

# Hollycroft Primary Times



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## Message from Miss Hackett

It has been a fantastic start to the summer term. It is wonderful to see all the children back in school proudly wearing their school uniform. The children have returned full of enthusiasm for the new term. We are looking forward to a term of the children working hard, making progress and enjoying planned trips to support their learning and well-being.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the children across the school all the very best as they will be taking part in a number of **DfE Statutory Assessments**:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

I know our school leaders, teachers and support staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that all the children in school reach their full potential!

Hopefully, as the weather continues to improve, we will be able to spend more time outside and enjoy the sunshine in the final term of this academic year.

### Reading Together

Please continue to read with your child daily. Reading and sharing stories at home regularly is vital to children's reading development. Your child's reading books and record needs to be brought to school every day.

### Cyberbullying

The internet is amazing and I'm not sure how we would have managed to carry on learning through the lockdown without it! It can be a very positive and fun tool, but like anything, children still have to take care with their use of the internet. Cyber bullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it can go viral very fast. It can take many forms including harassment, verbal abuse, exclusion and impersonation. With more and more devices now connected to the internet, children spend a lot of time online playing games, chatting and using various apps. As part of our ICT curriculum, we spend a lot of time teaching the children how to be safe online. I have included some useful links below. Please look at them and discuss them with your children.

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>  
<https://www.childline.org.uk>

### **Value of the month: Patience**

- Patience is the ability to wait for something without getting upset and still being positive.
- It's important for children to learn patience as it can benefit their health, relationships, and success in the long-term.
- Learning patience can take some time to develop, so activities are very useful.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024** – Last Day of Term

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – School closed for Inset Day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – Sports Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – End of Term Summer Picnic

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – End of Term, School closes for Summer

## **End of School Summer Picnic**

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

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 bought onto school site that contains or may contain nuts. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### **May Half Term**

Please note, the last day of this term is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. School will re-open on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

**Children are not in school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This is our inset day.**

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

Sunrise and Sunset, before and after school clubs, please book via MCAS. Please note, you cannot book your child into a club 24 hours before. Please book in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

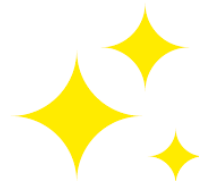
**Sunrise Club: 7.45am-8.45am (£4.50 per child, per session)**

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

**Sunset club will close at 4pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. 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 –

Miss Cox's Class –

# Sports Day

Hollycroft's first sports day will take place on  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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



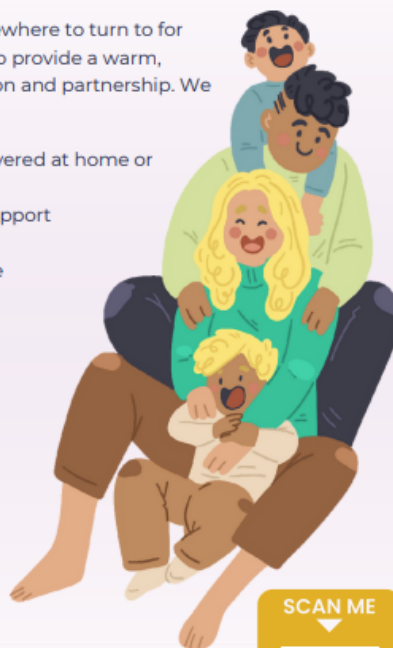
**Our Whole Family Relationship Support Service provides families with help and guidance that builds stronger relationships**

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](mailto:AdeleW@familylives.org.uk) or call 07971 253000
- Email [JadeT@familylives.org.uk](mailto: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.**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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-educationalneeds-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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for May Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Check Y1
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports and Well-being week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Summer Picnic
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term

## Term dates 2023 - 2024

### Spring Term

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

**Schools open:** Tuesday 9 January 2024

**Half term break:** Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024

**Schools close:** Friday 22 March 2024

### Summer Term

**Schools open:** Monday 8 April 2024

**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

**Schools close:** Thursday 11 July 2024

**One Inset Day is disaggregated**