



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

It has been a busy few weeks with lots of learning taking place. We are pleased that despite many absences due to Covid with staff and children we seem to be over the worst. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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.

PE KITS

Please ensure that your child wears the recommended school PE Kit which consists of a plain white t-shirt with black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings. No designer names are allowed. Thank you for your co-operation.

FOOTBALL MATCHES

If your child is playing in a football match please note that it is only parents that can come and spectate.

UKRAINE

Schools are being encouraged to take part in a 'Day for Ukraine' next Wednesday 16th march 2022. A link for donations will be on school Facebook page and website. Donations will go direct to emergency disaster fund so we cannot accept cash in school. Please wear school uniform but with a splash of yellow if you wish to show your support eg. A yellow t-shirt, yellow socks or yellow accessory.

RED NOSE DAY

It is Red Nose Day next Friday and children can come into school in non-uniform wearing red or red accessories. Earlier today you will have received a link for you to donate, if you do not have this please contact the office. As monies are direct to Red Nose we cannot accept cash in school.

NUT ALLERGY

Please be reminded not to send nuts into school and this includes chocolate hazelnut spread due to nut allergies.

DOGS

Dogs are not permitted on site, please do not bring your dog to school.

SPORTS UPDATE

On Tuesday the boys football team played in league games – at home.

Results:

Howletch Lane 3 Deaf Hill 0

Howletch Lane 0 Eas.CofE 0

The boys are doing great and remain undefeated through 9 games now!

On Wednesday we had the biggest ever girls football session:

Year 1 – Year 6 all put a great effort in – hopefully it inspired some to get active.

On Thursday Year 4 took part in a football tournament at Soccarena in Durham:

The boys played really well and had 3 wins and 1 draw in their group stage.

The boys placed 2nd in their group and just missed out on 1st place down to goal difference!

The boys placed in the top 10 out of 19 teams – Well Done!

The boys were undefeated on the day which including them winning 2 friendly matches too.

Today Dylan in Year 4 represented Howletch Lane Primary and Easington Sports Partnership at the County Cross Country Finals in Durham. He came 16th out of 80 runners. We are so proud of you Dylan, Well Done!

Next week the boy's football will play league games at Easington Colliery. You should receive letter today.

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 - 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.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs H Adair
Headteacher