



Holley Park Academy

Ayton Road, Oxclose, Washington, NE38 0LR

Friday 16th February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the year here at Holley Park; this half term has been incredibly busy and the children and staff have worked so hard over the past six weeks – well done to all! There have been so many exciting things happening in school and we are so proud of the continued achievements of our wonderful pupils.

I would like to share some important information and reminders:

Communication

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our online survey about home-school communication. An overwhelming majority of people voted in favour of a school Facebook page to share whole-school news and information, in addition to the existing communication channels such as Class Dojo, emails and termly newsletters via Sway. As a result of your feedback, we are very excited to announce that we will be launching our official Holley Park Academy Facebook page next half-term. Please look out for further information and permission forms over the next couple of weeks.

World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to our World Book Day celebration which is taking place on **Thursday 7th March**. As communicated in a separate letter, our Reading Ambassadors are busy organising a range of exciting activities for the day. We are also inviting children to come into school dressed up to represent the job they would like to have when they grow up. Please do not feel any pressure to purchase anything new as school understand current cost of living pressures so please feel free to send your child in non-uniform if you are unable to provide a costume.

Reading Books

Staying on the theme of reading, may we politely request that all children have their reading book and reading diary in school **every day**. This is to ensure that our pupils have the opportunity to take part in independent reading activities during the school day and to further improve the impact of our Accelerated Reader program for those pupils who access it. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

Attendance

As a school we have high expectations of all aspects of school life, including attendance and punctuality. We all know that good attendance benefits your child's academic progress and helps them build strong relationships with their peers. I know you will support us in ensuring good

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attendance for your child over the remainder of the academic year and please remember as a school we are here to support if needed. In line with our policy, every parent/carer will receive their child's half-termly attendance letter this afternoon via email.

KS1 & KS2 Family Fun Fridays

I am delighted to share with you an exciting addition to our school calendar – the Family Fun Friday event. The Family Fun Friday is an additional opportunity to foster a close connection between our school community and our families. We believe that collaboration is key and this initiative aims to provide a unique and enjoyable opportunity for you to actively engage in your child's learning experience.

Class	Allotted Day
Y1 Miss Sandland	Friday 3 rd May
Y2B Mrs Whyte	Friday 19 th April
Y2A Mrs Kelters	Friday 26 th April
Y3A Mrs Dann	Friday 17 th May
Y3B Miss Welsh	Friday 24 th May
Y4 Miss Crowther	Friday 7 th June
Y5 Ms McKay	Friday 10 th May
Y6 Mrs Gallant	Friday 8 th March

Event details:

Location and time: Friday 2:15-3:00 p.m. in the main hall (entry via the main reception). You will be welcome to take your child home directly after the session as it will be very close to home time.

Focus: 'Cake and Crafts'. During the session, you will have an opportunity to participate in some fun craft activities with your child. There will also be an opportunity to purchase refreshments and cakes for a small donation. All monies raised will be donated to a charity chosen by your child's class.

Participation: Due to limited space, we are only able to invite one parent or family member per child to attend on their allotted day. We understand that it may not be possible for everyone to attend, and we want to assure you that there is no obligation. We will encourage visitors to assist with small groups of children, ensuring that every child has a meaningful and engaging experience.

EYFS will continue to hold their 'Stay and Play' sessions within the EYFS setting. Further details will be communicated by the EYFS staff.

Class assemblies will continue to take place during the summer term; the dates and themes for these will be shared with you after the holiday.

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Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our wonderful Holley Park community. I would like to wish you and your families a lovely half-term break and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 26th February.

With best wishes,

Mrs L. Curtis

Headteacher

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