

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 20th November 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

As you know we have had a couple of positive cases within school in recent weeks. We fully understand what challenging times these are for everyone, including children, parents and staff.

We would like to reassure all families that where we have had notification of a positive test result we work very closely with the Local Authority to complete a full risk assessment following guidance from Public Health England.

If your child is identified as being a close contact they will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. During this time you may decide to get your child tested. If the result of this test comes back negative they still need to complete the 14 day self-isolation in line with the Government guidance.

Some children within a bubble may still be able to attend school as usual and this is because having completed the risk assessment they have not been identified as someone who has been in close contact with the person who has tested positive.

We cannot share with families who has tested positive as this would breach data protection laws.

Your child must attend school unless they have been asked to self-isolate by school, you are getting your child or a family member tested for Covid-19 or if they are unwell.

TO HELP TO KEEP EVERYONE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE

Please ensure that you wear a face covering (where not exempt) at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Your child must be fit and well to attend school. If you suspect that they have symptoms of COVID-19, they must not attend school. If you suspect that they have COVID-19 symptoms, please inform us straight away.

We ask that you inform us if your child and/or family are being tested for Covid-19. Children must not attend school if they are waiting for a test result.

Staff will use the school phone number 02476 411711 to call home. Please ensure that you answer these calls as it could be an emergency.

Please make sure that you check through our remote learning guidance as sent home on 22.10.2020. It is also available on our website:

<https://howesprimary.co.uk/news-events/covid-19/>

Dates for your diary



14th December
Nasal Flu Spray for Reception to Year 6



14th- 18th December
Christmas Craft days



15th December
Christmas Jumper/T Shirt Day



15th December
Christmas Dinner



18th December
End of term



19th December – 3rd January
Christmas Holidays



PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

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>

Indoor/ Outdoor Shoes

A few years ago we introduced the children keeping a pair of indoor shoes at school to be able to change their footwear to work inside and to have a pair of shoes to wear outside. This also allows the children to be able to use the field all year round, without lots of mud being brought back into classrooms on the children's shoes.

Please can we remind all families that we actively encourage the children to keep a pair of indoor shoes/slippers/trainers/slip on shoes in school in order to support this.
Thank you.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped to raise £139 for Children in Need last week.

Head Bumps

Our new procedures for head bumps started two weeks ago. We will send you an email advising you of the accident. We request that you respond to the email to confirm that you have received, read and understand the information that it contains.

Please ensure that we have the correct email address for you, if you are unsure please contact the school office.

We are having a few difficulties with Yahoo accounts not being deliverable. Please can you check your settings and make sure that you are able to receive emails from Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk



Orders for individual photographs can be made online at www.lafayettephotography.com/schools or by calling Lafayette Customer Services on 03702 432 085

Please can we ask that all children wear a coat to school. As we need to ensure that we have good ventilation in school by keeping some windows and doors open, having a coat means that if a child is feeling cold they are able to put an extra layer on. (Staff are doing the same too).



Having a named coat in school also means that the children are able to go outside at both playtime and lunchtime for some fresh air.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

From 1st January all bookings and payments for our clubs are to be made through SimsPay.

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

Reminder to families: late collection of a child.

Please note that as per our Late collection of a child policy. Any child collected 15 minutes or more late, will go to the after school club and there will be a sessional charge to parents.

Currently Group 1 should be collected at 3pm and Group 2 at 3:15pm.



Spring Term Dates

First Half Term:
Monday 4th January to Friday
12th February

Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th
February to Friday 19th
February

Second Half Term:
Monday 22nd February to
Thursday 1st April

Road Safety

As the clocks have now gone back making the mornings slightly lighter and the evenings slightly darker, we have been reminding the children about being safe when crossing roads. If you would like more information about activities that children can complete or key messages that you can share with your children then please visit:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Friends Of Howes

We are really lucky that the Friends of Howes support us in raising money to support school trips and develop areas of the school.

If you think that you can help the FOH in any way they would love to hear from you. Please speak to Shona Orchard or Laura Grant or leave a message with the school office and we will pass your name onto them.

This half term the FOH have two more exciting events:

Elfridges



Please return your order form by Thursday 26th November.

A Christmas raffle



Rainbow Raffles letters were sent home on Friday 13th November.

You have got to be in it to win it!

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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.

You can also find us on Facebook



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

Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk

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Summer Term Dates



First Half Term:
Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday:
Monday 3rd May
SCHOOL CLOSED

INSET WEEK:
Monday 24th May to Friday 28th May
SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
SCHOOL CLOSED

Second Half Term:
Monday 7th June to Wednesday 21st July

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:

15th January 2021

Attendance and Lateness

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

Class	Attendance		Lateness	
	Last Week	This week	Last Week	This week
Fir class	96.3%	100%	0	0
Oak Class	98%	100%	5	5
Ash Class	96.3%	97.3%	2	3
Beech Class	99%	100%	1	1
Cedar Class	93.1%	95.1%	3	4
Maple Class	95.6%	95.7%	1	4
Willow Class	96.7%	100%	1	1
	96.4%	98.3%	13	18

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

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/1FAIpQLSefdv1OX82ppJLInQZUvVQ3K6hPA47crYGsMXaS3zybw4XqhQ/vie wform>