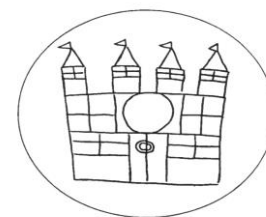


Holmwood School
Newsletter – Autumn 1, September 2017

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and have come back to school ready for all the learning ahead. The children certainly seem to be very happy about coming into school. I am sure this is also matched by your joy at getting back into your normal routines!

As usual we have a very full term ahead, please see the dates below, and keep your eyes open for parentmail letters. At last our Nursery for 3-4yr olds will be opening next week. If you are interested in a place, or know of someone who may be, please contact the school office for more information.

Kind regards, Mrs Claire Sharples,
Executive Headteacher

School improvements

A number of improvements have been carried out to the school during the holidays, some of which are more noticeable than others.

The playground has been refreshed, with new markings added, and some exterior parts of the school have been redecorated.

There are plenty more that we would like to do, but these will be added to our rolling programme of improvements.



“Friends” and volunteers”



Friends of Holmwood do a wonderful job of raising funds for school and supporting us in many ways. It is a great way to meet new people and get involved in your child’s school, whether for a one off event or by giving more regular time and sitting on the committee. All parents of children at Holmwood are automatically members of Friends. Look out for the date of the next meeting.

We are always grateful to anyone who can **volunteer** at school. Many volunteers listen to readers and help with art/spellings, but you may have other skills that you are able to offer. We are particularly looking for a librarian at the moment. Please speak to Mrs Hayley Waters if you are interested in helping with any form of support.

School Values

As a Bridge Partnership, we will be concentrating on a different School Value each half term. Our values link closely to the British Values, as well as reflecting the ethos of both schools.

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| Autumn 1 | Harmony |
| Autumn 2 | Respect |
| Spring 1 | Caring |
| Spring 2 | Patience |
| Summer 1 | Tolerance |
| Summer 2 | Responsibility |

In the entrance area of the school, we have a Values display and this half term there is a jar for Harmony. Jewels will be added to the jar when the children have shown examples of Harmony in school. We hope we can fill the jar.

Up and coming events:

29th September - Welcome to Nursery
5th October - Out of schools assembly
6th October - World Smile Day
12th October - Harvest Festival (TBC)
13th October - Individual & Family photos
17th October - Fit & Fun festival
20th October - Last day of term Mufti Day &
Halloween cake bake

(Half Term: 23rd Oct - 27th Oct)

30th October - Inset Day
31st October - Back to school
3rd November - Science Day
Week commencing 6th November - Parents
evening (day's tbc)
6th November - Whole school football day
10th November - Remembrance day
Week commencing 13th November - Anti
bullying week
17th November - Children in need & FOH Film
& popcorn
24th November - FOH Christmas Grotto
5th December - Reception & Nursery
Christmas dress rehearsal
6th December - Reception & Nursery
Christmas performance (am)
11th December - KS1 Christmas dress
rehearsal (am)
12th December - KS1 Christmas performance
(am)
13th December - Chartwells Christmas dinner
13th December - KS1 Christmas performance
(pm)
15th December - Last day of term / Father
Christmas & Christmas party

(Christmas break: 18th Dec - 1st Jan)

2nd January - Inset Day
3rd January - Back to School

Staffing

As you are aware I work across both Ashbrook and Holmwood schools. For your information I will mainly be based at Holmwood all day on Tuesdays and Fridays and half days on Wednesdays.

Mrs Hayley Waters, Deputy Headteacher- works as Acting Head in my absence and is available all day Monday to Thursday.

Nursery staff

Nursery teacher (am) - **Miss Elise Muncaster**
(and Foundation Stage Manager)

Nursery class support staff- **Mrs Terri Oak**

Reception staff

Bumblebees Teacher - **Mrs Ruth Purdon**
Teaching Assistant - **Mrs Jane Minister**

Ladybirds teachers - **Mrs Angela Brenan, Miss Elise Muncaster**

Teaching Assistant - **Mrs Ann Morrell**

Year 1 staff

Caterpillars teacher - **Miss Shunad Orr**

Teaching Assistant - **Mrs San Nair**

Butterflies teacher - **Mrs Rosie Blackwell, Mrs Nicola Whitwell**

Teaching Assistant - **Mrs Kellie Baldacchino**

Year 2 staff

Grasshoppers - **Mrs Claire Goodson**

Teaching Assistant- **Mrs Tracey Harwood**

Dragonflies - **Mrs Elizabeth Rogers**

(and Key Stage 1 Manager)

Other staff include:

Mrs KJ Allen some Reception teaching times.

Mrs Liz Gully Forest Fun and SEND assistant

Mrs Kiran Johal – SEND assistant

Mrs Cara Barnwell - SEND assistant

Mrs Toni Cole – Welfare Assistant (Medicines/First Aid) and Intervention groups

Mrs Sharon Kelly -School Business Manager

Mrs Liz Baker – School Business Support Assistant

SENCo - Mrs Angela Brenan

Midday Supervisors – Mrs Holly Wery (senior MDS)

Mrs Anna DiGioirgio, Mrs Tiziana Reno, Mrs Simona Rodwell, Mrs Marie Flintoff, Mrs Varsha Patil.

Mr Mark Bond – Site Supervisor