

We hope you had a lovely weekend and were able to make the most of the dry weather.

Summer Term Events: Summer Fayre – Wednesday 10th July

As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, there are a lot of events coming up this term. The Summer Fayre, however, is the one that takes the most organisation and we need your help!

The PFA will be holding a meeting on this Wednesday (24th April) at 2.30pm. It would be fantastic to see more people come along.

At the meeting, we will be asking for ideas for the Fayre and volunteers who might be able to help out on the day. If you think you could help or have an idea but can't come to the meeting, please send us a message to office@hollymountschool.org Miss Hoare will be leading preparations with the parent volunteers. Please join us in making this a special day for everyone.



Week beginning 22nd April

Monday 22nd April

- **Earth day – children will be marking the day and thinking about reducing waste and pollution**
- **Clubs: netball, forest school**

Tuesday 23rd April (St George's Day)

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

Wednesday 24th April

- **PFA meeting 2.30pm All Welcome**

Thursday 25th April

- **Singing workshop – Royal Grammar School; selected pupils only**
- **Family learning 1pm**
- **Clubs: cricket**

Friday 26th April

- **Clubs: gardening**

Remember to make use of this website if you need to:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

And look out for symptoms of measles: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



SCHOOL
VALUES

PROUD
TO BE ME

ENJOY
LEARNING

ACHIEVE
SUCCESS

RESPECT FOR THE
WORLD



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

Earth Day Monday 22nd April

We hope you received and read the letter emailed to families last week about Earth Day.

We will be marking the day in various ways such as learning more about the environment, joining with a nation-wide virtual assembly and inviting children to make a promise to do their bit to look after the environment.

Our focus will be "from small starts come big impacts." Our school motto "inspiring success" is a promise to help every child to achieve their dreams. In the same way, by working together, making small changes, our children can see how powerful they can be to impact change.

We are starting with challenging waste.

By making different decisions about how we use resources, we can reduce waste.

We have asked you for your help tomorrow. If your child has a packed lunch, or brings a snack, please support them by using reusable boxes and reducing the number of prepackaged foods.

Pre-packed foods, although convenient, cause a huge amount of waste and also tend to include highly processed foods which are not healthy choices for any of us. Children who have school dinners will also be encouraged to reduce waste food by only taking what they want and eating rather than wasting it.



Looking after our school environment and belongings is also very important.

The "lost property" mountain hasn't got any smaller. Remember to name all items. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to look at these things or if they are very little, you are invited to come to the office to look for yourself. **We have now had many of these coats and jumpers for over 6 weeks and will add them to our 2nd hand stock after this week, if not collected.** Any non-school items will be given to charity.

Attendance

It has been a varied week with some very good and very poor attendance. The "Friday sickness" is still evident.

Here is a screen shot of the daily averages this year.

Attendance by day of the week

1. Thursday 92.06%
2. Tuesday 92.02%
3. Monday 92.01%
4. Wednesday 91.78%
5. Friday 90.5%

We know how hard it can be on a Friday at the end of a long week, but school is just as important on a Friday as it is on any other day. There is no "easy day" – every day counts.

Please only keep your child at home if they are too sick to come in. Sometimes coming in will take their mind off the slight symptoms they might have and they will forget all about them.

This week broke the Wednesday pattern by being the best attended day by far! Let's hope more days are like Wednesday this week.

Monday 15th April 91.34%

Tuesday 16th April 90.2%

★ Wednesday 17th April 94.54% ★

Thursday 18th April 91.46%

Friday 19th April 90.92%

Attendance also varied wildly across year groups. Here are the figures for last week and since September.

	Week beginning 15 th April	2023-24 Academic year
Reception	84.73	90.95%
Year 1	90.96	91.09%
Year 2	90.49	92.47%
Year 3	87.07	92.29%
Year 4	88.98	90.69%
Year 5	89.17	93.43%
Year 6	★ 96.48 ★	94.18%

"Good" attendance is set by the Government at over 96%. None of our year groups have currently achieved this. Any child with attendance below 90% is classed as persistently absent.

Year 6 were highest attenders by far last week – keep it up Year 6! Well done.

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