



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience and resilience this term.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

An Easter egg competition will be held in school on Thursday 7th April, if your child would like to bring a painted/decorated egg into school for judging there will be prizes available. Please keep each entry to a reasonable size (no bigger than a shoe box) in order for us to display all entries.

An Easter raffle draw will take place on Friday 8th April – tickets will have come home with your child. Easter prizes available. Further raffle tickets are available from school office.

BEHAVIOUR

School is implementing a new approach to managing behaviour in school involving a zero tolerance to any physical incidents. This will involve in the first instance a phone call home and children will have time to reflect on behaviour with a senior member of staff.

Behaviour contracts and daily reports for those children who need this approach involves school working closely with parents.

There will be a whole school assembly where the new behaviour procedures will be introduced to the children and the introduction of new Howletch points system.

Mr Snelling will lead on a new Ambassadors programme where children are encouraged to apply to be lead ambassadors in following areas:

- Reading
- Classroom (KS1/KS2)
- Play
- Digital
- Eco
- Two Head Ambassadors (Yr 6 only)

ADAM BUSHNELL

Children's author Adam Bushnell visited school, last week. He spent the day in two assemblies – KS1 and KS2. He also worked with Year 2, 3 and 5 sharing secrets of how to develop their creative and descriptive writing skills. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed his visit and their writing following his workshop was brilliant!

STAY & PLAY

Nursery welcomed parent's/carers this week to 'Stay and Play' with their child and see how their child is developing in Nursery. Thank you from the Nursery team for the fabulous feedback they received.

PARKING

New road markings have been painted outside school gates. These have initially had a positive impact but not for very long. Please be aware that now that these markings have been done police will be monitoring and you could receive a fine.

THE BIG WALK & WHEEL

Each day, all classes have kept track of their journeys to school. Our school has won a bicycle pump for their efforts in walking, scootering and cycling to school. Well done everyone!

SPORTS UPDATE

The Yr5/Yr 6 football team were crowned WINNERS of the league on Tuesday night! We are so proud of them and their fantastic achievement. We look forward to receiving the league trophy and the team will all receive a medal.

They will be playing cup matches next Tuesday, after school at Howletch.

Well done to:

Oliver C Leo H Finley C
Archie D Lewis W Emily-G R
Peter H Harry M
Daniel H Riley S

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR MATHS COMPETITION – Yr 2 – Yr 6

Between Monday 4th and Thursday 7th of April (8 am - 7pm) we are taking part in a Times Tables Rockstar's competition with other schools in County Durham. Any games played between these times will count towards your child's class score and the overall school leader board. It would be great to show off our fantastic times table knowledge and speed, so please encourage your child to logon at home and compete. **Let's Rock!**

COVID ABSENCES

Please continue to inform school if your children show symptoms or test positive.

EXTENDED PROVISION

We have places available at Breakfast and After School Club. Please contact the school office for more details on times, prices and booking arrangements. This provision will be moving back to The Children's Centre after the Easter Holidays.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your generosity and support for the following fundraisers:

- Express Yourself Non-Uniform Day - £117.50
- World Book Day - £59.55
- Red Nose Day - £97

DIARY DATES - REMINDER

Here are some important dates to add to your new 2022 calendar. When booking holidays please book within the school holidays and **not** during term time. Unauthorised absences may incur a fine from the local authority. Please note **Y6 SATs start week beginning 9th May** - it is very important that pupils have 100% attendance during the weeks leading up to SATs as well as the week of the actual testing.

Friday 8th April	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 25th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 27th May	Y2 SATs – testing period
Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 6th June	KS1 Phonics Screening begins
Friday 24th June	Staff training day
Tuesday 19th July	School closes for Summer holidays for pupils
Wednesday 20th July	Staff training day

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs H Adair
Headteacher