



HOLYWELL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. I hope you had a very happy Christmas and wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Pupil of the Week

There is no pupil of the week award this week as the children have only been back in school for two days. It will, however, resume next Friday.

Curriculum

You will receive a summary of the key curriculum areas to be covered this term either today or early next week. As we move forward our aim is to develop a memorable and varied curriculum that really inspires children.

Priorities

We will be placing a strong emphasis this term on continuing to develop and improve our teaching of Reading and Phonics.

Attendance

Our attendance for the Autumn Term was **96.1%**. Although this is above the national average we would like to see it improve further.

There is an exceptionally strong link between poor attendance and weak progress. I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of good attendance. In all cases where children's attendance is below 90% (equivalent to missing one day a fortnight) the Local Authority Education Welfare Officer will become involved.

Lateness

All children should be at school by 8.50am. At the moment we have too many pupils arriving after this time. Where pupils are regularly late I will be in contact with parents. Again where there are significant concerns the Local Authority Education Welfare Officer will be involved.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.



Talk Topic

My resolution for 2012 is

This is because

Year 1

Due to illness Miss Lane will miss the start of the term. She will be out of school for the whole of next week. Mr Hall will take her class during this period. We wish her a speedy recovery. Miss Lane's Dance Club is cancelled until further notice.

Chicken Pox

Unfortunately, we have cases of chickenpox in the school. I very much hope that this will be contained. According to the most recent advice from the Local Authority, those people who should avoid contact with an infected person are:

new-born babies

pregnant women (early & late stages)

immunosuppressed persons

If you have any concerns, please contact your GP. If your child develops chickenpox he/she should be kept at home until there is no further itching and the scabs are all dry.

Soup and Potatoes

Soup and potatoes will begin again on Monday 9th January. Soup will be offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday it will be baked potato day. If you would like your child to have soup or baked potato the cost will be 50p per day. Please send the money daily and remember that all payments MUST be received by 9.30am so that Mrs Dodds can calculate the daily numbers. If no money is brought in then no soup or potato will be given.

If your child is entitled to free school meals they will be offered soup or a potato as well as being provided with their usual lunch.

Early Intervention Family Support Drop Ins 2012

Teresa Hall is a Family Support Worker who is offering drop in sessions for families at Rubery Library. Early Intervention Family Support offers support/advice to families whose children attend Holywell, Lickey Hills and Beaconside Primary Schools. The sessions are on: Tuesday 17th January 9.30am - 10.30am; Thursday 23rd February 1.30pm - 2.30pm and Thursday 22nd March 6.00pm - 7.00pm. For further information about the services they offer please contact Teresa Hall on 07507 497619 or Nicola Robinson on 07507 497617 or just call in for the sessions.

Yours sincerely

Mr J McMillan
Headteacher