

New School Library

It has been a very exciting week this week as the new library has been fitted in the school entrance., and it looks AMAZING (as you can see from the photos)!!! In the new year we will be inviting parents to a coffee morning to showcase the library and share how we teach reading through class visits.



White Ribbon Campaign

Last Thursday, the whole school showed their support for the White Ribbon Campaign which raises awareness of domestic violence by wrapping a white ribbon around the school.



If you require help or advise with this issue you can contact **0113 246 04 01**

Leeds Parking Enforcement Vehicle

This week we received a letter from Leeds City Council about parking near school stating that, ***'to combat illegal and dangerous parking near to schools, the council has invested in a new parking enforcement vehicle. The vehicle utilises camera/ video capacity to identify illegal, dangerous and inappropriate parking. Footage captured by the vehicle is verified by parking enforcement officers and where an offence has been committed fines will be issued.'***

Like many other schools in Leeds, we have issues with dangerous parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please think before you park – if have no other option than to drive, then please park responsibly - preferably a little way away from the school gates.

Class Assembly 6JV

6JV shared their impressive scientific learning about the main parts of the human circulatory system; the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. The assembly included lots of drama and even a whole class song; a confident performance and such a lot of learning! Well done 6JV.

Class Assembly 3KB

3KB transported us back to the Stone Age in their assembly. They showed us how Stone Age people hunted, created fire, the clothes they wore and how they traded goods. We were even visited by a sabre tooth tiger!" Well done 3KB – a fantastic presentation and a lot of learning.

Dates for your Diary.

Wed 6th December - Nursery Nativity 10:45am

Thursday 7th December – Year 1 Christmas Service and Songs

Friday 8th December- Foundation Nativity (10:30am & 2:15pm)

Tuesday 12th December -Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December – Last Day for Breakfast Club

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties

Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Panto



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



A few words from Mrs Robertson: On Monday 20th November, a ‘National Leader of Education’ visited Hollybush for a day to undertake an external ‘pupil premium spending review’. The review day was to look at how effectively the school uses it’s funding for pupil premium pupils. Some headlines from this visit are:

- The strength of the pastoral work done by the school to support the well-being of our children and families – this is at all levels in school and particularly the work of the learning mentors.
- The high impact of some pupil premium spending on interventions in school such as Lexia to improve progress in reading, and Read Write Inc to improve phonics in Reception and Year 1.

What do we need to improve? ✓ Look at ways to increase the learning time of pupil premium pupils so that they make accelerated progress, faster than that of non-pupil premium pupils. ✓ Invest some time in ensuring that all families who are eligible for PP apply. ✓ Make sure families understand the difference between getting a FSM (in Reception, Y1 and Y2) and being eligible for PP. Families need to know that the pupil premium money will benefit their children and help the school to improve the provision on offer.



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS – SCHOOL TARGET 96%

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
FS / KS1	RLR 96.3%	RYB 95%	2EP 94.1%
KS2	6JV 95.9%	3KB 95.7%	3SP 94.2%
Overall school attendance for the week: 92.6%			

Many thanks for help with teas and coffees at parents evening last night to our parent helpers - Beverley Harrison and Jenna Horsfall; and to school governors - Paul Chatterton and Carol Stagg.

School Improvement Priorities

ATTENDANCE – ‘NO excuses’ – make sure your child attends ON TIME, EVERY DAY.

We are determined to improve the standards that Hollybush children achieve in reading, writing and maths. This week the staff, particularly in years 5 and 6 have been reviewing and reassessing the children’s end of year targets. We have set aspirational outcomes for all children and we need your help to achieve them. Children’s life chances are hugely improved if they leave school with age expected reading, writing and maths; we will do everything we can to help them achieve this.

HOWEVER, when children are not in school, or when they arrive late - they are missing out and losing essential learning time.

School attendance this term is staying close to our target of 96%. Well done to all those whose attendance is keeping us in line with our target.

Over the course of this term we have **lost** a total of **4063 minutes**, or **67 hours**, of learning time due to children arriving late to school.

Please help to improve this – we want our children to attend and achieve.

Do you need help with improving attendance or punctuality?

Please speak to our attendance officer or one of the learning mentors.

Headteacher Awards



- 1JL – Lola Subham
- 1MB – Max Greenwood
- 1DN – Dennis Moyo
- 2EP – Zachary Harrison
- 2NC – Frankie Hope
- 3SP – Kelsey Lea Lally
- 3KB – Miley Busby
- 4KG – Charlie Webster
- 4MP – Diana Skawinska
- 5SP – Mikey Clough
- 5KC – Christabel Chirenda
- 6ED – Joshua Davies
- 6BC – Olivia Fleming
- 6JV – Jasmine Jones

Attendance supports improved outcomes for ALL: Raise attendance above 96%