



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022

Welcome to the new Spring term. I hope you have had a good start to the new year. It has been lovely seeing the children back in school, there have been many things to celebrate already with some excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning.

COVID ABSENCES

We have been experiencing significant pupil and staff absences recently due to illness. We will try our best to keep the school running as normal and if there are any changes to be made, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Thank you for your patience with changes of staffing and for working with us to try to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible. Please continue to test your children if you are informed that they have been a close contact of a positive case. Pupils who are positive can complete LFD tests on days 5 and 6 and if both of these are negative they can then return to school. Please keep the office informed of any positive cases.

PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

Due to the resignation of one of our governors, two parent governor spaces became available towards the end of last term. I am pleased to announce that both ladies who came forward for the position were successful. Claire Proudlock will be welcomed to the governing body this term and Sharon Lawson will continue to serve as parent governor. Thank you to those of you who took part in the ballot.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

I have been informed once again of parents and carers who are putting lives at risk when parking and driving near to the school. Some parents continue to park on pavements which are for pedestrians and also on yellow lines which are in place to protect our pupils and their families when dropping off and collecting from school. Please can I impress upon you the importance of parking considerately and driving with due care and attention when there are families arriving and leaving school. Thank you.

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.

REMINDER

Please ensure that lunches and breakfast/tea-time clubs are paid for in advance and up to date. If your child is then absent no charges will be levied.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

Karen Harrison our Parent Support Adviser (PSA) is available to support and speak to parents over the phone. If you would like a call from Karen, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

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.

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February	Spring Half Term Holiday
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