



Hollybush News



A message from Mrs Robertson

It's great to have everyone back in school and to be up and running as normal after the exceptional circumstances caused by the extreme weather events of last week. The weather caused school closures across Leeds at an unprecedented level and Hollybush was one of two schools who experienced abandoned Ofsted inspections last week.

Many thanks to those parents who had already completed the Ofsted online parent survey in preparation for our inspection days last week. The Ofsted inspection will be rescheduled and at the current time we have no idea when it will be. Parents will be notified of the date of inspection as soon as we are.

I hope the Arctic conditions have now passed and we will do everything possible to ensure that no more schools days are lost.

Date – 5th March 2018

Dates for this week

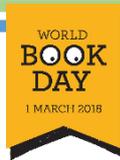
Thursday 8th March 2NC Class
Assembly

Thursday 8th March –
Residential Meeting for Year 6
(current Year 5) @ 2:45pm

**5SP's assembly will be rearranged
for a day later in the year.**

World Book Day

Please keep your World Book Day costumes. We will be holding a story telling day after Easter when children will be able to wear their costumes.



School Leavers

It is with great sadness that we will be saying good-bye to 3 members of staff between now and Easter.

Mrs Pollington has been a member of the Hollybush staff for over 17 year and has decided to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Mrs Palfreeman started with us as a teaching assistant and has been a teacher here for just over a year. She is moving to a new school at the other side of Leeds.

Mrs Holmes has worked in the office for 4 years and is leaving to take up a position working with Leeds City Council.

We wish them all luck in their new ventures.

Message from the Chair of Governors

The last week was a particularly interesting one for the school and I would like to thank all the children, staff, parents and carers for your work and patience.

Having an Ofsted inspection is always a challenging time for any school and it was no different for us. We have been expecting the call since September and it came at lunchtime on Tuesday with the inspection team arriving at 8am on the Wednesday.

Then the weather arrived. A decision to close a school is always difficult, and one that is never taken lightly. I understand the concerns and frustrations of some families around the decision to close on Wednesday but it was absolutely the right decision to make. Mrs Robertson had to make a judgement based on the conditions at the time and the decision to close was supported by both the inspection team and myself.

I would ask you to join me in thanking all the staff for coping magnificently with what has been an incredibly challenging week.

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Individual Photo Day

The photographer will be in on the morning of Wednesday 7th March taking photos of individual children.