

Children have returned very well this week, despite a lot of wet weather. Attendance was very low, sadly.

Just a reminder to everyone that on a very wet day, the centre doors of school will open at 8.30am and all children can come through this way.

The Reception/ Nursery gate will also open at 8.30am on wet days.

We are sorry we don't have more shelter but try our best to get children in and out as quickly as possible.

We would like to welcome Miss Spencer back to Hollymount after her maternity leave. She is working in Reception from Wednesday – Friday.

### Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Clubs: netball, forest school**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

- **Swimming Year 5**

**Clubs: outdoor activities, art, football**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

- **Swimming Year 3**
- **Family learning 1.15pm**

**Clubs: cricket**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

### **Respect**


As you will know, one of our school and British values is "Respect." This half-term it is our focus in school assemblies.

Respect can be shown in many ways, as can disrespect.

This week there has been couple of unacceptable incidents in which children (between the ages of 7 and 11) have used ethnicity or religion as a way of either referring to children or making groups to play games. We rarely see racism in our school, but these were classed as racist incidents. In response to this, all teachers have been asked to spend a little extra time talking about what it means to be respectful – particularly of people from different backgrounds or beliefs. It is a huge strength of our school to have such a varied and interesting population.

We would hope that all our families show each other the same respect and model tolerance and kindness in their own actions.



 <b>SCHOOL VALUES</b>	<b>PROUD TO BE ME</b>	<b>ENJOY LEARNING</b>	<b>ACHIEVE SUCCESS</b>	<b>RESPECT FOR THE WORLD</b>
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### Keeping Children Safe

#### Safeguarding and Family Support

#### Designated Safeguarding

**Lead:** Mrs S Ricketts

#### Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mr D Davies

Mrs R Hussain

#### Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr D Davies and Mr M Harrold

#### Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care](#)

[Worcestershire County Council](#)

In an emergency, always ring 999.

#### Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc out of bedrooms

### Attendance update

	Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> February	This term	This year
Reception	96.2	91.6	92.7
Year 1	91	91.8	91.5
Year 2	92.8	93.2	92.1
Year 3	93.5	92.8	93.3
Year 4	93	92.8	91
Year 5	92.4	93.1	94
Year 6	89.23	91.7	94.2

**What a fantastic start to the term Reception – keep it up.**

**Everyone else, can you beat Reception next week?**

### World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. As always, we will be celebrating 'all things books' with a number of special activities for children that day.

Hopefully your child brought home a flyer this week to explain about our invitation for children to dress up.

The year we would like to invite children to wear their pyjamas to school for "Bedtime Story Day." Dressing gowns, onesies, teddies are all encouraged. However, if you have already purchased or made a book related costume for your child, then of course they can wear that.



Sharing stories with children is so important at any time of day but to help children relax at the end of the day, before going to sleep is perfect.

Remember, dressing up is OPTIONAL. Any child who would prefer to wear their school uniform that day is also welcome!

### Job Vacancies

- 1) An assistant caretaker  
<https://mynewterm.com/school/Hollymount-School/140933#>
- 2) After-school cleaner  
<https://mynewterm.com/school/Hollymount-School/140933#>

You will find details on "MyNewTerm" - you can follow the links above. Links are also on the vacancy tab of the school website.



Parking, stopping or even waiting briefly on zig-zag lines is **illegal**. If caught, you can receive a fine of around £70.

**This law is to keep pedestrians, particularly your children safe.**

**We do not want there to be a serious and tragic accident because of parents illegal parking.**

Earlier in this newsletter, we have drawn your attention to RESPECT. Please also respect our neighbours when you are collecting children. You must not block drives and should allow sufficient room for them to move on and off safely.

We will be in conversation, again, with local policing teams, civil enforcement officers and local councillors to see if there are any other measures, we can bring in place to help keep our children safe.

