age, who looks after someone with a long-term illness, mental health difficulty or disability who could not cope day to day without this help. Suffolk Family Carers Support the whole family from children of 5 years old. A copy of their latest newsletter is attached.

### **PARENTING HUB - VIRTUAL AND FACE-TO-FACE HELP**

Unfortunately, the parenting course is now cancelled due to a lack of numbers. There are, however, course that can be accessed and completed in your own time online, **free to anyone with a Suffolk Postcode**. Please visit [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and register by setting up an account, adding the password of your choice, and on the second page in the righthand corner use the access code WOLSEY to take you to the landing page.

Lauren from Parenting Hub – Felixstowe will be running a session on supporting our children to re-engage in education and increase attendance. Further details can be found in the attachment.

Suffolk Parent Hub is now on Facebook, please search Suffolk Parent Hub and 'like' the page for the latest updates on parenting courses & workshops or click <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education/Suffolk-Parenting-Hub-105589491185801>

### **WRAP AROUND CARE IN THE HUB**

Since September our wrap around care (breakfast and after school club) has been held in the hub (the old Hollesley Nursery building). We have capacity to have more children and would love to provide breakfast and after school club for any family who needs it. Our wrap around care is run by Mrs Kittle and Miss Berriman and is available from 7.30-8.30am and 3.10-5.30pm (4.30pm on a Friday). The cost of the sessions can be found on our website <https://www.hollesley.school/wrap-around-care/> If you would like to book your child/children in, please contact Mrs Sampson. Sessions can be booked regularly or as one offs, but each session will need to be booked. We really hope more families will take advantage of this facility as we are really proud that we can offer this service to parents.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

There have been a number of reported incidents of children being unkind over WhatsApp (and other social media platforms). The age limit for such apps is 16 and therefore it is the parent's responsibility to monitor what conversations your children are having online. I have attached the social media app age restrictions leaflet. Children are spending more time online, and most parents are not aware of the risks they're putting their children through by allowing them unlimited access to the internet, especially streaming. The following is a link to a helpful and easy to understand article on online safety, covering every important aspect that parents should be aware of <https://www.safetydetectives.com/blog/parents-guide-for-safe-youtube-and-internet-streaming-for-kids/> You may also like to read the article on online safety on our website: <https://hollesley.school/e-safety/>



### **ONLINE SAFETY GUIDES**

For information, guides and resources on keeping children safe online please have a look at our E-Safety page on our website <https://www.hollesley.school/e-safety/> and the information on the following website: [www.safetydetectives.com](http://www.safetydetectives.com).

### **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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### **CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**

**Seals: 96.66%**  
**Dolphins: 92.22%**  
**Turtles: 96.05%**  
**Otters: 92.31%**

## FRIENDS OF HOLLESLEY

Hello everyone and a very happy new year to you all!! We are thrilled to announce the hard work has paid off- the grand total raised in the lead up to Christmas was... drumroll please... £1677.05p!! Absolutely fantastic - well done to the team and thank you all for your support! We are now over halfway to raising the £3000 required for the Pool Heater.

We have been contacted by the organisers of the Hollesley Village Hall community cafe and are delighted to tell you the friends will be one of the charity beneficiaries this month. If you can attend the community cafe this Saturday 13th January 9.30-12 please do and remember to vote for the friends of Hollesley School.

Please remember we are always looking for new friends. Just the odd hour or two, for example wrapping gifts, putting together a craft activity, writing letters for raffle prizes... it all helps.

I have begun to plan the Easter fun afternoon and would love it if anyone has any ideas to change it up a bit. You can contact me on the school run or via the school office, (Amanda- Thomas and Henry's mum).

## HOLLESLEY SUPERSTARS

### Head Teacher's Work Related Awards

**Seals:** Katie – a great effort in PE

**Dolphins:** Arji – excellent editing of your sentence with green pen.

**Turtles:** Grace & Emmie – researching links in computing.

**Otters:** Bill – fantastic work in fractions, contributing to the class learning and an excellent independent write.

### Head Teacher's 'R' Words Awards

**Seals:** Sophia – having a great positive attitude to all learning.

**Dolphins:** Oscar – **responsibility** – fantastic handwriting and wonderful non-negotiables.

**Turtles:** Troy – real **readiness & responsibility** – to get on with compass/map work in our topic.

**Otters:** Austeja – always being **ready** to learn and setting a good example to others in class.

### Gold Awards

**Turtles Class** - one gold token for each house for attitude and respect shown whilst getting changed and walking through the public areas at Deben Pool. Also, for being polite to the staff at the pool.

**Leela** – for being a fantastic role model to the rest of the class.

**Kira-Rose** – for having a great day and getting on with her maths and RE work with very little input from an adult.

**Freya-Rose** – for helping and encouraging some younger children to come in from play.

## Diary Dates

<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	AIM High Maths
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	U11's Dodgeball AM
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Yr 6 Debating Team to FHS
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	SEND Surgery 1:15pm
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	KS1 (Seals & Dolphins) to Pipers Vale
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Indian Drumming Workshop
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	KS2 (Turtles & Otters) to Pipers Vale
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothers' Day Lunch
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day   Dress as a book character or bring a prop
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Author Visit   Sophie Green
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Indian Dancing Workshop
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Class Photos
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Book Look 2:45pm   Families are invited to view their children's books
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents Evening 6-8pm
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	SEND Surgery 1:15pm
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>PD Day   children not in school</b>
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Bikeability for Year 5</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Yr 6 SATs</b>
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Residential at Aylmerton</b>
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>