



Newsletter week beginning 18th May



What happened this week...

Another school year milestone passed this week - Year 6 SATs. All Year 6 children worked incredibly hard. We are sure their hard work will have enabled them to achieve a score they will be proud. We are proud of them, whatever that score may be!

The rest of the school carried on 'as normal' and we are equally proud of them.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Everyone should have received an emailed letter last week confirming the news that vouchers will no longer be available for families whose children are entitled to free school meals. Since the Covid pandemic, vouchers have been given to these families each school holiday to support with the purchase of food. This funding has now ended.

The letter emailed outlined the way funding is now being spent and how families can access alternative support.

If you did not receive a letter and would like one, please contact the school office.

Please remember that food bank services still run as normal through the year for families in need.

Helping children with changes - STILL TIME TO BOOK!



We are hoping to offer a free interactive workshop which provides parents and carers with strategies and resources to support their child through changes.

Changes and transitions within a child's life can create uncertainty. They can be small things like finishing playing a game or getting ready for dinner to big things like starting a new school. This

free, interactive workshop will provide parents and carers with strategies and resources to support their child through changes.

Who it is for

This session is for parents and carers of children and young people **who have or may have SEND** (special educational needs and disabilities) who struggle with change or are approaching a significant transition.

From this workshop you can expect:

- Practical guidance and tips on how to support your child through change
- Interactive activities to help create a personalised transition booklet.
- The opportunity to ask questions and discuss real-life scenarios

By the end of the session, parents and carers will have a clear action plan to support their young person to navigate change.

When is it?

Tuesday 19th May, 9am

If you are interested in attending please complete the following form.

Transitions Booking Form¹

We will need a minimum of 6 parents attending in order for the session to run. 30 spaces are available. If you have any problems booking, please let us know.

¹<https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnLearningServices/CourseBooking.aspx?CourseId=1135&CourseSessionId=11668&CourseSessionGUID=c844cf9d-891c-45b5-8592-c6d6fe8b209d>

School Dinners



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Last week, over 80 children had no order for a school dinner. This means that caterers cannot plan properly and children are left disappointed or upset when they can't eat what they want

If your child has a school dinner, this MUST be ordered. Orders close before the beginning of the school day. Orders are made via the Arbor app. No charge is made if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or older and eligible for free school meals. If you have any problems using the app, then please see a member of the school office for help.

Ideally please try to order a week in advance, that way caterers can order enough ingredients to ensure all children can have what they would like.

If we do not receive an order for a child, then the only food available to them is a jacket potato. This is not nutritionally balanced and boring for the child. Please help us to help your child(ren).

School Uniform



It is that time of year when we are beginning to get ready for the new term in September!

School uniform remains unchanged for next academic year. It is an expectation that children wear school uniform daily:

white shirt

tie (bought from school)

grey jumper or cardigan

grey trousers or skirt (skirt available from school)

black shoes/ black trainers/ black boots

Dark-coloured coat

In addition there are the following options, or alternatives

School-badged blazer

School-badged PE kit (or provide a purple t-shirt and black shorts)

School-badged book bag (or provide an alternative bag suitable for a book)

Some of the badged items are no longer routinely kept in stock by school and are made to order.
Please make sure you place your orders June 13th to ensure that we have items ready for September.

All orders are made and paid for via Arbor.

We have some items available as 2nd hand at reduced cost. Please enquire at the office if you would like to explore this option.

Year 6 parents

At the end of term, if you have good quality uniform items (especially skirts and blazers) that you would like to donate to school, we will gladly have them for 2nd-hand stock.

This Week



THERE ARE NO MORE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS UNTIL JUNE 1ST. LITTLE PEARS IS STILL AVAILABLE DAILY.

Monday 18th May:

Tuesday 19th May:

Wednesday 20th May: Year 2 Trip to Little Owls Farm Park

Thursday 21st May:

Friday 22nd May: School Closed to all children

School reopens: Monday 1st June

Summer Term Events

INSET DAY (no school for children: Friday 22nd May

2HT/EDL (Mrs Davis-Lloyd's) class assembly 9.45am: Friday 5th June

1HS/CB (Miss Bacon's) class assembly 9.45am: Friday 12th June

Youth Speaks Competition: Tuesday 26th June

Year 6 Residential: Thursday 18th - Friday 19th June

Reception Trip to Weston: Wednesday 24th June

Year 5 taster day Bishop Perowne: Friday 26th June

Big Sing: Monday 6th July (for children in Big Sing Club)

Year 5/ 6 showcase: Thursday 9th 2pm and 6pm; Friday 10th July 10am

RockSteady concert: Friday 10th July 2pm

Sport's Day: Monday 13th July (Rec/KS1 am; KS2 pm)

Summer Fayre: Tuesday 14th July

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly Thursday 16th July 10.30am followed by lunch.

Year 6 Prom: Thursday 16th July 5 - 7pm

Friday 17th July: school breaks up for summer

Reception classes will also be doing an assembly but time/ date are yet to be confirmed. It will be mid to late June.

Term Dates

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Jan 1: New Year's Day, Jan 19: Martin Luther King Day, Feb 16: Presidents' Day, May 25: Memorial Day, Jun 19: Juneteenth, Jul 3: Independence Day (observed), Jul 4: Independence Day, Sep 7: Labor Day, Oct 12: Columbus Day, Nov 11: Veterans Day, Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day, Dec 25: Christmas Day

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Monday 7th September: Children return to school (Reception and Nursery will give their own transition days/ times)

Thursday 22nd October: Children break up

Half-term holiday Friday 23rd October - Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November: Children return

Friday 18th December: Children break up

Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January

Tuesday 4th January: Children return

Friday 12th February: Children break up

Half-term holiday Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Tuesday 23rd February: Children return

Thursday 25th March: Children break up

Easter Holiday Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

Monday 12th April: Children return

Thursday 27th May: Children break up

Half-term holiday: Friday 28th May - Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June: Children return

Wednesday 21st July: Children break up

School staff are required to work a number of INSET days for training purposes. These are reflected in the above dates and are:

1st - 4th September; 23rd October; 4th January; 22nd February; 28th May

We kindly request that all family holidays or travel for any purpose are kept within school holiday dates.

Your opinion matters

If there is anything else you would like to see being provided in our regular newsletter, let us know. Please email the school office - office@hollymountschool.org²

Similarly if you have any other suggestions about school in general, then please let us know.

Thank-you

²<mailto:office@hollymountschool.org>