

### Nursery Starters.

This term we have welcomed new children into our Nursery. After a couple of weeks of home visits and stay and plays the children are now in Nursery, exploring the provision and accessing lots of lovely activities and learning. This term the Nursery children's learning is linked to Knights and Dragons and birthday parties. All Nursery parents are welcome to come and see the learning in the setting during Wednesday's Stay and Play.

### New Assistant Headteacher

Finally I am delighted to report that the school Governors have appointed Mr Rick Turney as Assistant Headteacher and pastoral/behaviour lead for our school. Mr Turney's appointment means that the school now has a full leadership team in place. We are looking forward to welcoming Rick Turney to the Hollybush team after the February half term.

### Open Morning – Reading

After the success of the Autumn term Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** we will be holding an open morning in school. This will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and see how children learn to read and develop reading skills in school. Parents will also be able to look round the new school library.

As before, attached is a letter asking you to sign up for a reading session with your child. Up to 8 parents will be able to access a session in the class and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

We look forward to sharing our reading with you!

### Class Assembly 1MB

On Thursday morning 1MB treated us to an amazing assembly about traditional stories. They used drama, songs and a quiz to share the learning that had taken place over last term.

It was especially lovely to see the children singing whilst using British Sign Language. Well done to Mr Barron and all the children.



### Dates for your Diary.

**Thursday 1st February - Class Assembly 2EP**

**Friday 2nd February – Open Morning Reading**

**Wed 7th to Friday 9th February - DT Topic Days**

**Thursday 8th February - Class Assembly 3SP**

**Friday 9th February - Break up for half term**

**Monday 19th February - School Reopens**

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



# Hollybush News

Date – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## A few words from Mrs Robertson

Wow... Children are getting very excited - and competitive - about Times Tables Rock Stars. It's fantastic to see such enthusiasm for learning tables and to hear children practising both divisions and multiplication facts around school. Remember that your child can also log in to TT Rock Stars at home, which means you can get involved too. I look forward to seeing the times tables scores continuing to rise across school!

It has also been exciting to notice how many children are now reading books around school. There are books being read as children line up in the morning (particularly year 6), more children reading books in breakfast club and children reading books over lunchtime. Children are getting into the library before school and over lunch and its lovely to see so many adults in school supporting this by reading stories and sharing books with children over lunch and break times.

Reading is a fantastic way to increase vocabulary and to improve understanding of writing and sentences.



## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>FS / KS1</b>	RLR 97.7%	2NC 96.8%	RYB 94%
<b>KS2</b>	3SP 97.7%	4MP & 5SP 96.9%	3KB 94.3%

**Overall school attendance for the week**

92.7% 😞

## Global Assembly International Holocaust Remembrance Day

This morning Year 6 led a very emotional and powerful assembly to all of KS2 children and some parents about the persecution of Jews by the Nazis during WW2.

They told the story of Paul, Rudi and Eve Oppenheimer who were fortunate to survive for five years under the Nazis in Holland, and in the camps of Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen.

Well done Year 6 on presenting and explaining such a sensitive topic in a mature and respectful way!

## First day absence

As you are aware attendance is one of the school priorities. As part of the action plan to improve attendance we have up dated the first day absence procedures.

If you child is not in school you should call the office to inform the school.

If you do not phone school:

1. A text will be sent out at 9.30 asking you to either ring the school office or reply by text by 10.00.
2. If a call or text is not received the attendance officer or office will ring.
3. If we are unable to contact a parent this will be followed up by the attendance officer, learning mentor or leadership team.

**Please ensure contact details are up to date in the office.**

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