



HOLYCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

Message from Mr Morrison

After the first half term children are settling in to classes really well. They are showing a really positive attitude to their learning, and producing work they can be really proud of. We are focussing this term on good attendance and punctuality. Please support us by ensuring children are only off if they are really ill. We have also asked the children to arrive at the school gates at 8:50 so they are in line 8:55. This is so they don't miss out on any learning, and develop good habits of being punctual.

Have a lovely half term, and we look forward to seeing the children in November.



Mr Morrison



HOLIDAY DATES 2019/2020

Half term – School closes Friday 25th October 2019 – School opens Monday 4th November 2019.

Christmas Holidays – School closes Friday 20th December 2019 – School opens Monday 6th January 2020.

February half term – School closes Friday 14th February 2020 – School opens Monday 24th February 2020.

Easter Holidays – School closes Friday 3rd April 2020 – School opens Monday 20th April 2020.

May Day – School will be closed Friday 8th May 2020 – School open Monday 11th May 2020.

Half term – School closes Friday 22nd May 2020 – School opens Wednesday 3rd June 2020.

School closes for Summer 2020 Friday 17th July 2020.



HOUSEPOINTS



The winner is ***VICTORIA*** Well done everyone!

DINNER MONEY DEBT

Please can we ask that parents and carers pay for your child's dinner money regularly and not let the debt build up. If dinner money is not paid, the debt will have to be paid for by school. This means that the money used to buy school resources will have to be used to pay Bradford Council for the dinner money debt. Please contact school if you have any concerns.

NURSERY AND RECEPTION PLACES 2019

We still have places available in our Nursery and Reception classes. Please speak to your friends and family with children of school age about our school. Please tell them how happy you are with school and ask them to check out our OFSTED report. We pride ourselves in our pupils' progress and wellbeing.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Secondary school applications need to be submitted online by Thursday 31st October 2018

Please make sure you have submitted your application by this date to avoid disappointment.



ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance currently stands at 95.1% This is below the expected level nationally of 96%, this is due to long term absence and unauthorised holidays. Attendance at Holycroft needs to improve.



Well done to those of you who try really hard by coming to school every day!



Please remember holidays in term time are not authorised. Holidays taken without authorisation will result in parents being issued with a fixed penalty notice fine of £60, per parent, per child and your child could be taken off the school roll. If you need to take children out of school for leave of absence, please speak with Mrs Vause and Mr Morrison beforehand.

We are experiencing a high volume of appointments during school time. These are disruptive to the lesson and your child can miss vital work that may not be repeated. We do understand that hospital and specialist appointments cannot always be helped, but general check up's and non-urgent appointments can be made before or after school. You must have evidence for all appointments.

Next half term I will be sending out a letter explaining your child's attendance. Please take time to look at this and if you have any questions, please contact me in the school office.

Attendance is vital to your child's education and social wellbeing. Children who attend school every day thrive in their school work and have lots of friends. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school or need to talk to us about a concern affecting your child's attendance, please come a speak with us.

LATES

School starts at 8.55am and your child should be in the playground ready to line up. Children arriving after 9.05 will receive a L mark against their attendance, this is a late mark. Children who arrive after 9.30am will receive a U mark against their attendance, this means your child has an unauthorised late mark and lost their mark for that session, therefore reducing their overall attendance percentage. Children find it difficult to settle into school when they are late.

Mrs Vause ,Attendance Officer

HUB NEWS

'Parents Book Club' will take place on Monday 11th November at 1.30-3.00pm

You are all welcome, and this is good opportunity to meet new parents and enjoy a space for social enjoyment

English Class is now on Thursdays 1.00-3.00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HPFA Winter Fayre Wednesday 11th Dec in School Hall

E-safety Parents Workshop on Thursday 12th December 9am-10.30am

Winter Disco Ball 3.00pm -5.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mr Rothery's baby daughter. We know he will be an amazing dad.

Mrs Sadaf starts her maternity leave this half term, we wish her all the best and look forward to meeting baby when he or she arrives.

And, finally... Congratulations to Miss Smith, who will get married this holiday. She will return to school as Mrs Duckworth. We wish the happy couple our best wishes for their future together.

Please stay safe over the half term break if you are trick or treating

And we look forward to seeing you zoom to school for 8.55am Monday 4th November 19!

Don't forget to visit our school website at www.holycroftprimary.org.uk for updates and ongoing news.



