



# HOLYCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DEC 2019

Dear all,

We have had an incredibly busy term at Holycroft. One of the highlights has been an amazing Nativity performance by our Year 1 children. We certainly have some stars in the making! Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work in sharing the Christmas story so well.

We have all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by our kitchen team. They worked incredibly hard to prepare a spectacular Christmas dinner for us all and we all really enjoyed it; thank you very much to the team! It was such a disappointment that the HPFA Winter Fayre had to be cancelled. Such a lot of work had gone into organising it and so we were very relieved that Santa could still visit us this week, along with his trusty Elf and Elsa. There were a lot of very excited visitors to Santa's Grotto!

Thank you all for continued support this term. It has been especially difficult when so many children have been poorly and we have really appreciated it when parents have rung to let us know that their child is ill, or to ask us advice about coming to school.

Whatever your faith, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on January 6th. We will be focussing again on attendance and punctuality so we can't wait to see everyone Zoom to School by 8:55am every day.

Mr Morrison

## HOLIDAY DATES 2019/2020

Christmas Holidays – School closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – School opens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

February half term – School closes Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – School opens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Easter Holidays – School closes Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – School opens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

May Day – School will be closed Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – School open Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Half term – School closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 – School opens Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

School closes for the Summer holidays Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance has been hit quite badly here at Holycroft this last half term and currently stands at 94.9%, this is below the national expected level of 96%. Although this is mainly due to the high level of sickness with the winter vomiting bug (Norovirus), there are still a high number with general aches and pains and common colds. We are hoping this will have time to fade over the Christmas Holidays. Please make sure children keep up with basic hygiene, such as washing hands regularly after using the bathroom and before consuming food. If your child develops symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhoea, please make sure your child has two full days clear of these symptoms before returning to school. Children returning to school before this, may infect others and this makes it difficult to control.

If your child has general aches and pains or a normal cough or cold, please don't keep them off school. Give them a dose of paracetamol and send them in. We would never keep a poorly child in school and would call you to collect, so please make sure you update your contact information with the school office.

Please can I also remind you to keep appointments out of school time. General check ups and routine appointments must be made before or after school. Evidence will be required before children can be taken out of school. We do understand specialist and hospital appointments are allocated. Please inform school with plenty of notice by showing the evidence as soon as you have the appointment.

## ZOOM TO SCHOOL

We are still seeing a high volume of children arriving late to school each morning. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time at 8.55am promptly. Children who are late disrupt the start of the morning and spoil learning for the other children who have arrived at school on time.

## SCHOOL DINNER MONEY INCREASE

Please note the school dinner price will increase after the Christmas Holidays to £1.90 per day, £9.50 per week. Nursery will increase to £1.70 per day. Please make sure you keep on top of your child's dinner money balance and do not let it build up. Dinner money that is not paid will be billed to school, taking funds away from school resources. If debt builds up, we will stop providing a lunch and ask you to send your child with a packed lunch or have home dinners. Dinner money can be paid easily through Parent Pay by adding your debit card. If you require your username and password to get you started, please see the school office.

## HOUSEPOINTS

Interhouse competitions will start the first week back so please make sure your child brings their PE kit.



The winners for this half term are **KENSINGTON** Well done to all!



## HPFA & HUB NEWS

Members of the HPFA have been busy this year with activities for children and families. The Winter Disco took place as well as the Santa's Grotto. The Winter Fayre will be rearranged for next year. The HPFA will be holding its Annual General Meeting early in the new year. There will be new positions available for parents who want to get involved with the HPFA and get active with helping raise funds for school.

Coffee Mornings are every Monday and Thursday 8.30-11.00. This is a social space for parents to come and have a chit chat and enjoy a hot drink and toast

New courses for parents and carers with dates:

Family First Aid starts	Wednesday 8th January 2020	1-3pm
English Class starts	Thursday 9th January	1-3pm
Beauty Basics starts	Tuesday 14th January	12.30-3pm
Mind, Health & Wellbeing	Wednesday 15th January	9.00-11.00

New Family Links Course for parents starts 21st January in the morning - more information to follow.

## WINTER WEATHER

Now the colder weather is upon us, please make sure your children come to school with appropriate coats and foot wear. In the unfortunate event that we have to make the difficult decision and close school due to adverse weather, please make sure we have up to date mobile numbers should we need to send a text. You can also download the Bradford Council app, where you can be alerted to closed schools. You can also check out the Bradford Schools Online website and go to closed schools.

**We wish all those celebrating a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**And to all**

**A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR**

**FROM**

**ALL THE STAFF AND PUPILS AT  
HOLYCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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