

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 7th January 2022

Message from Head Teacher

Happy New Year to all our Howes families and Community.

Wow! What a fantastic school Howes is! I must say that although I have only officially been headteacher for one week, the tremendous welcome that I have received from children, staff, parents, carers and governors has been astounding and I feel like I am already part of the Howes family.

The children have returned to school full of vigour and enthusiasm for their learning and it has been wonderful to see their efforts and enjoyment at being back in school. Willow class have been diligently making rainforest snacks, with full advertising campaigns. These scrumptious, nutritious snacks will be available for the children to purchase on Monday for a small cost of £1.50 which will be donated to school funds to support with extra-curricular events later in the year. Cedar and Maple classes have both been tackling tricky fraction problems this week and have shown determination and perseverance when faced with difficulty. In Ash class this week, the children have settled well and have been using their place value knowledge to identify the value of digits and in Acorn and Oak class; they have also settled in well and have been sharing their news with each other. What a wonderful start to the year!

As the temperature has certainly taken a dramatic dip over the last week, please can you ensure that the children have suitable clothing so that they are able to enjoy their experiences in school. We also ask that they wear extra layers in school as due to Covid-19 guidance, we need to have ventilation in classes to reduce transmission therefore it is colder than usual in school.

As the Omicron variant cases continue to rise, we have re-evaluated our Covid-19 risk assessment and we are now following new National and Local guidance to ensure that we as a community we can reduce risks of transmission. Please can you continue to follow the one-way systems at drop off and collection and continue to adhere to social distancing and the wearing of face coverings unless exempt. Please can only one person at a time enter the office if it is necessary for you to go in. If your child has any of the Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school but arrange a PCR test and inform the school. If your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, they should take LFT tests for 7 days and must get a negative result daily before entering school. If your child has tested positive, they must remain in isolation for 7 days: if on day 6 and 7 they get a negative LFT result, they will be able to return to school on day 8 if they are showing no symptoms – please send the office evidence of these results. Please contact the school office if you are unsure what the process is with regards to any aspect of Covid-19, testing or isolation. We will update you regularly with any changes or new guidance that we receive, but working together as a community will help to keep us all safe. We strongly urge all of our Howes family to continue testing regularly and take up offers of vaccinations and boosters where possible.

We have had confirmation from The Royal British Legion that we raised £140.05, which contributed to the district total of £46,698.55. Thank you so much for raising so much money and for supporting such a worthwhile charity.

It was magnificent this morning to take part in our first celebration assembly outside on the playground. It was difficult for staff to choose only two children to receive awards, but everyone can continue to work hard each week to strive to be the best that they can be.

Thank you again for a wonderful welcome.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Ms Pollard



Dates for your diary



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

Howes Housepoints!



Congratulations to all of our teams for working hard this week:

Knights of Courage (Red): 26 points

Knights of Respect (Blue): 26 points

Knights of Equality (Yellow): 21 points

Knights of Inspiration (Green): 20 points



What we have
been doing this
week at Howes in
pictures....



**Applications for
Reception for
September 2022**

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



@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.



Attendance and Lateness

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

Class	Attendance	Lateness
	This week	This week
Fir class	100%	0
Oak Class	85.8%	2
Ash Class	94.7%	9
Cedar Class	92.5%	4
Maple Class	95.8%	2
Willow Class	92.5%	2
	93.5%	16

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



Please remember that it is illegal to park on our drop children off on any of the double or single yellow lines around school. Parking on these lines means that children have to try to cross the road between parked cars which puts them in danger.