



Newsletter week beginning 13th July



All good things come to an end



The final week of the school year is here and this will be the final newsletter of the year. There is so much to look forward to this week, but for me, personally, it is a week that is full of mixed emotions as I prepare to say goodbye.

I have worked in education for 34 years; in Birmingham for 6 years and then here at Gorse Hill/ Hollymount for the last 28 years! Never would I have imagined back in 1998 that I would have been leaving as headteacher. I am immensely proud of our school and all we have achieved together over the years. I have had the privilege to work for, and with, some wonderful teachers and leaders. I will miss them all but I know the school will continue to thrive and go from strength to strength. I look forward to hearing about the continued success of the school.

A great joy over almost 3 decades here has been getting to know you, the families and wider school community. I have had the good fortune of teaching some wonderful children some of whom have now become fabulous parents themselves. I have also seen the local community grow and change into a school which serves children from across the world who use multiple languages but all enjoying learning and playing together. Thank-you for the support you have

given myself, and the school, over the years - it has made such a positive difference and I am very grateful for it. I know Mr Davies will be too.

Although the decision I have made is the right one for me and my family, I know that I will miss this school and the children of this school very much. Teaching is a wonderful career and although there can be difficult days, there is ALWAYS at least one child who can brighten your day. This might be by learning something new, or showing a dance they have made up or even just saying hello! Everyday, I have been reminded at some point why I became a teacher and how lucky I have been to spend my career with wonderful children.

As I prepare to leave, I would like to say 'thank-you' to you all. The memories I will make this week and those I have made in the many years I have been here, will stay with me forever. I wish you, the staff and most importantly the children, every happiness and success in the future. Thank-you all.

Mrs Andrea Donnelly

We'd also like to send our best wishes and thanks to all staff who are leaving us on Friday, either for a permanent new job or on a temporary secondment. We send you our best wishes and will miss you all.

Miss Adams, Mr Barker, Mrs Dean, Mrs Greenaway, Mr Harris, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Ricketts, Mrs Train, Miss Wall

And finally, and most importantly:

To our Year 6s. As your time at Hollymount School comes to a close, we hope you will leave us with happy memories and a determination to succeed in whatever you would like to do. You have been a very important part of our school and will always part of the Hollymount story. Please keep in touch and let us know what you get up to.

Good luck and best wishes to you all.

Inspiring success

We have had a fabulous week seeing out amazing children perform.

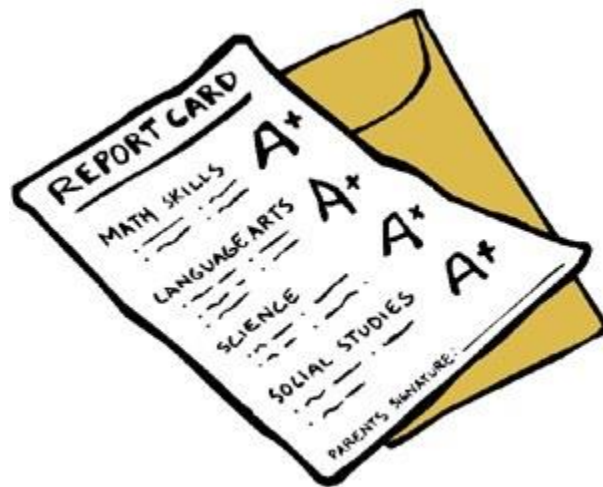
At the beginning of the week, Nursery parents enjoyed their sports activities and a teddy bear's picnic. The children were delighted to share their Nursery time with their family.

Year 5 and 6 wowed us with their talents over 3 performances of 'Hollymount's Got Talent.' We enjoyed year group, class, group, duet and solo performances. Their bravery, enthusiasm and resilience in the heat was amazing.

Then we ended the week on Friday afternoon with our second "RockSteady" concert. The children performed so well and have learnt so much since their last performance. RockSteady will be continuing next term so we look forward to seeing them again and hopefully welcoming some new performers. If you are interested, children should have come home with information. If not, contact the school office if you want to know more.

Well done everyone. A special thank-you also to family and friends who joined us in the heat!

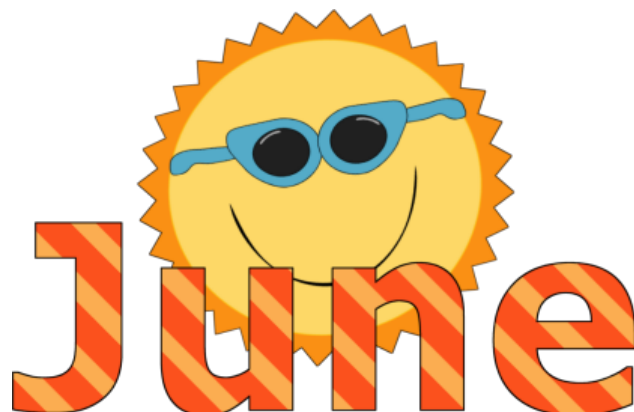
Reports



We hope you have all managed to access your child's school report now. Please remember to download and save it. The link only works for a few weeks.

We will send out another copy of Year 6 reports on FRIDAY 17th JULY with their SATS results attached.

Sport's Day: Monday 13th July



Monday 13th July

Reception, Year 1 and 2 9.30am - 10.45am

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 11am - 12.30pm

Following morning sports there will be an opportunity for a picnic. All children will eat with their family or class teacher.

After the picnic, children will return to class, or you may choose, if you wish, for them to return home with you. No child will be allowed to leave without their parent.

Before you take your child home, you must sign him/ her out at the office.

Summer Fete: Tuesday 14th July

Tuesday 14th July - Fete opens at 1.15pm

Please collect children at 1pm from their usual dismissal points. Nursery is open as normal for anyone who wants it.

The school fete is **cash only**

The fete is due to close at 3pm. Due to the forecasted heat, we may decide to end the fete early. We are currently looking at our plans to see how we can do an indoor/outdoor approach. The advertised firepit and smores-making activity will not be taking place due to the dry conditions and fire risk.

We will not draw the raffle until after the day has ended. All winners will be notified the next day.

Year 6 Leavers Thursday 16th July

All parents of year 6 children should have received a letter this week. Please make sure you have returned the slip at the bottom of the page to book your places at the leavers assembly. Final returns on Monday please so we can prepare for the catering.

If you would like to take your Year 6 child home after the lunch, you may (not other siblings please)

Remember to book your Prom tickets too.

We are looking at altering the arrival arrangements a little, this year. Last year was so popular that there could have been an accident. We will be asking staff to park any remaining cars at the bottom of the playground so prom cars can drive in, turn around and then park in the car park. **We will not be opening the vehicle gates before 5pm.** "Spectators" not related to any year 6s will be asked to stand on the field behind the fence. We would be grateful if everyone could support us in keeping safe.

All Year 6 children will need to be collected from Prom at 7pm. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone. Thank-you

Friday Fun Day!

We would like to see EVERYONE in school on Friday 17th July. Children may bring in a non-electronic toy/ game if they would like. Year 6s will be allowed to get shirts signed by staff and friends on this day.

End of Term

School finishes for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July at 3.15pm. There is no Little Pears Club that night.

We hope you all have a lovely summer with family and friends.

Children return to school on Monday 7th September.

Free school meals

Remember to sign your child up for free school meals if you think they are eligible using this link.

Online FSM Application¹

As you will know, holiday food vouchers have now ended however there are other forms of support if you need it. We are sending 2 letters out with this newsletter for Worcester City Council with more details.

¹<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust>

Term Dates

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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>