

Hollycroft Primary Times



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Message from Miss Hackett

Spring feels like it is finally here and it has been lovely to see the sun shining! It has been great to see children getting outside more and enjoying our wonderful grounds. We enjoyed celebrating British Science week. Our children have been engaged in a variety of science experiments and activities. The children have now been caring for their own caterpillars and watched them turn into chrysalises. We also had a visit from some baby lambs and a farmer.

The children enjoyed learning about the lambs and giving them a cuddle! We have also begun some planting in our mud kitchen area, which I know the children have enjoyed, especially getting muddy!

This will be our last Newsletter before the Easter break. I would like to wish you all a relaxing holiday and we look forward to opening our school on Monday 8th April.

End of School Summer Picnic

Come and join us for Hollycroft's end of school summer picnic!

Friday 5th July @ 12pm on the school field.

Let's celebrate a successful year at school by having a picnic with games and music.

You are invited to come and join us on our school field for a picnic, fun and games. Food will be provided by our school kitchen. We ask if you do not bring your own food, due to allergies. Please bring a picnic blanket / chairs and join us to celebrate an amazing school year. This will start at 12pm. Please feel free to spend an hour or so with your children on the field. You can then take your child home early or join us for a little while and leave your child at school until the end of the day. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We ask that no more than 2 grown ups join us per child. You will enter through the school reception. Thank you for your support with this. We can't wait!



Reminders

School Absence

Please can we remind all Parents/carers to call or email the school office if their child is ill.

The school office email is office@hollycroft.leics.sch.uk

For all holiday requests, please see Mrs. Bailey in the office who will give you a school absence request form.

Labelling

Please can I remind you to name all of your children's belongings. This will make it easier for us to ensure they all get the right clothes back at the end of the day. We have iron on badges priced at £2 that can be bought via the office.

Vaccinations

- A polite reminder to register your child for their flu vaccinations

- Visit: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk
- Select Seasonal Flu.
- You will need to enter a school code.
- For Hollycroft Primary School the code is LE149749

School Gate

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers that our school gates open at 8:45am. All children need to be in their class and registered for 9am.

Nut Free School

Please can we remind you we are a nut free school.

We advise that no item is brought onto school site that contains or may contain nuts. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Easter Break

Please note, the last day of this term is **Friday 22nd March**. School will re-open on **Monday 8th April**.

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs (before and after school wrap around care)

Sunrise and Sunset, before and after school clubs, please contact us at office@hollycroft.leics.sch.uk to advise us of the sessions you would like to book. Thank you.

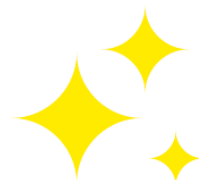
Sunrise Club: 7.45am-8.45am (£4.50 per child, per session)

Sunset Club: 3:15pm-4:30pm (£4.50 per child, per session)

Sunset club will close at 4pm on Friday 22nd March. Thank you.

Diamond Awards

At the end of every month, a child from each class will receive the 'Diamond Award'. This award is presented to a child for wowing their teachers by having stood out that month. On the last Friday of every month, the Diamond assembly takes place in the hall where we congratulate each other on our successes.



Miss Brookes' Class – **Ralph** – For showing great resilience in his learning and always showing kindness towards all peers and staff at Hollycroft.

Miss Cox's Class – **Jack** – For having a positive start to every day and showing enthusiasm towards his learning.

Sports Day

Hollycroft's first sports day will take place on
Monday 17th June 2024.

Ladybirds – 2:15pm to 2:45pm

Explorers – 2:50 – 3pm



Parents/carers are welcome to come and spectate our first sports day!

You will meet us on the field, coming through the school reception, to the school field to watch and then will collect your children as normal at 3:15pm through the normal gate.

If your child is in the explorer class, you are welcome to collect your children at 3pm when their sports day finishes and they can leave with you.

If you have any queries, please speak to Miss Brookes.

School Nurse Contact

CONTACT A SCHOOL NURSE BY TEXT MESSAGE

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 382



CONTACT A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL VIA THE HEALTHY TOGETHER HELPLINE

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



CALL 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

Please see attached, school nurse contact details.

Family Lives



Family Lives provides targeted intervention and crisis support to families. If you need to talk, we're here to listen.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Family life can be a challenge, but you are not alone



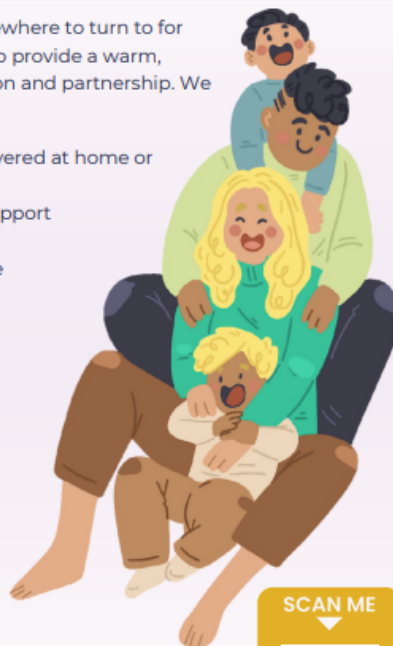
Our Whole Family Relationship Support Service provides families with help and guidance that builds stronger relationships

We believe that every family should have somewhere to turn to for support both in good times and bad. We aim to provide a warm, confidential space that encourages participation and partnership. We offer the following types of support:

- Weekly 1 to 1 support for up to 8 weeks delivered at home or community setting
- Family Lives helpline, email and live chat support
- Parenting workshops and programmes
- Online resources and advice via our website

Our family relationship service is designed to support mums, dads and their families through every step of their journey, from perinatal support to teenage years.

We recognise that each family is unique, so our services are tailored to meet specific need, working within the home, the community or in school we can help develop personalised strategies and provide access to the resources and support to help build happier relationships and happier families.



For more information about this service, please contact our team:

- Email AdeleW@familylives.org.uk or call 07971 253000
- Email JadeT@familylives.org.uk or call 07703 695819

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Family Hub Leicestershire

At the heart of our communities, our Family Hubs have been established to support families, children and young people across Leicestershire. Working with partner organisations our Hubs provide a one-stop shop and offer advice, information and resources to help families navigate every stage of life; from pregnancy, through your child's early years, later childhood and into young adulthood.



<https://www.familyhubsleicestershire.org.uk/>

There are lots of links to follow on this page to get you to the correct page you need.

Autism Acceptance Week

From 2nd – 8th April, it is Autism Acceptance Week. As this is in our Easter break, we have been celebrating this week. The children have done some great rainbow designs and wore some brilliant, bright colours to show our support! Miss Brookes and Miss Cox did a 5k colour walk in support.

There is no pressure to, but if you would like, here is the link to donate to the National Autistic Society. <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/donate#3dc878fd-a413-449f-856e-2829ec92c4b1>

Here are some useful links:

This first link allows parents/carers to access FREE 30 minute 1:1 calls

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/workshops-and-events/autism-hub-events/autism-hub-midlands-1-to-1-support/>

This second link allows parents/carers to access FREE online workshops.

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/midlands-delivered-contact-and-ambitious-about-autism>

All the workshops and 1:1 calls are facilitated by a Peer Educator with lived experience of Autism.

Governors at Hollycroft

Please take a look at our school website for the new governing body of Hollycroft Primary School. If you are interested in joining the Governing body please contact Mrs Bailey at the school office.

We have already had successful governor meetings that have taken place this term, we would like to thank our governors with their support on this.

Our next governors meeting will take place in the Spring term on Tuesday 18th June.



Oxford Reading Buddy parent newsletter feature

We are delighted to tell you that our school is now using *Oxford Reading Buddy*. This is a digital reading service to support children's reading development at home and at school. It contains hundreds of digital books and book-quizzes all matched to each child's reading ability. Please log in to *Oxford Reading Buddy* when your child brings home their sign-in card and encourage them to use it regularly. If you don't have a tablet or PC at home the service works on smartphone as well. For more information go to this address and choose Parent Support: <https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/>



Reading with your children at home

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to read with your children at home, please continue to record this in your child's 'reading record' which is monitored and filled in at school.

Our reading day is Thursday, but please keep your children's books and reading records in their bags at all times. This is because we sometimes need to change the day we read with your children.

Thank you for your support with your children's reading.

Parent Workshop

Autism Outreach Team:

We are able to offer a termly Parent Workshop – please contact AOSTraining.leics.gov.uk for further details. Parents can find further sources of information and support on the Local Offer: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability/where-to-start-with-send/what-is-the-local-offer>

Link to parent workshop waiting list:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability/education-and-childcare/educational-specialist-services/specialist-teaching-service/autism-support-in-schools>

Other Dates

Friday 22nd March	End of term
Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April	Easter Break
Monday 8th April	SCHOOL OPENS for children
Monday 6th May	School closed for May Day
Friday 24th May – Friday 31st May	Half term
Monday 10th June	Phonics Check Y1
Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June	Sports and Well-being week
Monday 17th June	Sports Day
Monday 1st July	Transition Day
Friday 5th July	End of Year Summer Picnic

Thursday 11 th July	End of term
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Term dates 2023 - 2024

Spring Term

New Year Bank Holiday:	Monday 1 January 2024
Inset Day	Monday 8 January 2024

Schools open:	Tuesday 9 January 2024
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Half term break:	Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024
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Schools close:	Friday 22 March 2024
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Summer Term

Schools open:	Monday 8 April 2024
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May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 6 May 2024
Trust Inset Day	Friday 24 May 2024

Half term break:	Friday 24 May to Friday 31 May 2024
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Schools close:	Thursday 11 July 2024
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**One Inset Day is
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