



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all our parents who attended our curriculum meetings this week, we hope you found it useful to find out all about our expectations, what your child will be learning and how you can support them throughout the year. If you were unable to attend you can find the powerpoints on the class pages (which are linked [here](#).)

I am sure you have seen the supersized sandpit that has started to take shape on our field outside of the forest school area. A huge thank you to Miss Crane, Sarah and Chris Oakley, parent of Jessica and Charley who have made this happen. We will be using the excess mud to create a tunnel too. We are still at the beginning of our OPAL (Outside Play and Learning) journey but we are excited about the developments that are taking place within the environment and especially excited about seeing all the playing that is happening. When you see the Year 6's trying to squeeze into a tiny Spiderman or Superman costume (but having to resort to only the mask/cape) you realise how much ALL children need to play and we are thankful that we can provide these opportunities. Also if you have any larger fancy dress clothes I know these would be appreciated! We are still and always will be collecting any unwanted toys so please always think of us when you are having a clear out.

On Sunday, Mr Mallick, Sarah and our Year 6 pupils head off to PGL in Liddington. Having been myself, the year before last, I can confirm they will have an absolutely amazing time and will come home absolutely shattered and full of tales of their excellent adventure. We will be keeping you updated with daily posts on our school Instagram stories. These will then be saved as highlights for you to catch up on. I know Mr Mallick and Sarah will take excellent care of your children.

Myself and Mrs Richardson (our Emotional Literacy Support) Assistant have completed our Protective Behaviours training this week and we look forward to using the skills we have learnt in school. The training was provided by Families Feeling Safe who also run parent courses in Protective Behaviours and Hertfordshire are very lucky to receive funding so the courses are free. Please do take a look at the website linked [here](#).

On the morning of Saturday, November 9th from 10am-12pm, we would love as many members of the community as possible to join us for a couple of hours for our Community Morning. We will be tidying, cleaning, painting, gardening and generally giving some TLC to our old and rather decrepit building and grounds. If you have any special skills (painting and decorating, gardening, fitting brand new bespoke toilet blocks in two hours for free!) we will definitely be able to make use of them but everyone is very welcome to come and lend a hand - if you know your way around a pair of rubber gloves, we'll find you a job! Children will, of course, be welcome and encouraged to muck in. We'll provide all equipment and materials and we'll put on some food as a thank you for your efforts. We will send out full details soon but, in the meantime, we'd be really grateful if you could put the date in your diary.

We look forward to seeing all the grandparents or other special person at the Harvest Festival on Friday 11th October.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cracknell



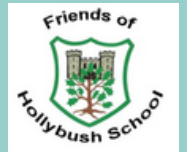
# Governors



The school's Governing Board are looking for a parent governor to join them, please see the letter sent this week for details.



## FBHS



### AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent AGM – we are delighted to announce we have retained our four key committee members: Emma Brown (Chair), Steve Balls (Deputy Chair), Michael Ramage (Treasurer) and Louise Harris (Secretary) as well as gaining a new member, Emma O'Meara!

### Yes Day!

On Friday 25th October, Hollybush will be holding its first ever Yes Day! Your little ones should wear school uniform, but we have a range of tweaks they can make including wearing a brightly coloured t-shirt, or hair chalk, nail varnish or temporary tattoos to add in a little fun! There will also be some extra opportunities to have fun at school by bringing in a treat of their choice for break time and watching something fun at the end of the school day too. We suggest a donation of £2 per pupil to join in the fun and we will be collecting money via cash and card by the school gates at drop off.

### Winter Fayre & Raffle

Please save the date for Hollybush's annual Winter Fayre straight after school on Friday 24th November. With lots of fun and games – including some new ones! – it will be a great way to get us into the festive spirit! Plus, we hear a special guest from the North Pole will be making an appearance too.. As part of the Fayre we will be holding our annual Christmas Raffle. If anyone has a prize they can donate (no matter how big or small) please email us at [HollybushPTA@gmail.com](mailto:HollybushPTA@gmail.com).

### Easy Fundraising

We know how busy everyone is, but a super easy way you can support the school is by signing up to Easy Fundraising, whereby 8000+ retailers will make a donation on your behalf every time you online shop with them!

Companies include Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat and this is at no extra cost to you!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/hollybushprimary/7h14eo/s2s/ZdU7Z020/SE878/whatsapp>

Thank you!

Friends of Hollybush School  
Charity number: 292371



Friends of Hollybush School  
present our first ever...



# YES DAY!

Friday  
25th October



Wear school uniform BUT  
make it your own by doing  
ANY or ALL of the following!

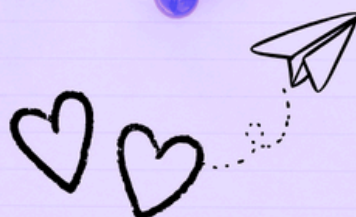
- Add a colourful t-shirt!
- Rock colourful socks or shoes!
- Use hair chalk!
- Have painted nails!
- Show off temporary tattoos!
- Style your hair in an unusual way!

Extra Yes moments to  
enjoy at school!

- Sit anywhere at registration!
- Bring a treat of your choice for break time!\*
- Enjoy a fun TV show in the afternoon!



\* A reminder that Hollybush  
is a nut free school



Any questions  
[HollybushPTA@Gmail.com](mailto:HollybushPTA@Gmail.com)

## Donations

We kindly suggest a £2 donation per pupil  
to join in the fun!

Payments can be via cash or card at the  
school gates in the morning.

# Upcoming Events

## 2024

SAVE THE DATE

September	
Sunday 24th	PGL

October	
Wednesday 2nd	Meet the teacher / stepping stones Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 2nd	Stepping stones EYFS
Thursday 3rd	Meet the teacher / stepping stones Years 1 - 6
Thursday 3rd	Y3 Wodson Park
Tuesday 8th	Stay and Play EYFS
Friday 11th	Harvest festival
Monday 14th	Opal come and play
Friday 18th	Year 2 Scootability
Tuesday 22nd	Year 4 Pedestrian skills
Friday 25th	FOHS YES DAY

November	
Wednesday 6th	Flu vaccinations Reception - Year 6
Friday 8th	Individual and sibling photos
Saturday 9th	Community morning
Wednesday 13th	Cinema Trip 'If' for Year 3 and 6
Wednesday 20th	Cinema trip 'Harold and the purple crayon' for Years 4 and 5
Thursday 21st	Cinema trip 'Migration' for Reception  Movie Morning for Nursery and The Nest in school
Friday 22nd	Inset day
Wednesday 27th	Cinema trip 'Garfield' for Years 1 and 2
Friday 29th	FOHS Christmas Fayre

December	
Wednesday 4th	Pantomime
Wednesday 11th	Years 1 - 3 Christmas play PM
Thursday 12th	Year 1 - 3 Christmas play AM
Monday 16th	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 20th	End of term 2pm finish



# Clubs

Click on the club name for link to book

Matt's clubs can be booked via the office or by emailing  
mattogilviecoaching@aol.com

## MONDAY

Rock Steady (during School day)

Reception - Story Club 12 - 12:30 pm - Sign up on Arbor  
KS2 - Drama club 12:30 - 1 pm - Sign up on Arbor

## TUESDAY

Year 1 - 6 Karate - 8 - 8:30 am

Year 1 - 3 Dodgeball with Matt Ogilvie Coaching 3.15pm - 4.15pm

## THURSDAY

Musical theatre - 12:30 - 1 pm - sign up on Arbor - Year 2 - 6 (starts after half term)

Year 1 - 6 Dance Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm

## FRIDAY

Ballet - 12:15 - 12:45 pm - sign up on Arbor - Reception and Year 1 (starts after half term)

Year 4 - 5 Football with Matt Ogilvie Coaching 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Year 1 - 6 East Herts Gymnastics 3.15pm - 4.15pm

# Uniform

- All items should be unbranded and without any logo's other than the Hollybush logo.
- Children should bring a suitable coat and a water bottle every day, whatever the weather. We are outside in all weathers!
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up in a hair band in school colours.

## Formal uniform

White polo shirt

Grey Trousers  
Grey skirt  
Grey pinafore  
Grey shorts

Bottle green round necked jumper  
Bottle green cardigan

Black shoes

White / black or grey socks

## Active uniform

Black plain Tshirt  
Black logo Tshirt  
White plain Tshirt

Tshirts should be round necked not polo shirts

Black jersey tracksuit bottoms  
Black jersey shorts  
Black cycle shorts  
Black skort  
Black leggings

Black zip through hoodie  
Black hooded jumper

Black plain trainers

## Swimming

Swimming hats MUST be worn for swimming lessons.

*UNIFORMS MUST NOT BE MIXED AND MATCHED!!*

*IF YOUR CHILD IS WEARING ACTIVE WEAR IT MUST BE WITH A ROUND NECKED T-SHIRT AND A BLACK HOODIE / ZIP UP*

*IF YOUR CHILD IS WEARING FORMAL WEAR IT MUST BE WITH A POLO TOP OR SHIRT AND A GREEN JUMPER*

# Reminders

School starts at 8:45am

Fordwich Rise Gate entrance

The drive gate opens at 8:40 for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Siblings of children in these year's may also enter through this gate.

Welwyn Road Gate entrance

Children in Year 2 and above

If your child arrives after 8:45am they will need to enter via the Office and will be marked as Late.

## HOLIDAYS & MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

The School will not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays will otherwise be classed as unauthorised absence from school.

Non urgent appointments such as dentist & doctors appointments MUST be made outside of school hours where possible.

## Outstanding debts

Please can parents ensure owed balances on meals, wrap around care and nursery session are cleared promptly.

## Lunches

Please ensure you select your child's lunch via the Arbor app prior to 8am.

Pre selecting lunches is now compulsory

[Link to lunch menu on website](#)

Please do not park across the driveways of the houses neighbouring the school.

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
<b>MONDAY</b>	YEAR 1 YEAR 5		YEAR 1
<b>TUESDAY</b>	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR 6		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			YEAR 2
<b>THURSDAY</b>	YEAR 2 YEAR 4		NURSERY YEAR 6
<b>FRIDAY</b>	NURSERY RECEPTION YEAR 3 YEAR 4 YEAR 6		YEAR 3 YEAR 4

Check out our class pages for information on what your child is learning this Term!  
[Link to Class Pages](#)

Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mrs Noon and Mrs Cracknell
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email class teacher to arrange a meeting, sometimes a phase leader may join this meeting
If you do not feel the issue has been resolved or you may need more advice.	<p><b>Step 1</b> Phase Leader EYFS-Ms Neville KS1- Miss Parry KS2-Mr Chandler</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Cracknell</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> Headteacher- Mrs Noon</p>
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Mrs Smail
Payments/Finance	Miss Byrne Mrs Tilbury
Admissions	Miss Byrne
Complaints	Please refer to school complaints policy on the <a href="#">website</a> .

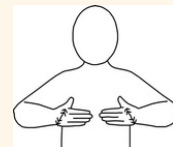
# AT OUR SCHOOL WE FOLLOW HOLLYBUSH RULES

## SAFE



We move around school in a safe manner. We follow instructions to keep ourselves safe. We keep hands, feet and unkind words to ourselves. We use equipment safely. We stay safe online. We talk to an adult if we feel unsafe.

## READY



We wear correct uniform. We arrive at school on time. We have our equipment ready. We show that we are listening and ready to learn.

## RESPECT



We listen when others speak and we respect the property of our friends and the school. We have an understanding of others cultures and beliefs. We respect that everyone have a right to learn.

# WE ARE LEARNING

# THE HOLLYBUSH WAY



## THE HOLLYBUSH WAY



### Lovely Lining Up

We face forwards  
We keep our hands to ourselves  
We line up silently

### Magical Manners

We say please and thank you  
We say 'good morning'  
We hold doors open for people  
We knock before entering rooms  
We say 'excuse me' before speaking to a grown up

### Super Sitting

We sit calmly and sensibly  
We keep our hands to ourselves  
We face the adult  
We use our magnet eyes (if we can)  
We use our eager ears for listening to our adult

### Wonderful Walking

We walk quietly  
We walk sensibly  
We face the direction we are walking in  
We keep our hands to ourselves

### Delightful Dinners

We use our Magical Manners  
We use our Lovely lining up  
We use our Wonderful walking  
We use our Super sitting  
We talk quietly with our friends

### Peaceful Playtimes

We use our Wonderful walking to and from the classroom  
We use our Magical Manners  
We remember our school values