

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 5th November 2021



Fantastically Fabulous Footballers!

Huge congratulations to the football squad in Maple class for their outstanding team work on Tuesday after school in their first friendly match!

The score was an amazing 9-0 to Howes!

Thank you to Mr Mhlanga for his work with the team.

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.

5th November:
Children in Need at Howes



15th- 19th November:
Anti-bullying Week



18th November
Nasal Flu Vaccines



Many thanks to everyone who helped to create such an amazing atmosphere for the children today in recording with BBC CWR for Children in Need. We loved our special message from Tom Grennan:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1455471589538078728>

You can donate to Children in Need by visiting:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/happyheads>



Friends Of Howes

We are really lucky that the Friends of Howes support us in raising money to support school trips and develop areas of the school.

If you think that you can help the FOH in any way they would love to hear from you. Please speak to Shona Orchard or Laura Grant or leave a message with the school office and we will pass your name onto them.

This term the FOH have two exciting events for the children:



Elfridges



Christmas Colour Raffle

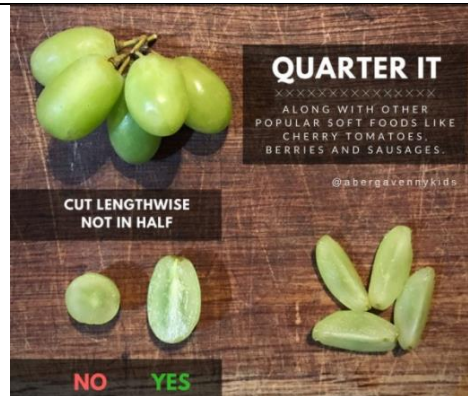
Queens Platinum Jubilee: Additional Bank Holiday

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.

Health and Well-being at Howes

Please can we remind you that Howes is a nut free school due to life threatening allergies.



If you are sending grapes into school as part of a healthy snack or lunch please can we ask that these are cut as they can pose a choking hazard in children if left whole.



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.



The Remembrance Day Service and Parade will be on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 10.50am in the War Memorial Park. All families are welcome.



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)



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

13th -17th December:
Christmas Craft days



14th December:
Christmas Jumper/T Shirt Day



14th December
Christmas Dinner



17th December:
End of term

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



Wishing all of our families who have been celebrating this week a Happy Diwali.



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.

LAST DAY of SCHOOL

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



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:



@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.

Monday 6th June to Friday
22nd July

**INSET DAY: Monday 25th July
SCHOOL CLOSED**

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

Firework Code

- 1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks.**
- 2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires.**
- 3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used.**
- 4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length.**
- 5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water.**
- 6. Keep your pets safely indoors.**
- 7. Have a great time!**

**Follow the Firework Code to keep
everyone safe!**