

New Look Hollybush

I am sure many of you have seen the new fabulous building we have for Year 5 and 6. It looks truly amazing and we have to say a big thank you to Interserve for delivering a brilliant learning space on time.

In addition to this work, we have had a lot of work in and around school. Foundation Stage have a new outdoor area with a puddle area, outdoor classroom, garden and climbing frame. A very exciting space for the newest additions to our school. Please respect this area and do not allow your children to play on the equipment before school.

The school kitchen has been extended and refurbished with some exciting and futuristic equipment to accommodate the increasing number of children as we expand.

The key stage 1 classrooms, corridor, and entrance have been re-decorated. The entrance is now awaiting a brand new library to be built in the October half term.

At the end of the month we will be having a coffee morning for you to look round and visit classrooms.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast club will open on Monday 11th September at 8.15

At Hollybush we have one of the largest breakfast clubs in Leeds and are proud that we never turn a child away. Greggs Foundation (the Bakers) sponsors the breakfast club and encourages the use of parent volunteers. By using volunteers, we ensure that the breakfast club offers excellent value for money and is free of charge to ensure all children can attend. Without volunteers, we would need to charge children. **Can you help?** Just by volunteering 1 day per week would help us ensure that this fabulous service remains free and available to all the children in school. If you can help please come and let the office know!

Polite reminders

- Please ensure that all money is paid in at the office.
- Please do not ride scooters and bikes in the playground.
- Children should not be unsupervised on the school playground before school.
- Please ensure that parent contacts are up to date in the office.

**Please check the Hollybush dates
flier for events and dates
taking place over the year.**

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us.



Hollybush News



Date - 8th September 2017

A few words from Mrs Robertson

Welcome back! The children have had a brilliant start to the new term; I have been impressed by their behaviour and attitudes around school in the first couple of days and it was great to see the whole school looking smart in their uniforms for the first whole school assembly of the year. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the course of this term and am working hard on the challenge of learning everyone's names!

After a busy summer, the building work has been completed and year 5 and 6 have moved into our fantastic new building. If you walk past the nursery and reception outdoor area you will also see the wonderful new outdoor learning environment, which has been designed specially for our youngest children by Mrs Robinson and her team.

There are a few 'back to school' reminders in the newsletter this week including a reminder about punctuality; we want your children to get the best out of every school day so please make sure they are here and ready to learn for 8.55! Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

Why is good attendance important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people. What does 90% attendance mean?

- 90% attendance = ½ school day missed every week!
- One school year at 90% attendance = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- Over 5 school years of school = ½ school year missed!
- All children and young people nationally whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

Punctuality Matters too!

Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!

As a school, we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness. Awareness of the impact of lateness is raised with pupils, staff and parents regularly. Registration begins at 8.55am and classroom doors shut at 9.00am and all pupils are expected to be in class at this time. On arrival after 9.00am, pupils must immediately report to the office to sign in school.

School Uniform

All the children looked extremely smart this week in their new uniform. It was lovely to see them in assembly, class and around school.

A few children came wearing shoes that were not black. School shoes must be **ALL** black. Please ensure your child has black shoes for Monday.

- White or pale blue shirt, blouse or polo
- Navy blue / Grey sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece.
- Grey, black or navy trousers, shorts or skirt
- Blue checked/ striped school summer dress.
- Black footwear
- Indoor pumps must be worn in school (Year 1-6) not slippers.

Pumps are available to buy from the school office.