



NEWSLETTER



*Over
£200,000 has
been spent
on improving
our school*

IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT

We're delighted to share that over recent months, significant improvements have been made to the school. New carpets have been fitted throughout, all walls have been freshly painted, and new lighting has been installed in every classroom. Additionally, two new intervention rooms have been built and interactive whiteboards have been installed in all classrooms to further enhance our children's learning experiences. We hope these upgrades create an even better learning environment for all!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Flying High Partnership for financing all of the above improvements.

WELCOME BACK

The children have settled back into school wonderfully, showing great enthusiasm and positivity. It's been fantastic to see them quickly adapt to their routines and reconnect with their classmates and teachers. Their eagerness to learn and participate in activities has set a positive tone for the rest of the school year.

We hope to bring you more regular updates on all the amazing things the children get up to through this newsletter.

*We have a
school to
be proud
of!*



CASH POTS FOR SCHOOLS

If you or your friends / family members shop at ASDA, you can help to raise money for our school!

Our PTA will receive £1 for anyone who adds our school on the ASDA rewards app. We will then receive 0.5% of any customer purchase when the reward card is scanned.

The money raised will be used to buy resources for the children.

Sign up today, [here](#).



ATTENDANCE

Before the summer, we communicated the DfE's new national framework for penalty notice and the amended law - this came into affect on 19/08/2024.

To read the full document, please click [here](#).

Our school's target remains the same as in previous years - 97%.

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MEDICINES

We have updated our medicines policy and will now only administer prescribed, oral medication. Parents / carers will need to visit the office to complete a form before we can give the medicine.

Additionally, if a child requires Calpol, parents / carers will need to come on site to administer this, as we no longer keep it in stock.



COMMUNICATION

For general enquiries, please call or email the school office.

- 01246 472417
- enquiries@hollingwood.derbyshire.sch.uk

Should you wish to speak with school about your child, there is a graduated system for communication. You can contact the relevant staff via Class Dojo or organise a meeting via the school office.

1. Class Teacher

2. Phase Leader

- EYFS - Miss Thirkell / Mrs Glossop
- KS1 - Miss Ashley
- KS2 - Miss Robinson

3. Deputy Head Teacher - Miss Clarke

4. Head Teacher - Mr Stewart

Should you wish to speak to us about matters related to SEND, please speak to your Class Teacher initially and then our SENCo, Miss Thirkell.



ClassDojo

Please be mindful that teachers may not read or respond to Class Dojo messages during teaching hours.



TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

In coming weeks, we will be trialling a new text messaging system for non-urgent matters.

If you have recently changed your mobile number, please ensure our records are up to date by contacting the office.

HOUSE ELECTIONS

On **Wednesday 18th September**, we will be holding our annual House elections.

House ambassadors / captains foster community, leadership, and teamwork by representing their house. They promote participation, act as role models, organise events, and advocate for students while upholding school values.

Our ambassadors and captains meet regularly throughout the year with Mrs Thompson during lunch times.

If your child (YEAR 2-6) wishes to run in the elections they should tell their class teacher on **Monday 16th** and prepare a short speech for **Wednesday 18th**.

The children will cast their votes through a ballot system and the results will be shared in Friday's celebration assembly.



All children who wish to take part in the elections will be supported to do so.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We will be holding elections for our school council on **Wednesday, 25th September**. Each class (YEAR 1-6) will vote to elect two councillors. Those that wish to stand are encouraged to prepare a short speech to present to their classmates. Children will cast their votes through a ballot system.

Our councillors meet regularly with Miss Clarke during break times.

A school councillor represents their class, shares ideas and concerns, and helps improve the school community.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We would like to inform you that Mrs. Martin will be leaving us on Thursday 19th, to take on a role within the NHS. While we will greatly miss her caring nature and humour, we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs. Martin has been a valued member of our team, and we know she will continue to make a positive impact in her next chapter.



You will be missed!

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED

In advance of our Macmillan Coffee Morning, we are asking for donations of cakes and buns.

Shop-bought or homemade will be greatly received. Please ensure you label any homemade goods so we can inform those with allergies / intolerances.

Please give your donations to your class teacher on **Thursday 26th September**.



LET'S EAT CAKE!

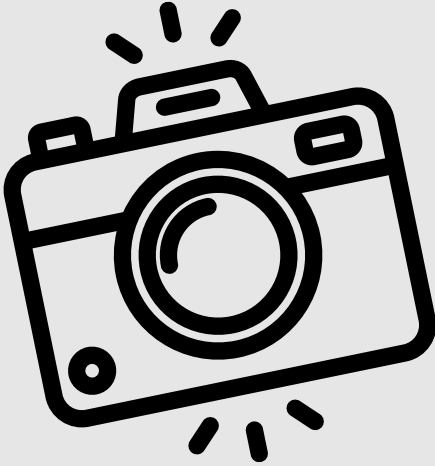
Our Ambassadors look forward to welcoming you into school to raise money for a charity that is very close to our hearts.

Please join us on **Friday 27th September** from **2:30 to 3:15pm** for coffee and cake. Extended family members welcome. Please enter via the main office.

Please bring cash to make donations.



SAY CHEESE!



School photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 23rd October**. All children will have their individual photos taken, and siblings who attend the school will also have a group photo together.

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

PTA

We are so lucky to have a fantastic PTA at Hollingwood Primary School! They have lots of exciting events planned throughout the year for both children and families to enjoy.

To stay updated and find out how you can get involved, visit their Facebook page:
Hollingwood Primary School PTA - Est.2023.



Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

READING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for parents / carers and family members to volunteer their time to listen to our children read. Reading is really important to us, and having extra practice makes a big difference! Ideally, volunteers would be able to come in weekly during the afternoon.

For safeguarding purposes, all volunteers will undergo a DBS check and receive an induction. If you're interested in helping, please contact the school office.



HERE TO HELP

We would like to remind parents / carers that our Child and Family Support Worker, Miss Hudson, is here to offer support if your family needs any assistance. Whether you have concerns about your child's well-being or require parenting support, Miss Hudson is available to help.

Please don't hesitate to reach out via Class Dojo or call the school office.

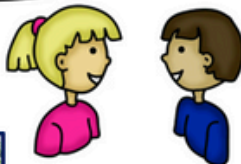


STAYING SAFE

at **Hollingwood Primary School**

Are you feeling worried about yourself or someone else?

Do you want to talk to someone who can help?



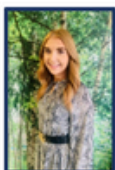
Mr Stewart
Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Clarke
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Thirkell
DSL



Miss Robinson
DSL



Miss Hudson
DSL



Mrs Vodden-Page
Safeguarding Governor

SAFEGUARDING - OUR NO.1 PRIORITY

Safeguarding our pupils is paramount at Hollingwood Primary School.

You must act if you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child.

Please contact a DSL (Designated Safeguard Lead) to share your concerns.

The most time efficient way to contact a DSL is by calling the school office.

Or, alternatively you can email via - safeguardingreports@hollingwood.derbyshire.sch.uk