



NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN IS HERE

As we move through October, it's wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the new school year. The classrooms are buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm as our pupils embrace their learning with curiosity and determination. We are so proud of how everyone has adapted to their routines and shown kindness and respect to their peers.

This month is full of exciting events and opportunities for learning, and we can't wait to share all the fantastic things happening across our school community. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to another great month at school!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month at our school. Throughout the month, children will be learning about the significant contributions and achievements of Black individuals, both past and present, who have shaped history and continue to inspire us today. This is an important time to reflect on the importance of diversity, inclusion, and equality, and to celebrate the rich cultural heritage that enriches our society. We look forward to sharing these meaningful lessons with our pupils.



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Our current school attendance stands at **96.84%**, which is very close to our school target of 97%. Our dedicated Attendance Champions meet fortnightly to monitor and track attendance closely. As part of our efforts to improve attendance, we have started sending text messages and Class Dojo messages to inform parents / carers of their child's attendance. We are also making wellbeing calls to offer additional support where needed.

We encourage all parents and carers to engage with us and reach out if they need assistance. More detailed information about our approach can be found in the school's Attendance Policy. [Click here to view.](#)

Let's work together to ensure every child benefits from full participation in school!

97%

School starts at 8:45am and gates are locked at 9am. If you are running late, please come through the school office.



HOME TIME

We kindly remind all parents and carers that the school site should not be used as a play area after the end of the school day. For safeguarding reasons, children should not be playing on the trim trail, MUGA, or the bankings, as there is no staff supervision at this time.

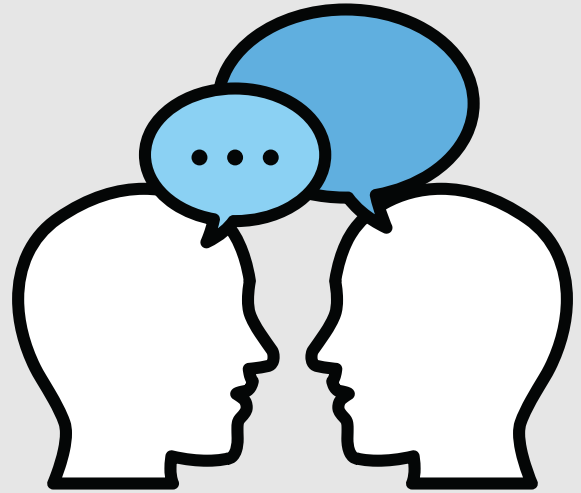
All children, unless attending an after-school club or the after-school care, should leave the school premises when dismissed from class.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

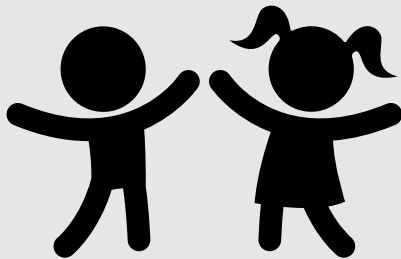
POLITE REMINDER - PARENTS' EVENING

Don't forget, Parents' Evening is coming up on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October**. Please enter via the school office when you arrive. While there won't be a crèche, if you're struggling with childcare, we have benches in the hall where children can sit and wait during your appointment. Refreshments will be available with an honesty box for donations.

Please contact the office if you require support to book an appointment.



We look forward to meeting with you and celebrating your child's start to the new academic year.



We are looking to appoint caring and enthusiastic Midday Supervisors.

JOIN OUR HOLLINGWOOD FAMILY

We currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisors at Hollingwood School. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our fantastic team, please get in touch with the school office for more information. We'd love to welcome new members into our Hollingwood family!

LUNCHTIME SYSTEMS

To help children remember whether they are having school dinners or sandwiches, we have introduced a new rubber band system. This simple system is designed to support children in keeping track of their lunch choices. All children, regardless of their choice, will enjoy lunchtime together in the hall, fostering a sense of community during meals.



AUTHOR INSPIRATION

Key Stage 2 had an exciting opportunity to enjoy a virtual author visit with Ross Montgomery, thanks to the support of our partnership.

The children were thrilled to engage with Ross, ask questions, and gain insights into his writing process, inspiring their own creative work. It was a memorable experience for all!



**Wear
it loud.
Wear
it proud.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10 October, and show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

“A PROBLEM SHARED IS A PROBLEM HALVED”

On World Mental Health Day, we raised awareness by wearing yellow to show our support for mental well-being. As part of our celebrations, the school took part in an interactive Q&A session with Chelsea Captain and England international player, Reece James. He spoke about how character strengths can have a positive impact on mental health, inspiring our children to reflect on the importance of resilience and positivity in their daily lives.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE . . .

CHRISTMAS! Preparations are well underway for our much-anticipated EYFS and KS1 Christmas performances! Keep an eye out for letters coming home soon with details about your child's role and the costume they'll need.

Dates for your diary:

EYFS Performance:

9th & 10th December 2024

10:30-11:30am

KS1 Performance:

17th December 2024

9:15 - 10:15am

2:15 - 3:515pm



Dates for your diary!

*We look forward to
celebrating this festive season
with you!*



*The violin, recorder, clarinet
and glockenspiel are just
some of the instruments our
children learn to play.*



INVESTING IN OUR MUSIC CURRICULUM

At Hollingwood, we are proud to invest in a rich and diverse music curriculum. We work closely with the Derbyshire Musical Hub, who provide high-quality violin lessons for our Year 3/4 children and clarinet lessons for our Year 5/6 children. These sessions are an exciting part of their learning, and we are already seeing fantastic progress. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school soon for a special classical performance to showcase their talents!

HOLLINGWOOD SHINES AT SHAPE AND CHESTERFIELD FC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently had the opportunity to participate in another brilliant football tournament hosted by SHAPE and Chesterfield FC. We proudly took both a girls and a boys team, and each player truly embodied our Hollingwood values throughout the competition. Their resilience and determination shone through in every match, and we are thrilled to report some excellent results that reflected the hard work they put in during the lead-up to the event. Well done to all involved!



*People from other schools
commented on our team's
talent!*



THANK YOU TO OUR KIT SPONSOR

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Personell Solutions**, a local recruitment company specialising in driving, industrial and commercial sectors, for their generous sponsorship of our football kits this season.

The new kits have given our teams a real boost, and the children are incredibly proud to represent Hollingwood in them.

Personnel Solutions

Mansfield Branch - 01623 345234

YOUNG VOICES 2025 - SPACES AVAILABLE

We are excited to announce that we have 10 additional spaces available for the Young Voices 2025 concert! This is a fantastic opportunity for any child to perform in one of the world's largest choirs at the Utilita Arena in Sheffield.

If you would like to sign your child up, please send a direct message to Miss Clarke or Mrs Holmes via Class Dojo. Don't miss out on this amazing experience!



*An unforgettable primary
school experience!*



WE ROCK AT TIMES TABLES!

During the week beginning the **11th November 2024** we will be holding an exciting 'Times Table Challenge Week'. The aim of the week is to encourage the children to learn their table facts whilst having fun. See our **ROCK STAR DAYS** below:

Year 5/6 - 12th November 2024

Year 3/4 - 13th November 2024

Year 1/2 - 14th November 2024

On their specified date, KS2 children are invited to dress up as Rock Stars, and KS1 children are invited to dress up as robots.

EXCITING PTA EVENTS COMING UP!

Our brilliant PTA has a variety of social events planned in the coming weeks, and we're excited for the fun opportunities they will bring!

For more information about upcoming events, please contact the PTA directly via their Facebook page.

 **Hollingswood Primary School PTA - Est.2023.**

We look forward to seeing you there and thank the PTA for their continued support!



Halloween Disco
Hollingswood Primary School PTA

24.10.24 | KS1 4PM-4:45PM
KS2 5:15PM-6PM

Disco Chris
Unlimited Squash
Treat Bag
FREE Raffle Entry Per Ticket
Optional Fancy Dress
£5 Per Child

Tickets Can Be Purchased Via CASH Only
After School From 14.10.24
Or In a SEALED Envelope
Childs Name & Class Written On

Enter Via Office
Exit Via Class Room



Christmas Bazaar

INFLATABLE GROTTO ELDRIDGES STALLS
REFRESHMENTS GIANT RAFFLE GAMES
LETTERS TO SANTA PRIZES GLITTER TATTOOS
CAKES BOOKS TOMBOLA

29TH NOVEMBER 2024
HOLLINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HALL

2PM - 5PM

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DONATIONS NEEDED

The PTA are seeking donations for our upcoming Christmas raffle and would greatly appreciate your support! If you have any unwanted gifts at home, please consider donating them to school. They are looking for items such as chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, perfumes, wine, spirits, and gift vouchers.

Please bring any donations to the school office.

Your generous contributions will help make our raffle a big success – thank you!

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

We're excited to share local events with you that all children can benefit from, helping them to explore new opportunities and experiences in our community.



Fairplay HALLOWEEN DISCO

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024
6.30PM - 9.30PM

BOOKING REQUIRED & EVERYONE IS WELCOME
DCAS, SPRINGBANK ROAD, CHESTERFIELD, S40 1NL

£10 per ticket
(up to family of 4)
£2.50 per extra person

PLEASE PARK IN MECCA BINGO (OR WHY NOT BOOK A TAXI!) - PARKING FEES APPLY, ACCESS THROUGH THE FAIRPLAY DRIVEWAY ONLY

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL!

DISCO • PIZZA VAN • MOBILE BAR

FOR TICKETS & MORE INFO PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE ON 01246 203963 - CARD ONLY

ALSO AVAILABLE AT FAIRPLAY MAIN RECEPTION - CASH & CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

@ FairplayCharity
OFFICE@FAIR-PLAY.CO.UK
WWW.FAIR-PLAY.CO.UK



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TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE:



- FREE INDOOR CRICKET
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
- GIRLS ONLY CRICKET
- AGES 8 - 15

EVERY TUESDAY | 5:00PM - 6:00PM
NEWBOLD OUTWOOD ACADEMY SPORTS HALL,
CHESTERFIELD, S41 8BA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
PETE.BOOT@DCFCRICKET.COM



NEUROHUB
NEURODIVERGENCE THRIVES HERE

Fairplay

Hub Opening Hours:
Open Tuesday - Thursday for Booked 1:1 Appointments (Telephone and in person appointments available!)

Open Friday for Family Support/Social Drop-in Session
10:30am-1:30pm at the Monkey Park Community Hub
128a Chester Street, Chesterfield, S40 1DN

We also have parent/carer support groups, SEND play sessions, weekend groups, workshops/training and lots of other events and activities too.

Please contact the NeuroHub for more information!

Contact Details:
For families who would like to arrange 1:1 appointments for support:
Please contact our Neurodivergence Support Advisor on:
Tel. 07874 941 861 or email neurohub@fair-play.co.uk

For professionals and services looking for information about the NeuroHub - activities, events, parent/carer support groups, workshops, etc:
Please contact our NeuroHub Co-ordinator on:
Tel. 07874 941 890 or email becky.hague@fair-play.co.uk

Messages can also be left at Fairplay 01246 203963

www.fair-play.co.uk and www.monkeyparks.org.uk
Facebook: NeuroHub - Derbyshire

MONKEY PARKS
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Joined Up Care
Derbyshire

ALWAYS HERE TO HELP

At Hollingwood, we are always here to offer support where needed. Our dedicated Children and Family Support Worker, Miss Hudson, is available to assist both children and their families with any challenges they may face.

She has a warm, welcoming office where you can meet in a comfortable, supportive environment. If you need any help or advice, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We're here for you!



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 Safeguarding 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