

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 10th September 2021



Welcome back to a brand new term at Howes. It has been wonderful to see everybody back at school.

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to a happy year.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the families who are joining us. We very much look forward to working with you all as part of the community of Howes.

Dates for your diary

Please make sure that you check the diary dates in each newsletter to make sure that you stay up to date with what is happening at Howes.

Please note that some of the events that we usually plan for this term may not be able to take place depending upon Government guidance. We will keep you updated throughout the term.



Week beginning 13th September:
Class newsletters being sent home.



A huge thank you from all of the staff for the lovely cards and gifts received at the end of term.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to let you know that this year at Howes:

Mrs Davies and Mrs Kerby will be sharing the role of Assistant Headteacher.

If you need to contact them please email

Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk

Mrs Walters will be taking on the role of Special Educational Needs Leader.

You can email her directly by using the following email address:

sendco@howes.coventry.sch.uk



5th October:
Nasal Flu Vaccines



20th October:
Parents Consultations



Applications for Year 7 and Reception for September 2022

Applications for Year 6 moving into Year 7 must be made by 31st October 2021 by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolplaces .

Applications for Reception must be made by 15th January 2022 by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolplaces .

Start of the day Safeguarding Procedures

We would like to remind all parents that we have agreed that the children can be dropped into their classes between 8:45am and 8:55am.

The bell rings at 8:55am and children arriving after this time are considered late.

If your child is late arriving at school, the gates will be closed and they must enter school via the main office in order for you to sign them in on the screen to record that the children are safely on the premises.

If you are calling to inform us of your child's absence due to illness you are able to leave details on the school answerphone. The number to call is 02476 411711. Many families have signed up to our text messaging service and if we do not receive a phone call providing us with information about an absence you will receive a message asking for confirmation as to why your child is absent from school as we need to ensure the children's safety at all times.

Please could we ask for you to support us in ensuring that the correct procedures are followed, thank you.

End of the Day Security Procedures

We would like to remind all parents that Nursery children who are attending for mornings only finish at 12pm.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children finish school at 3.15pm.

Years 3 - 6 finish school at 3.20pm.

Please ensure that you are on the school site ready to collect your children at the right time. Please do not be late as staff are very busy as they have meetings, preparation and marking to do after school.

To ensure the security of the school site, the gates will be locked at 3.30pm. This is especially important as we have our after school club. Please help us by leaving the school site as quickly as possible.



@HowesCoventry

Find out all the latest news at Howes by following us on Twitter. Please feel free to like our tweets or retweet us. You can also find us on Facebook.

If you need to contact school, please do that in the usual way – in person, by email or telephone.

Use of social media by primary age children

We are aware that some children are engaging in social media sites where children should be 13 or older to use them such as Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok and WhatsApp.

Please note that Howes Primary School do not recommend nor support the use of any apps/sites by pupils if they are not age appropriate.

Children's use of social media outside of school is the responsibility of parents.

National Online Safety guidance can be found here:

<https://howesprimary.co.uk/parents/useful-links-for-parents/>

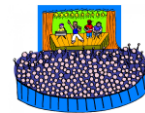
25th- 29th October:
Half Term School Closed



1st November:
Start of the second half term



5th November:
Cedar class assembly



12th November:
Children in Need



15th- 19th November:
Anti-bullying Week



19th November:
Maple class assembly



Reception Baseline Assessment

In these first few weeks of school Miss Price and Mrs Wildsmith will be working with the Reception children in line with Government expectations to complete a baseline at the start of their time in school.

This will involve various activities that they would complete as part of their usual day learning in the classroom. For more information about the Reception Baseline, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reception-baseline-assessment>

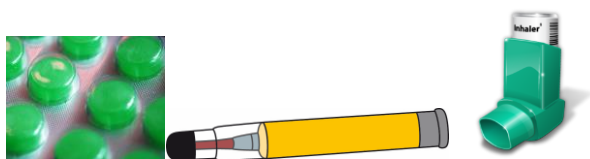
If you have any questions Miss Price and Mrs Wildsmith will be very happy to answer them.

school dinners

From 1st October 2021 the cost of a school meal will be £2.15 a day (£10.75 a week).

Please remember to send it in with your child's name on, in an envelope at the beginning of the week or pay via SIMS Pay. Thank you.

Medication



We can only allow children to have medication in school if you have completed a medical form giving written permission, clearly stating the dosage to be given. 'Medication' covers anything from throat sweets, to cream, to an inhaler or a JEXT/ Epi pen.

All medication must be provided in its original packaging and clearly labelled. All medication will be stored safely within school. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all medication is in date.

Please can we remind all families that due to potentially life threatening conditions, Howes is a NUT FREE school.

Please could we ask all drivers to take care when driving around the roads near to school.

Can we also remind parents not to park on or drop children off on the school markings at Palermo and Dillotford Avenue, in the privately owned residents parking bays on Crediton Close or across resident's driveways, thank you.



6th December:
Early Years and KS1 Dress Rehearsal



7th & 8th December
Early Years and KS1 Performance for parents/carers



13th -17th December:
Christmas Craft days



14th December:
Christmas Jumper/T Shirt Day



14th December
Christmas Dinner



17th December:
End of term



18th December – 3rd January:
Christmas Holidays



School Development Priorities

This year the school will be focusing on the following areas:

Recovery Curriculum

We are very proud of the way that Howes supported all families during the pandemic. As part of our recovery curriculum, we will be regularly monitoring the well-being of the children and their progress within the curriculum.

Mental Health and Well-being

We are very proud that at Howes we achieved Outstanding for our work to promote personal development and welfare during our last Ofsted inspection.

We will continue to ensure that we consider further ways to promote good mental health and well-being for our children and staff.

Phonics, Reading and Writing

Following on from the work that we completed in the last few years we will be continuing to focus on developing phonics, reading and writing across the school. Mrs Kerby will be supporting all of the children across the school.

Maths

Mrs Davies will be working with the staff to ensure that all children are able to use and apply mathematics in a wide variety of contexts. We will also continue with the Times Tables Challenges.

Early Years

Miss Price will be working with parents using the updated Early Years Framework to ensure that our youngest children make great progress in all areas of learning.

Attendance

We know that as a community we have worked hard together to raise the importance of good attendance and know that our children are keen to be at school and want to learn. Mrs McKenzie will continue to work with families to ensure that the children attend regularly and on time. We are certain that with continued effort we can improve our attendance even further.



Spring Term 2022 Dates

First Half Term:
Tuesday 4th January to Friday 18th February

Half Term Holiday: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Second Half Term:
Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April



Summer Term 2022 Dates

First Half Term:
Monday 25th April to Tuesday 24th May

Bank Holiday:
Monday 2nd May
SCHOOL CLOSED

INSET DAYS:
Wednesday 25th May
Thursday 26th May
Friday 27th May
SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
SCHOOL CLOSED

Second Half Term:
Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July

INSET DAY:
Monday 25th July
SCHOOL CLOSED