



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had an eventful spring term with many achievements and challenges. I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from the staff, the children, the parents and the governors. I am really excited about the future for Hollywood and look forward to the summer term and indeed many years of growth and development. I hope all involved with the school have a good break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 24th April.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 27.03.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0	RSBS Deer	2	100	0
RA	0	98	3	3B	3	96.67	5
RM	2	97	4.5	3S	1	99	1.5
1B	0	94.33	8.5	4B	0	99.33	1
1F	1	93	10.5	4T	2	93.67	9.5
2B	1	93.33	10	5A	2	98.97	1.5
2P	0	90.67	14	5H	0	93.79	9
				6H	2	99	1.5
Total	18	96.13	83.5	6S	2	97.33	4

Well done to the Otters, Deer, RA and 4B who won the pandas for last week. Thank you for your support, we are now at 96.18% and I remain hopeful that with your help we will reach our target of 97%.

SAD NEWS

You may or may not know that Mrs Mole a long serving member of staff has recently suffered the sad loss of her daughter. Sarah who was 23 years old and a past pupil of Hollywood, was diagnosed with leukaemia and died from complications following treatment. We would like to fundraise for the Young People's Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the wig makers based in Birmingham. We will be holding a charity fete on Friday 16th June from 3pm. More information to follow.

DAISY THE SCHOOL DOG - UPDATE

Daisy's training is going well. A big thanks to Charlotte Steele at 'My Happy Dog' who has given all puppy classes for free. Daisy trains at class 2-3 times a week and has short daily training sessions. She is very smart. She will take her DHK entry test in a few months. Daisy is currently working with about 10 children (soon to be more). These children often don't want to come into school or have poor attendance which has already shown a huge improvement. For some children it is just for a cuddle to make them feel better. If you think your child would benefit from some 'Daisy time' please email Miss Parkes at: c.parkes@hollywood.bham.sch.uk. Daisy will soon be starting agility training so she can work alongside the children.

EASTER SERVICE

Thank you to our readers from Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 who led our Easter service at Immanuel Church on Wednesday 5th April. Tyler, Laura, Kacie-Mae, Lily, Daniel, Dylan, John, Jayden, Lacey, Mia, Isobel, Terrell, Lawson, Honey, Alisha, Lily-Rose and Emily all read well in front of the whole school, even showing off some acting skills. Well done everyone! From all of the staff at Hollywood, may we wish all of our families a very happy Easter holiday. Mrs G Brown

DANGEROUS BUILDING

One of the parents recently drew my attention to a building next to the old spring Factory on the corner of Highters Heath and Maypole Lane. The building is constructed with prefabricated concrete slabs and is tilting towards the road. The parent said he often sees Hollywood children playing around this building and is concerned that the building may collapse on them. Could you please be extra vigilant around this area.

PLEA FROM BREAKFAST CLUB

We are looking for some new toys, games, etc to entertain the children with. If anyone has any games they would like to donate please bring them into Breakfast Club or drop them at the school office, thanks from Mr O'Rourke.

KEY STAGE 1 – CURSIVE HANDWRITING LEARNING BITE SESSION

The PowerPoint for the Cursive Handwriting Learning Bite Session is available on the website. Many thanks to all the parents who were able to join us for the practical session in the hall on Wednesday afternoon. I hope that you found it helpful to know why and how we teach cursive writing at Hollywood and left with some ideas of how you can support your child in developing this skill. Please keep a look out for the session next term, we look forward to welcoming you. Mrs Powell, AHT Key Stage 1.

KS1 DIARY DATE REMINDERS

Year 2 SATs week – week commencing 15th May 2017

Year 1 Phonics Screening – week commencing 12th June 2017

READING

Please ensure that children read as much as they can over the holidays. This doesn't just mean books but could be leaflets, brochures, comics, magazines and ebooks too. Just ten minutes every day can make such a difference to children's understanding and 'reading between the lines'. They also learn the meaning of new words. Over the holiday, you could even pop to the local Library at Yardley Wood, Druids Heath or Kings Heath. You can find more information about local libraries, including opening times at <http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com>

Can we also ask that drinks bottles do not go into children's book bags. Leakages and spills from drinks bottles are ruining the school books that we are sending home. This means that we sometimes no longer have sets of books as the ruined ones have to be thrown away.

YEAR 2 EASTER BUSY BRAINS

The Easter Holidays are here and we thought you might like some free and fun activities to do with your child that can keep their brains (and bodies) busy over the two weeks. Each child is bringing home a pack of Easter themed activities which you can dip in and out of, that will help to support your child maintain all the skills that they have worked on this term. It is amazing how quickly a child can lose these skills over an extended holiday but how easily these can be maintained by dipping in and out for short bursts over the holidays. We hope you find them useful and fun to do together. The Year 2 Team.

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT – IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?

We would like all our children to receive all the funding to which they are entitled. Your child may be eligible for additional funding of up to £1320 per year through the school's budget if you are eligible for any of the following:

* Income support * Income-based jobseekers' allowance * Income-related employment and support allowance
* Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 * 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 * Universal credit * Funding is also available for service children, adopted children or any child who has been looked after by the local authority.

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. Forms and pamphlets with more details are available at the school office. Forms only need a very small amount of information and are strictly confidential. Please ask to speak to Mrs Powell if you require any support in completing the forms.

EASTER COMPETITION: Well done to everyone who entered the easter competition. The winners were Harvey & Belle (Reception), Caiden & Ethan (Year 1), Maya & Abi-Leigh (Year 2), Dylan & Gracie (Year 3), Carys & Harry (Year 4), Charlotte (Year 5) and Millie (Year 6), Libby in the Resource Base and Poppy for the best dressed bike. Other prize winners were Brandon, Izzy, Ellie, Trinity and Stefan.

HSBC BANK (KS2): The next visit from Miss Howes will be on 24th April, then 15th May, 19th June, 3rd July and 17th July. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS: I would like to say a big thank you for all the book donations that have been arriving in the library over the last term. The children and I greatly appreciate it and look forward to reading them from Mrs Haddock.

REMINDER - Starting Monday 24th April

The Library will be opening till 4pm Monday to Friday. Parents/ Guardians can bring their Child(ren) to visit the library to Read, borrow and return books. If your child(ren) are not already members then just come along and sign up. Can all visitors please use the main front school entrance to get a visitors pass from the office. Happy Easter from Mrs Haddock.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Kings Heath Concorde Junior football team are looking for players for their under 6/7/9 and 11s teams. Training is at Wythall Park, anyone interested in joining in should contact Russell Jukes on 07814 299 521.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Friday 7th April - End of term, school closes at 1.30pm
Monday 24th April - School reopens for Summer term
Thursday 27th April - Parents Evening with Reports

MAY

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May - Parents Evening with Reports
Week commencing 8th May - KS2 SATS week
Week commencing 22nd May - My Money Week
Friday 26th May - End of Half Term

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Persistence isn't using the same tactics over and over. That's just annoying. Persistence is having the same goal over and over." Seth Godin

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)