



NEWSLETTER



Our Head Boy and Head Girl represented the school at the Hollingwood Remembrance Service.

WE WILL REMEMBER

We came together to honor Remembrance Day with a special assembly, where children learned about the significance of this day. The whole school observed a respectful two-minute silence to reflect and remember.

Our Head Boy, Jacob, laid a wreath at the local Remembrance Service, and Darcy, our Head Girl, read a moving poem to commemorate those who have served. A big thank you to the Hollingwood Residents' Association for organising this meaningful event for our community.

A WONDERFUL OCTOBER AND ONWARD TO CHRISTMAS!

October has been another fantastic month at school, and we are already feeling the excitement as we head towards Christmas!

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your support and patience during our recent Ofsted inspection. Your kind words of encouragement truly meant the world to our staff.

While we await the official report, we must say how incredibly proud we are of our children. Their behavior was exemplary, and the way they spoke so confidently and positively about their school was absolutely brilliant. Well done Team Hollingwood! 🌟



ABSENCE = MISSED OPPORTUNITY!

Our current school attendance stands at **96.46%**, which is very close to our school target of 97%.

We kindly remind all parents and carers to inform the school office of any absences before 9:30am. If we have not had contact with you before 12pm regarding your child's absence, our Attendance Champions will conduct a 'safe and well' home visit. This involves staff visiting the child's home to check on their wellbeing and to obtain a reason for the absence. To avoid this process, we strongly encourage prompt communication with the school office whenever your child will be absent.

More detailed information about our approach can be found in the school's Attendance Policy. [Click here to view.](#)

97%

Please contact us if your child is going to be absent from school.

If we have not heard from you by 12pm a home visit will be conducted.



SAFE DRIVING AND PARKING

THANK YOU to all parents and carers for supporting our safer driving and parking requests. Your cooperation in being mindful of children's safety around the school has made a real difference. Let's continue to uphold this level of care and awareness to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

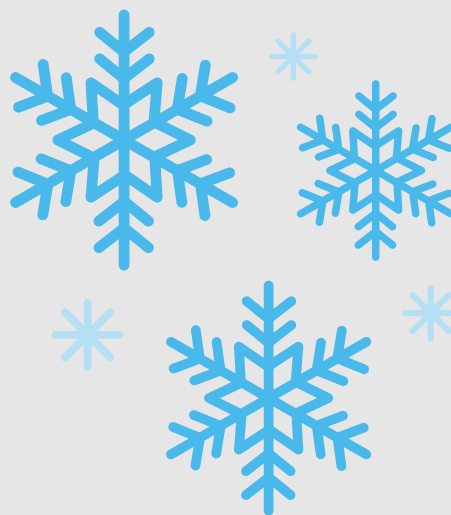
Thank you for helping us make school drop-offs and pick-ups safer for our community!

Polite Reminder: There is an entrance via Private Drive and lots of parking spaces at the Hollingwood Pub.

ADVERSE WEATHER

In the event of bad weather, such as snow, our main priority is the safety of children and staff. We will communicate any updates or decisions via Class Dojo at the earliest opportunity — please check Dojo regularly for messages.

To ensure important calls can get through, we kindly ask parents and carers to avoid phoning the school for updates and instead refer to Class Dojo for the latest information. Thank you for your understanding and support. ❄️🧸



Please ensure your Class Dojo notifications are switched on to receive timely updates .

DRESS FOR THE COLD WEATHER

As the temperatures drop, we kindly remind parents to ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Please send your child to school wearing a cardigan or jumper, along with a warm coat, hat, gloves, and other winter essentials.

Outdoor play and fresh air are incredibly important for children, even in the colder months. To ensure they stay comfortable during playtime, it's essential they have plenty of warm layers.

If you are struggling to provide warm clothing for your child, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Hudson, our Child and Family Support Worker, for support. We're here to help.



CONGRATULATIONS, MISS HOPKINSON!

A huge congratulations to Miss Hopkinson, teacher of Beech Class, on her graduation! She even popped in to see her class wearing her cap and gown, much to their delight.

Well done, Miss Hopkinson — we are all so proud of you! 🎓👏



RECEPTION WENT TO SPACE!

Reception children had an out-of-this-world experience when a space dome visited our school! Thanks to the generous support of our parents, carers, and the PTA, the children were completely immersed in the wonders of space.

This incredible experience was a fantastic addition to their learning, enhancing their enquiry, "What's beyond our world?" The children were amazed, engaged, and inspired —thank you to everyone who made it possible! 🌌🚀🌟



YR3/4 TRAVELLED BACK TO ANCIENT SUMER!

As part of their history enquiry, "What did the ancients do for us?", LKS2 explored ancient Sumer through drama, learning about its cities, gods, and inventions. A fantastic way to bring history to life! 🌟📖



CONOR BRAVES THE SHAVE FOR CHARITY!

A huge well done to Conor in Year 5 for “braving the shave” for a wonderful cause - Macmillan Cancer Support.

Conor had his head shaved to raise funds for charity and collected an incredible **£1,017**. We are so proud of his kindness and courage – what an inspiration!




A very proud Conor and his Dad after the shave. Top job!

CHILDREN IN NEED - WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing **£390** for Children in Need!

The children had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the fundraising activities. A special thank you to Mrs. Morrell for her hard work in organising such a fun and memorable day for everyone.

Your support makes a real difference. Thank you! 



A VIKING ADVENTURE!

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic 2-day residential trip to York as part of their history enquiry "Are invaders influential?".

The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including a city river cruise, a tour of the city walls, and visits to the Jorvik Centre and DIG. Their behavior was exemplary, and they were a real joy to be around throughout the trip.

This incredible experience wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our staff, who gave up time with their own families to support the children.

A huge thank you to everyone involved, including parents and carers, for making this trip possible — truly appreciate it! 🛡️⚔️



OUR ROCKSTARS & ROBOTS HAD A BLAST!

The children had a fantastic time during our TTR Rockstars Days and Numbots Day, organised by our Maths Lead, Miss Ashley. The events were packed with fun activities to promote and encourage a love for times tables and number bonds.

We hope the enthusiasm continues at home. Keep practicing, everyone! 🎸+×



SPOOKTACULAR DISCO

A huge thank you to our fang-tastic PTA for organising a spook-tacular Halloween Disco! The children had an un-boo-lievable evening, filled with ghoulish games, frightfully fun dancing, and monstrous treats.

Thanks to everyone's eerie enthusiasm, the event raised a witch-tastic £463! We couldn't have done it without our fa-boo-lous volunteers.



“IT’S BEHIND YOUUUUU!”

What a fantastic evening we had at the PTA Family Quiz Night! The brilliant Panto Dame brought plenty of laughs and panto fun, making it a memorable event for children and parents alike.

Thanks to your support, all funds raised will help pay for activities and resources for our children. Thank you to our amazing PTA and everyone who joined us!



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our PTA Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner! This festive event promises to be a fantastic way to get into the holiday spirit while supporting our school.

Bring your children, friends, and family along to enjoy:

- ✨ A variety of fabulous stalls to browse
- 🎲 Fun games for everyone
- 🎁 Tombolas and raffles with exciting prizes
- 🎄 Festive treats and surprises

All money raised will go directly towards benefiting the children at our school, helping us to create even more wonderful opportunities for them.



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE FESTIVE FUN AHEAD

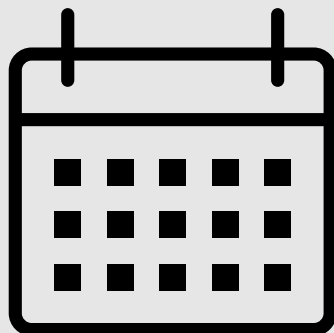
The coming weeks will be filled with lots of festive activities and events for the children. From Christmas performances to themed days and special surprises, there's so much to look forward to.

To help you stay informed, all events have been added to our Class Dojo school calendar. Please ensure you can access the calendar to keep up to date with the arrangements for this magical time of year. The calendar is designed to send reminders at varying time intervals, so you won't miss a thing.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to celebrate this special season with our school community! 🎄🎁



ClassDojo



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.



NEURO HUB
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Fairplay

Buddie's Play Den

UNDER 10'S FAMILY SESSION

1st & last Saturday of each month!

9.00am - 10.00am
Buddies Play Den,
Bridge Street, Clay Cross,
S45 9PD

£2 per child

Come & join us for coffee, chat & soft play session!
For more info contact the Fairplay Office on
01246 203963




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DCAS
Spring Bank Road
Chesterfield
S40 1NL

£5 pp

Sunflower Dance
DANCE FUN FOR ALL

MOVEMENT TO MUSIC
SEND dance sessions!

Next sessions: **(5-15 years)**

6th July
3rd August
7th September
5th October
2nd November
7th December
all 11am-12pm

Fun, relaxed dance group!
Come and make some new friends
and have a good dance!

Chance for
parents/carers to
have a coffee and chat
whilst your children
are having fun!



Contact Fairplay for more
information: 01246 203963

Joined Up Care
Derbyshire



Hollingswood's Hang A Bauble

Open to all... Children AND Adults...
Get your Christmas spirit on!!

Design and make your own tree decoration at home
Use your imagination. Any style, any theme!
All baubles should be as weatherproof
as possible please.

Tree decorations can be hung
on the Community Tree, Community Room,
Hollingswood 8th December from 3pm.
Light switch on at 5pm!!

Refreshments will be available.



Fairplay

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY
23
NOVEMBER
2024

2PM - 4PM

FAIRPLAY, ALEXANDRA ROAD WEST,
CHESTERFIELD, S40 1NP

STALLS / MEET SANTA / GAMES

"Girls have non-stop fun, learning and adventure"



1ST BRIMINGTON BROWNIES

FOR GIRLS AGED 7 - 10 YEARS OLD



Brownies do fun activities, play games and earn badges, all while being supported by trained volunteers.

TUESDAY IN TERM TIME **5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM** **ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL**

Activities

- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Visit new places
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Earn cool badges
- ✓ Explore your creative side

For more information contact:

 Angela - Leader in Charge
07762142032



Girlguiding

www.girlguiding.org.uk

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COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday 11 December 2024
4pm-6pm

MAKATON CHRISTMAS SONGS AS A FAMILY

Buddies Den,
Bridge Street,
Clay Cross,
Chesterfield,
S45 9PD



Please contact the Fairplay Office on
01246 203963 to book a place!



DISCOUNTED SENSORY PACKS

Caudwell children's charity are offering sensory packs to families of children with a disability for a contribution of £22 for families in receipt of means-tested benefits or with an income lower than £60,000.

There are two different packs that can be applied for but the Autism sensory pack includes a dark den, bubble tube and a range of tactile and light up sensory toys.

[Click here](#) for the Autism sensory pack.

[Click here](#) for the Get sensory 3+ pack.

SUPPORT DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD

Christmas can be a joyful time of year, but we understand it isn't the same for everyone. For some, this season can bring its own challenges, and we want to remind you that you are not alone.

If you or your family need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out to Miss Hudson, our Child and Family Support Worker. Whether you're facing financial difficulties, emotional challenges, or simply need someone to talk to, we are here to help.

Our door is always open, and the kettle is always on. Please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to support 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

Hollingwood Primary School
Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

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