

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 19th November 2021



This week children across the country have been thinking about Anti-bullying week.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

The theme this year is ONE KIND WORD and we have been thinking about how simple acts of kindness can make somebody else's day.

Well done!

Let's be friends.

Come and play with us.



Thank you

That's great!

I care about you.

If you think that you might be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child(ren) please go to:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals

Friends Of Howes

Please make sure that all Elfridges order forms are returned by Friday 26th November.



Please could any donations for the Christmas Colour Raffle be sent into school by Wednesday 8th December.

Queens Platinum Jubilee: Additional Bank Holiday

As the country will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year an additional Bank Holiday has been set by the Government. This additional day falls within the Summer Half Term holiday and so schools have been advised that they can set an additional day at another point during the school year.

Our Chair of Governors has approved that we have this additional Bank Holiday on **Friday 10th December** and so Howes will be closed to staff and children on this day.

Dates for your diary

CHANGE TO CLASS ASSEMBLY

ARRANGEMENTS:

Please note that we are currently unable to invite parents in to school for an assembly due to Covid-19. Therefore, we are looking into other ways to send home a class assembly video to you this term for Cedar class and Maple class.



CHANGE TO EARLY YEARS/KEY STAGE 1 PERFORMANCE

ARRANGEMENTS:

Please note that we are currently unable to invite parents in to school for a performance due to Covid-19. Therefore, we are looking into other ways to send home a Christmas performance to families with children in Oak and Ash classes.



3rd December:
FOH Elfridges Sale



10th December:
School closed to staff and children
(Additional Bank Holiday schools can set at any point in the year to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee)



Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has been helping to raise money for Children in Need in the last few weeks.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the poppy appeal by donating towards items in school.

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



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

Start of the day procedures

Families should be using our one-way system when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Children arriving after 8:55am should not come through the gates onto the Early Years playground, they must be signed in via the main office.

As the playground is generally wet at this time of year and will become icy as we move into winter, we recommend that all children wear sensible, flat footwear during the school day and not heeled boots or shoes.

Please can we ask all families to remind their children that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the school site including all pathways.



Many thanks

Road Safety

As the clocks have now gone back making the mornings slightly lighter and evenings darker, we have been reminding the children about being safe when crossing roads. If you would like more information about activities that children can complete or key messages that you can share with your children then please visit:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Applications for Reception for September 2022

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

Christmas Post starting on Monday 29th November

If you would like to send Christmas Cards through the school post box, please make sure that the envelope has the following information on the front:
Child's name
Class/Year Group

Please note, due to GDPR staff are **not** able to provide lists of children's names to families.





@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.



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**



Please can we remind all families that the carpark is only for use by taxis and blue badge holders at the beginning and end of the day. This is to keep all children safe at the beginning and end of the day.

Please do not park or wait on any of the markings outside school as this stops the children from being able to arrive and leave school safely.

COVID-19

Your child must be fit and well to attend school. If you suspect that they have symptoms of COVID-19, they must not attend school. If you suspect that they have COVID-19 symptoms, you must inform us straight away.

You must also inform us if your child and family are tested for Covid-19.

Please support us in maintaining social distancing to keep all members of the Howes community safe.

If any of your contact details have changed, it is vital that these are updated on the first day that your child returns to school.

Staff will use the school phone number 02476 411711 to call home. Please ensure that you answer these calls as it could be an emergency.

Please can we ask that all children wear a coat to school. As we need to ensure that we have good ventilation in school by keeping some windows and doors open, having a coat means that if a child is feeling cold they are able to put an extra layer on. (Staff are doing the same too).



If the children would like to bring extra layers such as a fleece too they are welcome to keep this in school. Please ensure that all clothing is named.

Attendance and Lateness

Thank you for ensuring that your children attend school as much as possible as the pandemic continues.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your children arrive and leave school on time.

8:45am-8:55am drop off in the morning

12pm- Mornings only Nursery children collected

3:15pm- Early Years and KS1 children collected

3:20pm- KS2 children collected