

# Howes Primary School Newsletter: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

*Welcome back to a brand new term at Howes. We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to another happy and productive year.*

*We are very lucky to have some new faces joining us this term. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the families who are joining us and also to our new members of staff. Welcome to Miss White, Mrs Lane, Mrs Monroe, Mrs Wildsmith and Miss McCabe.*

*We very much look forward to working with you all as part of the community of Howes.*

*We also welcome Miss Girschick who joins us from Augsburg University.*

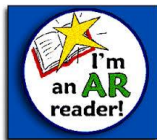
### Congratulations!



**We are very pleased to share with you that Mrs Kerby is expecting a baby. I am sure that you will join with us in wishing her many congratulations.**

**We will keep you informed about the arrangements for Year 2 when she goes on maternity leave.**

#### **Accelerated Reader Information Session for Year Three Parents and any parents who are new to Key Stage 2.**



Mrs Townsend and Mrs Ceairns will be leading an Accelerated Reader (AR) information session for parents of children in Year Three and other parents who would like more information about AR on 12<sup>th</sup> September from 4-4:30pm. If you are unable to attend this session then a copy of the information given will be sent home in order to provide you with an overview of the session.

#### **Parents Information Sessions (Years 1-6)**

This term parents have the opportunity to attend a parents' information session which will focus on the year ahead for your child. Years 1, 2 and HIU sessions will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and Years 3-6 will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. These sessions will run from 3:30-4pm and will then be repeated from 4:30-5pm.

During these sessions staff will be sharing information with you about the curriculum, homework, targets and will also be giving parents a copy of their class newsletter. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, the class newsletter and targets will be sent home in your child's book bag to ensure that you have all of the information.



### **Start of the day Safeguarding Procedures**

We would like to remind all parents that the bell rings at 8:55am and all children are expected to be ready in the playground to enter the school at this time. If your child is late arriving at school, the gates to the playground will be closed and they must enter school via the main office in order to allow Mrs A'Barrow or Mrs Merrett to record that the children are safely on the premises.

If you are calling to inform us of your child's absence due to illness you are able to leave details on the school answerphone. The number to call is 02476411711. Many families have signed up to our text messaging service and if we do not receive a phone call providing us with information about an absence you will receive a message asking for confirmation as to why your child is absent from school as we need to ensure the children's safety at all times.

Please could we ask for you to support us in ensuring that the correct procedures are followed, thank you.

### **End of the Day Security Procedures**

We would like to remind all parents that Nursery children finish a 12pm.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children finish school at 3.15pm and Years 3-6 finish school at 3.20pm.

To ensure the security of the school site, the gates will be locked at 3.30pm. This is especially important when the after school clubs start and we have children at school at the end of the day. Please help us by leaving the playground as quickly as possible. The side gate will be opened just before clubs finish to enable you to collect your children.

**Please could we ask all drivers to take care when driving around the roads near to school.**

**Can we also remind parents not to park on or drop children off on the school markings on Palemro Avenue and Dillotford Avenue or in the privately owned residents parking bays on Crediton Close or across residents driveways, thank you.**



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Find out all the latest news at Howes by following us on Twitter. Please feel free to like our tweets or retweet us. If you need to contact school, please do that in the usual way – in person, by email or telephone.



Details of the clubs that will be available throughout the course of this term have been sent home this week via a separate letter. All clubs will begin in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Celebration Assembly will continue every Friday at 9am. Staff, children and parents have told us that they have really enjoyed coming together to celebrate achievements within school and we will be continuing with this assembly this year. If your child is going to be receiving a certificate in assembly on the Friday, you will receive a slip home by Wednesday.

# School Development Priorities

This year the school will be focusing on the following areas:

Improving the quality of teaching so that pupils, especially the most able and those who are disadvantaged, make good progress by:

- ensuring that all teachers have high expectations for all pupils and are clear about what pupils already know and can do
- setting suitably challenging work in mathematics and then moving pupils on to harder work more quickly when they are ready
- checking that pupils use their grammar and punctuation skills consistently in all their writing
- insisting that pupils present their work to the best of their ability and show good attitudes to learning.

Improving teaching and children's outcomes in the early years by:

- using information about what children already know and can do to set more challenging work for all children
- setting tasks which motivate and encourage boys to write more frequently.

Improving leadership and management by ensuring that:

- senior leaders use current systems to track pupils' progress more efficiently and effectively to check that groups of pupils are making sufficient progress
- governors receive information about the achievement of groups of pupils in order to challenge the effectiveness of the school's work, especially the impact of pupil premium funding on improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils
- leaders are more rigorous in their checks on how well pupils are progressing in their writing and mathematics.

Improving attendance by:

- checking and following up any unauthorised absence rigorously
- using absence information to inform leaders which strategies will be used to work with each family.

## Medication

We can only allow children to have medication in school if you have completed a medical form giving written permission from parents, clearly stating the dosage to be given. 'Medication' covers anything from throat sweets, to an inhaler or an epipen. All medication must be provided in its original packaging. All medication will be stored safely within school and must be clearly labelled. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all medication is in date.

## Dinner Money

The cost of dinner money is now £2.10 a day (£10.50 a week). Please remember to send it in with your child's name on, in an envelope at the beginning of the week. Envelopes are available at the office 10 for 20p or 50 £1.00. Thank you.



**HSBC UK City Ride Sunday 17 September 11am – 3pm**

**FOR BIG KIDS.  
FOR LITTLE KIDS.  
FOR EVERYONE.**

Ride on traffic free streets around the city centre and enjoy free family activities in Broadgate and Millennium Place – Registration is free or join in on the day <https://www.letsride.co.uk/city-ride/coventry>

Bring your own bikes and get a free bike check or hire one on the day (ID required).



11<sup>th</sup> September Clubs start this week

11<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 learning first aid

11<sup>th</sup> September HIU, Year 1 and 2 Class Information sessions 3:30-4pm and 4:30-5pm

12<sup>th</sup> September Years 3-6 Class Information sessions 3:30-4pm and 4:30-5pm

12<sup>th</sup> September Accelerated Reader information session for Key Stage Two parents 4-4:30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> September Teddy Bears Picnic for Reception and year 6

27<sup>th</sup> September Friends of Howes meeting 3:30-5pm



4<sup>th</sup> October Phonics information session for Reception parents 3:30-4pm

4<sup>th</sup> October Calculations workshops for parents 2:15-3:15pm and 5-6pm

11<sup>th</sup> October Parents Consultations

16<sup>th</sup> October Kickstart the Heart Day

20<sup>th</sup> October Year 4 Class assembly 9am

23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October Half Term School Closed



3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 3 Class assembly 9am

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 to Dol-Y-Moch

9<sup>th</sup> November Immunisations for Years R, 1, 2 and 3

16<sup>th</sup> November Individual photographs

17<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 Class assembly 9am

17<sup>th</sup> November Non uniform Day- bring a box of chocolates

17<sup>th</sup> November Friends of Howes discos

24<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 Class assembly 9am

28<sup>th</sup> November Staff Surgery

29<sup>th</sup> November Friends of Howes Meeting 3:30-5pm



4<sup>th</sup> December FS/KS1 dress rehearsal 9:30am

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December FS/KS1 performances 2pm

8<sup>th</sup> December Non Uniform Day

8<sup>th</sup> December Friends of Howes Christmas Fair 3:30-5pm

18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper/T Shirt Day

18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner

18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Craft days

21<sup>st</sup> December End of term

22<sup>nd</sup> December – 7<sup>th</sup> January Christmas Holidays

**Spring**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holiday: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Summer**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May 2018**

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Training week for staff :Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**School closed to children**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Summer Holiday: Begins Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July**