



Welcome Back

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the long sunny days without those early morning drop offs! It seems the summer has well and truly gone now as we start our autumn term, but there is plenty to look forward to with the excitement of the year school year. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to Hollybush, we hope you enjoy being a part of this wonderful community and what we like to call our Hollybush family otherwise known as #teamhollybush.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our curriculum meetings next week where our teachers will share lots of information about the year ahead, check further down the newsletter to ensure you put the date in your diary. This is a chance for you to find out all about what your child is learning and how you can support them. We will also see you at Meet the Teacher, where you will have the opportunity discuss your child to enable us to support them in the best way we can. We look forward to working alongside you this year and for the rest of child's journey through Hollybush.

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the rhythms of the day and how our students have remembered the Hollybush rules of Safe, Ready and Respectful. We will be spending lots of time going over our rules and the Hollybush Way which is our behaviour curriculum. Our values of kindness, generosity, excitement, learning together, enquiring minds and courage underpin everything we do at Hollybush and are woven through our curriculum. From day one of the new academic year our children jumped straight back into their work and we are very impressed with the commitment they have shown to their learning. Thank you for getting your children to school on time and ensuring they get the best start to their year.

As always if you have any concerns or worries, please do go straight to your class teacher for support. We all want the best for your children and we will do all we can to ensure your child is happy and safe in school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Cracknell
Deputy Headteacher



School Trips

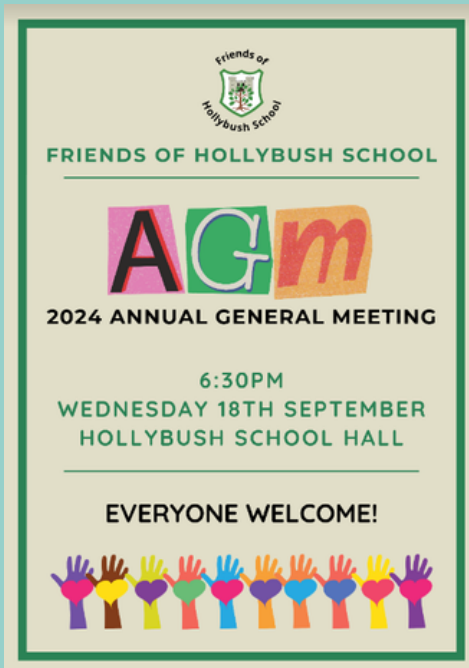
We have many trips planned for the year ahead. Last year there were lots of concerns around the prices of the trips. We absolutely do not make any money from school trips. In fact, every trip we take, we lose money because when families do not pay the money comes out of the school's dwindling budget. Coach prices have shot through the roof. For example a coach from Hollybush to Wodson and back is £295 which of course raises the price of the trip for each child. We cannot possibly keep funding the trips out of the school budget as this is taking the money away from resources, upkeeping the very old building and paying staff to support the children. It's a terrible situation and we wish we could just pay for everyone, but we simply can't. The children get so much out of a school trip, I'm sure you yourself can remember some of your own but there are only so many places we can walk to (which of course makes it cheaper.)

If any of our families are able to offer a few extra pounds to help another family with trips or events you can pay under Pay it Forward on Arbor. Thank you to the families who have offered to do this in the past, we hope that this will help all of families.

FOHS

Friends of Hollybush School have given the school and your children so much support over the years. Last year, we were able to purchase new chrome books, picnic benches, headphones as well as many more resources from all the fundraising.

FOHS are always looking for new members. It is vital that FOHS continues to run, but without more help that could be difficult. Please pop along to the AGM or send an email to hollybushPTA@gmail.com to find out more.



Upcoming Events

2024

SAVE THE DATE

September	
Monday 2nd	Inset day
Tuesday 3rd	Inset day
Wednesday 4th	Children return
Wednesday 18th	FOHS Annual General Meeting school hall 6:30pm
Monday 23rd	Curriculum meeting Year 2 and 4
Monday 23rd	Meet the teacher Year 6
Tuesday 24th	Curriculum meeting Reception and Year 5
Wednesday 25th	Curriculum meeting Nursery (AM)
Wednesday 25th	Curriculum meeting Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday 26th	Meet the teacher Year 6
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

November	
Wednesday 6th	Flu vaccinations Reception - Year 6
Friday 8th	Individual and sibling photos
Saturday 9th	Community day
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
Wednesday 27th	Cinema trip 'Garfield' for Years 1 and 2

Term Dates

Subscribe to School Calendar

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK



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

Year 1 - 6 Dance Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm

FRIDAY

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

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

Swimming

Swimming hats **MUST** be worn for swimming lessons.

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 before September.

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
MONDAY	YEAR 1 YEAR 5		YEAR 1
TUESDAY	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR 6		
WEDNESDAY			YEAR 2
THURSDAY	YEAR 2 YEAR 4		NURSERY YEAR 6
FRIDAY	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>Step 1 Phase Leader EYFS-Ms Neville KS1- Miss Parry KS2-Mr Chandler</p> <p>Step 2 Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Cracknell</p> <p>Step 3 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 website .

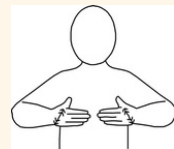
AT OUR SCHOOL WE FOLLOW HOLLYBUSH RULES

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