



## 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

Thank you all for a successful half term, following such a disruptive few months.

We welcomed everyone back in September and pupils and staff have adapted well into our new routines in and around school. Staff have worked hard to create a positive, fun learning environment, following the government and local authority advice, supporting pupils with a big catch up in their missed learning.

We have tried to have as much variety across school as we could, including Y6, weekly outdoor Big Maths sessions. Mr Rodger has continued with the bleep test, which our pupils enjoy. We have raised funds for Jeans for Genes and KS1 pupils enjoyed their dressing up for Pirate Day!

We have gratefully received your donations to celebrate Harvest Time, which will be donated to Washington Food Bank.

Big thank you to Miss Surtees for her super effort in decorating our Early Years outdoor classroom in a SPOOKY theme today. The children looked Spooktacular in their outfits today! Photographs to view are in our gallery. Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 2 for competing in the Sunderland School Games Virtual Festival. Both classes combined finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Great effort!

Pupils return to school following our half term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

As parents/carers, when you are on site collecting your child, please wear a facemask. We are one of the very few schools that have had no pupils or staff test positive for Coronavirus and as the weather changes, we will be introducing this additional measure for everyone's safety.

We have also had concerned parents contact school regarding the lack of social distancing on the path outside of school. Please keep to the left whilst waiting to either drop off or collect your child and not congregate in groups. We also have had concerns raised from our neighbours about parking and children getting out of cars onto the road. Please avoid doing this. The dark mornings and nights will reduce visibility and we want everyone to be safe.

A reminder that we are operating all of our **extended school activities**.

Breakfast Club is daily from 8.00am and Afterschool Club every night. Please do not try to collect your child any earlier than 4.15pm, which is the end of the first session. The pupils will be taking part in the activity until then.

Please book your child into the club via Schoolcomms where your payment is made. Dinner money is due by Monday morning. £11.00 per week for a delicious 2 course-meal, freshly prepared every day on site by our chef, Mr. Brown. As our school remains closed to visitors, please direct any queries to the school email address listed opposite in important contacts.

Enjoy half term as much as you can and we look forward to the next half term in the run up to our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you,

Mrs Wood

Operations Manager

### Important contacts

#### **SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS**

[info@holleyparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@holleyparkacademy.co.uk)

#### **Mrs. S Richards**

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Headteacher

#### **Mrs. M Robson**

Part Time Headteacher/Y6 Teacher/Safeguarding Lead

#### **Mrs. S Kitchen**

Deputy Headteacher/Reception Teacher /SENDCO

#### **Ms. G Wood**

Chief Financial Officer/Operations Manager/Safeguarding Lead

Remembrance Day is 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will observe a minutes silence at 11am.



Children in Need is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

This week Eric the friendly spider joined EYFS from the story 'There's a Spider in this Book'. We got a fright!

