

Newsletter 8 – Friday 8th November 2024

We hope that you all had a lovely half term. We've had a great first week back and we're looking forward to an exciting half term ahead! Next week is looking pretty busy so please have a look through the dates below so you know what is happening when.

Reception class places

If your child is in Nursery and will move to full time school in September, it's time to start applying for their place. Applications are made through the Nottinghamshire county council website:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/hub>

Key dates for current Nursery children are:

- Apply from: 4 November 2024
- Closing date: 15 January 2025
- National offer day: 16 April 2025

Christmas card designs

Your child should have brought home a postcard with their Christmas card design on this week. Friends of Holly Hill have used a new company this year and so far, I've heard that ordering is much simpler. The deadline to order for a delivery to school is next Friday. You can order after this but will then receive your delivery to a home address. If your postcard design has been lost, please contact school and we can give you the information you need to access your design.

SEND newsletter

Our SENCO, Mrs. Rotherham, will be writing a termly newsletter for our parents of SEND children. This can be found on the school website here: <https://www.hollyhillschool.co.uk/special-educational-needs/>

Another letter from Sir David!

Yay! Swallow class received their letter from Sir David Attenborough this week also – that's 3 handwritten and personal letters that he has taken the time to write to us. Swallows letter was beautiful because it actually answered some of the specific questions that the children had asked him – how wonderful!

Parents Evening

Thank you all for great parents evenings this week. It was fabulous to see you all and be able to share the children's successes with you. It was a reminder of just how lovely our parent community is and although it's a long evening for staff, it's always a really enjoyable one.

Disco time!

Tuesday after school is our PTA disco. The children will bring home their tickets on Monday night. Please complete the information on the ticket and bring the ticket with you when you drop your child off. For a rough idea of how much change you may wish to give your child, snack prices are as follows:

Pizza and hot dogs: £1

Pop and bottled water: £1

Sweets and chocolate: between 20p and 50p

Crisps: 50p

Anti-bullying week and odd socks day

Next week is anti-bullying week in school. As part of this, we will be taking part in Odd socks day on Tuesday. We simply ask the children to wear odd socks on this day (no donations) as an opportunity to celebrate difference and individuality and as a way of celebrating the start of anti-bullying week.

Times Tables breakfast for Years 3 & 4

Our Year 3 and 4 classes will be hosting a Times Tables breakfast for parents on Thursday this week. Parents in Kingfisher, Dove and Swallow are invited to come into school from 8.30am for a bagel and a chance to complete some X tables games and activities alongside your child. At 9.00am, there will be a times tables presentation in the Junior hall by Miss Morrison if you are available to stay and listen.

Children in Need

On Friday, we will raise money for Children in Need by wearing spots. This could be spotty faces, spotty T-Shirts, spotty headbands, spotty scarves – spotty anything! Children do not need to wear uniform with their spots. This is in exchange for a £1 donation to the Children in Need charity.

The week ahead...

- Monday 11th November – Flu immunisations in school.
- Monday 11th November @ 3.45pm, Hathersage residential meeting for Y4 parents.
- Tuesday 12th November – Odd socks day (no donations)
- Tuesday 12th November – Disco evening (tickets to be sent home on Monday)

- Thursday 14th November – 8.30am, Y3/4 times tables breakfast for parents followed by 9am, times tables workshop for Y3/4 parents
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need (wear spots - £1 charity donation)

Thank you for your continued support – have a great weekend!

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