



Palermo Avenue
Coventry CV3 5EH
Tel: 024 7641 1711
Fax: 024 7669 3392
Headteacher: Miss S Cooke
admin@howes.coventry.sch.uk
www.howesprimary.co.uk

Friday 28th April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school term. We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and have started the new term refreshed and revitalised for our final summer term in year 2! We are very much looking forward to a busy yet exciting term ahead and we hope that the following information proves useful to you. Please feel free to come and discuss any further questions that you may have as the term evolves.

Curriculum:

Topic – Scented Garden

English- Non-chronological reports, Instructions, Newspaper reports, Narrative writing, Descriptive writing.

Maths- Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Fractions, Measures including Time and Money, Geometry including properties of shapes and direction and movement, Multiplication and Division

RE – Special buildings

Science- Plants and habitats.

PE – Commando Joe, Athletics & Team Games.

Homework:

Children in Year 2 will be given an English/Maths or Topic based piece of homework related to work we have been doing during the week. Homework will be sent home on Fridays in the children's homework books and is to be **completed and handed in by the following Wednesday**.

Spellings – All children will receive spellings each Friday to learn for a test on the following Friday. They will be given their spellings in their spelling book and asked to practice using the look, cover, write check method. These spellings will be based around a spelling pattern; however the words will be differentiated depending on the child's group. To extend your child's spelling learning you might like to discuss other words with them that follow the same pattern and practice putting them into sentences. In addition to this, children should also practise spelling Y2 common exception words which can be found as a list within their Home/ School Journal.

Reading - Children are also expected to read for at least 20 minutes daily, as part of their homework. We suggest you encourage your child to read regularly and to bring the book to school every day.

Please ensure that you sign your child's reading journal at home each time they read, either to an adult or independently and kindly leave a note in the journal to state that the book has been read/completed where it can then be changed.

PE:

The children have PE on **Thursdays and Fridays**. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit which should consist of a T-shirt, shorts and pumps; they can bring jogging trousers and jumper if it is colder outside and trainers for outdoor lessons only. PE kits should be brought into school in a named, drawstring bag please. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in PE lessons we require a note of explanation. Please can you remind your children that earrings should be removed before PE lessons.



Most Commando Joes sessions will take place outside (whatever the weather!) so PE kits need to include suitable outdoor clothing, shoes and a waterproof coat in the event of rain.

Uniform:

Please also ensure that your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform. For information about this please visit: <http://howesprimary.co.uk/Uniform/>

Children with long hair should also come to school with their hair tied back please.

Please can we remind you that children who wear earrings should only wear studs or sleepers, thank you.

Please can we remind you that nail varnish should not be worn at school, thank you.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes:

At Howes we ask the children to wear a pair of outdoor shoes to and from school and whilst outside at playtime/lunchtime as this enables them to make the most of the school grounds during the wetter weather. Once they arrive at school we ask the children to change into indoor shoes. In the Early Years and KS1 many of the children keep a pair of wellington boots at school that they can wear outside whatever the weather. Please could we ask you to encourage your child to bring a pair of named indoor shoes to keep at school, such as slippers, school shoes or pumps. Thank you.

Playtime Fruit and Snacks:

Fruit at playtime is provided for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1, however if your child wishes to bring in their own snack from home then we are still keen that children think carefully about making healthy choices for their playtime snacks. Children may also bring in a labelled **water** bottle each day, which can be kept in the classroom. Please can all children make sure that they take their water bottle home at the end of the day. Please can we remind you that the children should only bring water in their water bottles, thank you.

Please can we remind you that children should not bring any nuts to school either as a snack or as part of a packed lunch thank you.

Behaviour Expectations:

Howes is a friendly and caring community and we are keen for our children to take on these and other values. Our house point system is proving effective at encouraging children to follow our golden rules and values. We would still very much like parents and carers to help us in reinforcing these rules and values with the children.

Please can children be reminded that they should not bring toys into school, unless they have been given permission to do so.

Celebration Assemblies:

Our 'Celebration Assembly' takes place on a Friday morning at 9am. This is an opportunity for teachers to nominate two children from each class per week, to receive an award for an aspect of outstanding work, achievement or behaviour. Parents will be invited to come into school for the assembly when their child is awarded their certificate. You will receive a letter on a Wednesday to inform you that your child has been nominated.

Absences and Medical Needs:

We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent please telephone the school office at the number above as soon as possible. Any medication that your child requires during the day should be given to the Office, for a First Aider, in the original container and a medical administration

consent form needs to be completed. Inhalers must be labelled and be handed in to your child's class teacher to be stored safely in the classroom.

Timings of the day:

The start of a Howes school day in Year 2 begins with an English lesson starting straight after the register is taken. It is therefore very important that all pupils arrive promptly in order to start the school day at 8.55am. So that children are ready to come into school at this time, we would ask that all children are present on the playground at least 5 minutes before the school bell sounds.

The end of the school day for pupils is Key Stage 1 is at 3.15pm. Please note that this is 5 minutes earlier than Key Stage 2 pupils.

Parent Helpers:

At Howes we recognise the valuable contribution that all members of our community make to our school. We are lucky to have so many parents and carers who show commitment to Howes in so many ways. We are always happy to welcome helpers into the classroom, so if you would like to volunteer to help in any way please do come and speak to Mrs Bolland. We may also need additional adult support for our upcoming trips so please let us know if you are available.

Important Events for Year Two pupils:

1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
9 th May	Staff Surgery (3:30pm-4:00pm)
W.B 15 th -25 th May	KS1 SATs Weeks
26 th May -4 th June	Half Term
5 th June -11 th June	Teacher Training week (Pupils not in school)
W.B 12 th June	Phonics Screening Check
10 th July	Whole school Sports Morning & Family Picnic
14 th July	Y2 Class Assembly Reports to go home
18 th July	Open Evening
25 th July	End of Term

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kerby, Mrs Davies,
Mrs White, Mrs Cotton & Mrs Branski.