



HOLLINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Half Termly Information September 2018

Important Dates this Half Term

Friday 7 th September	Year 5 Swimming Lessons start at Ogden Otters
Monday 17 th September	Year 3 Visit Blackhills
Tuesday 18 th September	Year 4 Visit Blackhills
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 5 Visit Blackhills
Thursday 20 th September	Year 6 Visit Blackhills
Friday 21 st September	Year 2 Visit Blackhills
Friday 21 st September	Forest Fridays start for Nursery and Reception
Friday 21 st September	Jeans for Genes Day
Wednesday 26 th September	50 Things - launch event for Foundation Key Stage parents
Friday 28 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning in school
Friday 28 th September	Reception Reading Meeting & 50 Things activity
Monday 1 st October	Black History week in school
Wednesday 3 rd October	Year 4 trip to Cartwright Hall to start their Arts Award Discover
Tuesday 9 th October	Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival 2pm
Wednesday 10 th October	Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival 2pm
Monday 15 th October	Book Fair this week
Monday 15 th October	Year 5 trip to Thackray Museum
Friday 19 th October	Big Arts Day – Non Uniform
Friday 19 th October	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 29 th October	School Re-opens

KS1 Assemblies - Parents are invited to the following assemblies. Thursdays at 2.50pm

Thursday 20 th September	Good Work Assembly
Thursday 4 th October	Good Work Assembly

KS2 Assemblies - Parents are invited to the following assemblies. Tuesdays at 2.50pm

Tuesday 18 th September	Good Work Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd October	Good Work Assembly

Parents of children in Years 3/4/5/6

At the end of the school day, please wait for your children on the lower path. The top path is too narrow and for both children and parents. Staff will release each child once a parent has been seen.

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Monday 17th September and Monday 12th November at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity for parent to discuss your child needs with the Nurse, this may include eating issues, bed wetting, dealing with bereavement.

Reading

At school this year, we are continuing to celebrate children's reading at home by awarding fantastic prizes each time they reach twenty-five reads on our Raving Reader charts. We encourage children to read at home at least once a day, preferably to an adult. Furthermore, it is important for children to listen to adults read; even though they hear them read at school, it is important that they hear people read at home. Children need to get an adult to sign their reading record every time they read to be awarded a tick on their class's Raving Reader Chart.

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Not only will reading regularly help your child become a more fluent reader, it will help them in all subjects.

Numeracy

Please practise KIRF targets at home with your child.

The ability to recall key facts is a crucial part of our Maths Curriculum at Hollingwood and so we appreciate your support in helping your child learn these facts. The National Curriculum requirements are that all children are able to recall all their multiplication and division facts by the end of Year 4.

The government has announced that a times tables test for Year 4 pupils, will be introduced in the 2019/20 academic year. Each year group has a list of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) that they are expected to learn. These targets are progressive covering nursery through to Year 6. Research shows that learning key facts 'by heart' allows children to be more confident with their mental arithmetic skills. Children will be tested on their mental arithmetic skills regularly in class.

Learning a Musical Instrument

Year 4 have an exciting opportunity this year to learn the Ukulele. Every child will take part in the lesson, which will be led by a specialist teacher. They will have a forty-minute lesson every Monday afternoon, which will be taught in groups of 20 children. There is no cost to the children for these lessons and we hope to continue this in the coming years. We are sure that many children will find these lessons so enjoyable that they will continue to play the ukulele as they move on from Year 4. We look forward to hearing them perform.

Reminder of School Times

Doors open at 8.50am and registration takes place at 8.55am. Please make sure your child is at school in time to start the day with the rest of their class.

School finishes at 3.15pm. Please ensure your child is collected at 3.15pm. It can be very distressing for children if they are not collected on time. If you have an emergency and are unable to be at school for 3.15pm you must ring the school office to let us know.

Uniform

Here at Hollingwood we pride ourselves on the smartness of our children. Our uniform helps bring us all together as one community. This half term we will be paying special attention to what children are wearing and ensuring that they are sticking to the uniform policy. Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform with **black shoes** and that your child's PE kit is available in school on the correct day.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PE KIT ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME.