



## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

Welcome back to all the parents and children, I hope that everybody had a deserved rest and both staff and the children have recharged their batteries and are now raring to go. A particular welcome to all the new families to the school, we hope that the relationship will be long and fruitful. This academic year looks to be one full of challenge and excitement, brimming with hope and opportunities.

### ATTENDANCE (WHOLE YEAR 2015/16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	28	89.62	96		RSBS Deer	5	92.57	110
RA	42	95.05	266.5		3P	48	97.16	159
RB	3	96.2	200.5		3S	98	96.11	214
1B	39	95.59	242.5		4H	52	97.57	135.5
1F	86	96.32	202		4S	31	96.07	220.5
2M	34	97.51	139		5B	110	96.44	197.5
2P	92	96.52	195		5S	81	96.71	176.5
					6B	39	97.52	137.5
Total	864	96.4	2863		6H	76	96.95	171
Last Year	1126	95.94	3261.5		Improvement	262	0.46	398.5

Well done to last year's 2M and 4H who achieved the best attendance for the year. This has been a tremendous year for attendance with it rising to an unprecedented 96.4%, which in OFSTED terms is GOOD to OUTSTANDING. Can I thank all the parents for their support with this important element of school life. This year we will continue to push for improvements and offer a range of incentives. Our Target this year is 97% and I am sure that it is an achievable target. We also hope that we will be able to improve the figure for punctuality.

Minutes late per day during the year	Equal days worth of teaching lost in a year	Which means this numbers of lessons missed
5 minutes	3.7 days	20 lessons
10 minutes	7.4 days	41 lessons
15 minutes	11.0 days	61 lessons
20 minutes	14.7 days	82 lessons
30 minutes	22.0 days	123 lessons

## SECONDARY TRANSFERS

There will be a short meeting for the parents of any Year 6 children on Thursday 15th September (6.30pm) where I will explain the procedure for secondary transfer.

The secondary school open days are as follows:

Woodrush Academy - Thursday 22nd September 5.30 - 8.30pm

Light Hall School - Thursday 22nd September 5.00 - 8.00pm, open morning 23rd September 9.30 - 12.00am

King Edward's School - Saturday 17th September 1.00 - 3.30pm

## MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be hosting the Macmillan coffee Afternoon on 30th September. Please put this date in your diary and come along and support this excellent charity, I hear it is going to be bigger and better this year and the fun will start at 2.00pm.

## SAFEGUARDING AND IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed that we now have an additional gate to the right of the front entrance. We have had this erected to increase the safety of the children if the car park gates are open. The front gate is now remotely controlled; it is important that you buzz both for entering and leaving the school.

## SPECIAL LUNCH!

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl day on September 13th by having a special lunch which includes 'wormy' spaghetti! Every child who has a school lunch will receive a Golden Ticket which enters them into a prize draw to win a Roald Dahl book. Please note that Tuesday 13th September will not be pizza day.

## REQUEST!

Our Reception classes would like donations of old lamps, uprighters, real and artificial plants or any natural materials such as shells, driftwood or pine cones please. Also, any old house phones or mobile phones and any old fancy dress clothing would be much appreciated. Thanks from the reception team.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual photos will take place on 15th November from 8.30am in the school hall. Please make sure children are wearing full school uniform.

## FRIENDS OF HOLLYWOOD MEETING

The next meetings will take place on Wednesday 14th September at 2pm and at 6pm. Everyone is welcome!

## INFORMATION EVENINGS

We are holding short "Information Evenings" for each year group with a classroom visit and a general presentation in the hall, lasting no more than 45 minutes. Year 6 have always had this kind of event where we also discuss secondary transfer and end of key stage assessments (SATS).

The evenings will begin with presentations in the school hall at 6.30pm followed by classroom sessions. Please see below for your evening meeting.

## SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for safeguarding is Miss Parkes. If anyone has concerns regarding a child's welfare please inform her immediately. If you have any concerns about e-safety you should also speak to Miss Parkes. For advice, help or to make a report visit the safety centre at: [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk). There are age appropriate buttons to click on to get advice and help.

## FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD – ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

Your child may be eligible for additional funding through the school's budget of up to £1320 per year if you are eligible for any of the following:

- Income support
  - Income-related employment and support allowance
  - The guaranteed element of state pension credit
  - Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
  - Funding is also available for service children, adopted children or any child who has been looked after by the local authority.
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance  
Support under Part IV of Immigration & Asylum Act 1999  
Universal credit

**Even if you do not want your child to have a school lunch we would encourage you to apply for free school meals to ensure that our school receives the maximum amount of funding possible.**

You can see how important it is that we access this money so that we can continue to focus on raising the achievement of all the pupils at Hollywood. We are passionate about our children achieving the highest academic standards in order to prepare them well for the next stage of their educational journey.

Each year we will publish an expenditure report so that you can see how we have used the money to support the children and raise standards for all the pupils at Hollywood Primary School. We will also produce a report explaining how we are planning to spend the coming year's grant, what our main focus is and how the impact will be measured as it supports our continued efforts to raise standards and help the children become confident and well rounded individuals.

## Term Dates 2016 - 2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016	SPRING TERM 2017	SUMMER TERM 2017
Monday 5 September To Friday 21 October ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December (70 days)	Tuesday 3 January to Friday 17 February ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 27 February to Friday 7 April (64 days)	Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 5 June to Tuesday 25 July (61 days)

N.B May Day is Monday 1st May 2017

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 12th September - Attendance Event – Highbury Hall 4-15pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 15th September - Year 6 parents Secondary Transfer & Information Evening 6.30pm
- Tuesday 20th September - Year 3 & Year 4 Information Evening 6.30pm
- Thursday 22nd September - Year 5 Information Evening 6.30pm
- Tuesday 27th September - Year 1 & Year 2 Information Evening 6.30pm
- Friday 30th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2pm

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***"I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed!"***

Michael Jordan

Many thanks

Mr S Dix  
(Head Teacher)