



Hollymount School



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Key Information

This week's newsletter contains key information about our school. Whether you are a new parent to our school, or have been part of our school for years, we hope you find it useful.

Staff list

The following staff work with your directly
with your children

Principal of the Black Pear Trust: Mrs Cran-
ton

Headteacher: Miss Pritchard

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Donnelly

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Hussain, Mrs
Turner

Inclusion Manager: Miss Weston

Nursery Tots: Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Kedzior

Nursery: Miss Woodward, Miss Hall, Miss
Lord, Mrs Kizielewicz

Reception: Mrs Greenaway, Miss Wooley,
Mr Powell, Mrs Martins, Miss Davies

Year 1: Miss Doyle, Mrs Davis-Lloyd, Mrs
Lees, Mrs Lloyd

Year 2: Mrs Kelly, Miss Spencer, Mrs Jones,
Mrs Hussain

Year 3: Miss Brown, Mr Roberts, Mr Webb,
Miss Preece

Year 4: Miss Hoare, Mr Harrold, Ms Maurer,
Mrs Bristow

Year 5: Mr Atkinson, Miss Amos, Mrs Lees,
Mrs Taylor, Mrs Maciaszek

Year 6: Mr Davies, Mr Hill, Mrs Ricketts, Mrs
McGorman, Mrs Pask, Mrs Stanley

Speech and language support: Mrs Stokes

Contact information

Please let the school office know straight
away if you move house or change phone
numbers. It is vital we can contact you in
case there is an emergency. All children
should have at least 2 contacts on our
Information system.

We will shortly send out the information we
have on our system for you to check and
amend where necessary

Office Times

The office is staffed from 8—4.30pm; Monday—
Friday by Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Motion and Mrs Parry.
The school phone number is 01905 23159.

If you require access to the school, during the
day, you need to press the button next to the
gate and wait for a response. Please be pa-
tient—the office staff are very busy! Only the
pedestrian gate closest the vehicle gate will
open between 9am and 3pm.

School times

The main school day runs from 8.50am—3pm.
(Nursery sessions from 8.30—11.30am; 12.30—
3.30pm)

Children should be on the playground ready for
school by 8.40am. If a child is late for school
(after 8.50am) he/ she should go to the office.
No child should enter school via any other door
after this time.

Breakfast club runs from 8am—8.30am at a cost
of 30p per day. No booking necessary.

Little Pears After School Club runs from 3pm—
5.45pm. Places need to be booked via the
office, in advance to avoid disappointment.

Next Week w/b 17th September

Monday:

Tuesday: Year 2 swimming

Wednesday:

Thursday: Year 6 swimming

Friday:

*All children from Reception to Year 6
should have brought home a letter
about after-school clubs.*

*Please complete and return by
Wednesday.*

Attendance and Absence

Your child should attend school every day, unless he/she is very sick. 95% attendance is the expected minimum which is less than 6 days off a year.

If your child is ill, please ring or visit the school office to let us know. If you do not contact us, a call will be made to your home.

Please try to book routine health checks e.g. dentist outside the school day where possible. If this is not possible, then children are expected to attend school before and after the appointment.

Evidence should be shown to the office of any appointments which have been made.

The school follows the Local Authority advice and does not generally authorise holidays taken in school time. These can disrupt learning and upset friendships. The Local Authority may fine parents where school attendance is unacceptable.

School Dinners

Our school dinners are cooked on site every day using fresh ingredients. Claire, Aleasha and Tammy work hard to ensure all children will find something they enjoy. Lunches cost £2.30 / day. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please go to the office. **Menus are sent home every 3 weeks, please fill it in with your child!** Food has to be ordered and, without a completed menu, your child won't be able to choose what they like.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have cooked lunches. Once a child reaches Year 3, families may choose to send children with packed lunches. Please try to ensure these consist of a form of sandwich/ wrap, drink and healthy pudding (fruit, yoghurt).

Any parent is entitled to take his/ her child home for lunch if preferred.

Thank-you for taking time to read this.

Remember newsletters are our main method of communication to keep you informed about what is going on in school.

If you do not receive a newsletter on a Friday afternoon spare copies are kept in the office or can be found on the school website (at the bottom of the home page).

Sport, Trips and Residential Events

We are proud of the opportunities we offer to our pupils throughout their time at Hollymount. We hope that you value the experiences children have.

These experiences, however cost a lot of money. We are not allowed to insist on payment and therefore ask for voluntary contributions. The school subsidises almost every activity it offers. For instance, for swimming we only ask for £1 per session, when it costs more than double this each week to send each child. Hiring coaches costs the school thousands of pounds each year.

Please try to support us by paying as much as you can. We will try to give as much notice as possible of upcoming events so that you can prepare for costs. We can also offer payment cards for families to pay off large sums a little at a time.

Unfortunately, we had to make the difficult decision to reduce the amount of sport on offer this academic year (e.g. not all children will go to the gym) as the school did not have the funds to pay for it. We do not want to have to do this further.

Help to keep our school a safe and place

We welcome families into our school but the following rules help to keep your children safe:

- 1) If you need to go into school for any reason, you must visit the office first.
- 2) No dogs are allowed on school grounds (even carried in arms)
- 3) No smoking on school grounds. We also request that you do not smoke at the school gates. A cloud of smoke at the gates is not pleasant to walk through.
- 4) Park safely. Do not block driveways of neighbours, park on corners or on zig-zag lines. Where possible, walk to collect/ drop off your children please.
- 5) Walk on paths around school. We do not allow children (or adults) to walk on the steep grass bank or through the carpark. Parents are frequently seen leading their children through parked and moving cars.