



HOLYWELL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

I am delighted to see the children back in school after the summer holiday. They all seem to have settled in very well. The new teachers - Miss Lane, Miss Tooker, Miss Harrison and Mrs Penfold - have all made an excellent start at Holywell. Mr Adamicki, our new Caretaker, has also made an excellent start.

A few reminders for you:

- All items of school uniform to be named please.
- No jewellery to be worn other than a watch and plain ear studs for health and safety reasons.
- Years 1 & 2 parents to stand back from class lines please at 8.50am and 3.10pm so that teachers and children can clearly see each other.
- No dogs anywhere on the school site please.
- All lunchboxes to be named please.
- Holidays are never encouraged in term time but if you choose to take your child on holiday please ask your child's class teacher for an application form well in advance (usually four weeks).
- No scooters or bikes on the playground please, for health and safety reasons. This is important.
- Please keep the emergency vehicle access by the large gates on the Key Stage 1 playground free at all times.

Thank you all very much!!

Thank you for completing the annual Questionnaire last term. I shall send you the results of this soon. The children also completed their annual Questionnaire and their views will also be sent to you. Overall, the views from both Questionnaires were extremely positive, which I am very pleased about.

From time to time, the school passes on to you fliers from various outside agencies advertising sports programmes and holiday clubs. The school takes no responsibility for any aspect of these activities but I would urge you, as parents / carers, to carefully check out all the health and safety elements of any such club or programme which you send your child to. Whilst on the subject of health and safety, I would also like to raise the subject of home computer use. As you are aware there are some very unsavoury, unsuitable sites and chat rooms which children can gain access to. Please make sure you are aware of what your children are doing on their computers.

Traditional playground games are encouraged at Holywell. These include skipping, conkers and even snowballs! As long as the children play appropriately and do not deliberately try to hurt each other, these will continue. Please support the school by discussing with your child what is safe and happy play and what is not. Thank you.

Governors

The school has vacancies on the Governing Body for several Parent Governors. I shall write to you separately with all the necessary information about these positions. However, if you are interested in knowing more about how the Governing Body works, I am pleased to be able to invite you to an informal meeting on Wednesday September 17th, 6pm in school. Members of the Governing Body will be there to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. Please come along to hear more!

The School Calendar, giving you relevant dates for the school year, will be sent to you soon. Please remember to look at the school website for information.

Breakfast and After-School Care Club

These are both open and places are available at both clubs. If you are interested in either club please ring Tara Kay on: 07739 717650.

I believe that this will be another highly successful year for the school. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries. The class teacher is your first point of communication!

Best wishes to you all.

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