



## HOWLETCHE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL APRIL NEWSLETTER

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. It has been a lovely start to the summer term with the fine weather bringing with it a more positive feel for us all. We will be starting to use the school field for break times shortly and even had a Quidditch taster session for the older children this week! We are encouraging the children to be more active at break times and during the Easter holiday a small running track was painted onto half of KS2 yard to encourage them to take part in more physical activity.

### **PARKING AROUND SCHOOL**

I am sad to report that our parking problems remain a constant worry. Some parents and local residents have been in contact with the school to complain about the inconsiderate and dangerous parking of vehicles around the school's main entrance and local side streets. We ask you, yet again, to use the parking bays only and the large car park behind the Catholic Club rather than cause an obstruction by blocking gates and parking on pavements. The situation has been reported to Durham County Council and the Traffic Management Team for Durham Constabulary. As the weather improves during the summer months, can we please encourage you and your child to walk to school whenever possible or to park further away from school and walk in. I am forever worried that there will be a nasty accident if this dangerous situation continues.

### **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY**

Due to long term absence, we have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested and available to work between 11:30 – 13:15, please contact the office for an application form or you can download one from our website.

### **LOCAL ELECTIONS – PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE**

We have been informed that the school will be used as a polling station for the local elections on Thursday 6 May. We are able to avoid total school closure by restricting public access to only the KS1/ Nursery buildings. This means the school will be closed to all children in Nursery, Reception and Y1 classes. Online work will be uploaded to Purple Mash for that day. Y2 will be in school and will enter and exit by the side gate next to the bungalows for this day only at the normal time of 8.50am. Y3 – Y6 will attend as normal.

Due to the site of the kitchen/dining areas, we will be unable to provide a cooked meal on that day. A school prepared packed lunch will be provided for children in Y2 and those in KS2 who are entitled to free school meals. Children who pay for school meals will need to bring a packed lunch.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer Breakfast Club provision either. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you but it is due to circumstances beyond our control. School will re-open as normal on Friday 7 May.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that the school will be closed Monday 3 May for the May Day Bank Holiday and will break up on Friday 28 May for one week for the Summer Half Term Holiday.