

# Howes Primary School Newsletter: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

As this is the last newsletter of 2020, we would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone who will be celebrating:



We hope that the children enjoyed receiving their gifts this week.

Today is the last day of this term.

Term starts again on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

## Covid-19 and the Christmas Holiday

Today is the last day of term and we know that all of the children and staff are ready to enjoy a well earned break.

If you need to contact the school in an emergency to inform us of a positive Covid-19 test during the holiday please email [Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk)

If your child tests positive during the holiday please email us to let us know. If your family needs to self-isolate please email us to let us know. We need to work with Public Health and the Local Authority to track cases and monitor dates for returning to school.

Please note that this email address will not be checked daily but will be monitored regularly.

If you think that you might be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child(ren) please go to: [https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals)

## A Christmas Treat from the children of Howes to you all.

Each Christmas we know how much everyone looks forward to the play that the children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 present to the Howes community. This year we are not able to invite families into school, so we are sending a Christmas wish to you all from Oak and Ash classes.

Please visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sd4eRpVCS\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sd4eRpVCS_8)  
Join in if you know the words!

Please can we remind all families that where a child is coming to and from school alone and needs to bring a personal device such as a phone with them, this must be given in to the main office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

Where children are attending the after school clubs, a member of staff from the club will collect the phone from the office at the end of the day.

The children should not be bringing iPads to school. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary



18<sup>th</sup> December  
End of term



19<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Christmas Holidays



## Spring Term Dates

First Half Term:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term Holiday: Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Second Half Term:  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### Staffing News

Today we say goodbe to Miss White as she leaves us to begin her new job working as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant in January.

Good Luck Miss White!

We will miss you!

### Goodbye from Howes

Today we say goodbye and thank you to Mr Gillard who has been working with Maple Class this term.

We wish you all the very best.



### Summer Term Dates

First Half Term:  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday:  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

INSET WEEK:  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> May **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Half Term Holiday: Monday  
31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Second Half Term:  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June to  
Wednesday 21st July

### Winter Weather

As you are aware the Government have advised all schools to ensure that the classrooms are kept well ventilated during the day due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

This term we have been encouraging the children to wear additional layers in the classrooms. As we move into Winter after the Christmas holiday it will become more important that the children have additional clothing such as an extra jumper or hoodie, a coat, hat, scarf and gloves with them in school.

### Howes Housepoints!



*Congratulations to all of our teams for working hard this term:*

*Knights of Courage (Red) : 1520*

*Knights of Respect (Blue) : 1712*

*Knights of Inspiration (Green) : 1417*

*Knights of Equality (Yellow) : 1711*

*Well done to our winning House: The Knights of Respect.*

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You can also find us on Facebook.

## Friends Of Howes: RAINBOW Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the  
RAINBOW raffle.

We are pleased to announce that our RAINBOW winners are:

**Riah, Swagger, Orla, Corey, Nancy and Mrs Townsend.**

If you need to contact school,  
please do so in person, by email  
or telephone.

[Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk)

02476411711

### Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

From 1<sup>st</sup> January, all bookings and payments for our clubs must be made through  
SimsPay.

If you have not already registered for SimsPay, please contact the office for assistance.

### An act of kindness

Many thanks to the very generous family who  
donated a hamper of food to give to another  
family for Christmas this year.

## Cheylesmore Food Hub

This service is for residents of Cheylesmore (including Whitley and Stonehouse Estate) and  
Earlsdon wards only. If you are not sure whether you qualify, or live outside of Cheylesmore or  
Earlsdon please contact Coventry City Council's Emergency Food Networks hub on 08085 834  
333.

The Food Hub is a membership club where you pay £4 each week but you will receive  
approximately £20 of food to help feed your family. Volunteers deliver food to your doorstep on a  
Saturday morning. You will receive a bag of the following:

3 tins of beans, soup, tomatoes, veg or fruit

1 tin of tuna or meat

1 litre of long life milk

A packet of cereal or cereal bars

Pasta, rice, mash or noodles

Sauces and condiments when available

Tea, coffee or squash

Plus - a fresh bag of fruit / veg / short-dated chilled items which need to be used quickly.

If you would like to apply please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefdv1OX82ppJLnQZUvVQ3K6hPA47crYGsMXaS3zybw4XghQ/viewform>

**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  
Palermo and Dillotford Avenue,  
in the privately owned residents  
parking bays on Crediton Close  
or across resident's driveways,  
thank you.**

## Admissions

**We would like to  
remind parents  
with children in  
Nursery of the  
following closing  
date for  
applications for  
Reception:**

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## Attendance and Lateness

**Thank you for ensuring that your children attend school as much as  
possible as the pandemic continues.**

Class	Attendance This term
Fir class	93.8%
Oak Class	99.3%
Ash Class	97%
Beech Class	98.1%
Cedar Class	95.5%
Maple Class	94.3%
Willow Class	97%
	<b>96.4%</b>

**Thank you for working with us to ensure that your children arrive and  
leave at their allocated time:**

**Group 1 8:45am – 3pm**

**Group 2 9am-3:15pm**

**These times will continue after the Christmas holiday.**