

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 11th June 2021

Coventry Peace and Reconciliation Award for Schools



We are extremely proud to share with you that Howes has been awarded the Coventry Peace and Reconciliation Award for Schools.

Thank you to all of the staff, especially Mrs Bollands who have been central to the planning of projects such as the Coventry Young Ambassadors, the Japanese Garden and the Flame of Friendship for schools across Coventry.

Mrs Bollands has been invited to a special ceremony to receive the award from the Lord Mayor!

Dates for your diary

Every Friday
Swimming for Years 5 and 6



Monday 14th June:
Class photographs



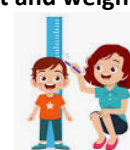
Wednesday 16th June
Reception visual checks



Friday 18th June
Deadline for parental
questionnaire



Friday 25th June:
Reception and Year 6
height and weight checks



We are pleased to share with you the results of the pupil questionnaire that was completed just before the half term holiday. Many thanks to all of the children for their feedback.

	(please tick)	All of the time	Most of the time	Sometimes	Never
1	I am happy to come to school.	55%	35%	7%	3%
		97%			
2	I learn a lot in lessons.	68%	28%	3%	1%
		99%			
3	The school helps me to do as well as I can.	64%	23%	11%	2%
		98%			
4	I know how well I am doing at school.	56%	30%	12%	2%
		98%			
5	Adults in school explain to me how to improve my work.	75%	13%	12%	1%
		99%			
6	Teaching at this school is good.	80%	14%	5%	1%
		99%			
7	Teaching at this school helps me develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	75%	18%	6%	1%
		99%			
8	Behaviour is good in my school.	55%	31%	13%	1%
		99%			
9	Behaviour is good in lessons.	62%	26%	11%	1%
		99%			
10	The school deals with all types of bullying very well.	73%	14%	10%	3%
		97%			
11	I feel safe when I am in school.	79%	14%	5%	2%
		98%			
12	Teachers are interested in my views.	59%	27%	12%	2%
		98%			



We need to let you know that Mrs Bollands will be leaving Howes at the end of this academic year.

We are sure that you join with us in thanking her for all of her hard work over the last eight years and for all of the amazing opportunities that she has provided for the children and staff.

We will miss you Mrs Bollands and wish you every success in the future.

Sun Safety

Whilst we are luckily enjoying some warmer weather please can we remind all families that it is essential for the children to have the following in school:

- A sun hat
- A water bottle



Ideally, sun cream **must** be applied before school. Staff in school cannot apply cream to children during the school day.

If you send cream to school with your child for them to administer themselves, you must complete a form which can be collected from the school office.

A message from the Local Authority

The Local Authority in conjunction with the Coventry Headteacher Partnership have collectively agreed how to manage the movement / transition of pupils across the 2nd part of the Summer Term where they begin in a new setting in September. This largely impacts on children and young people starting in Reception at a primary school, and those moving to secondary school (Year 6 to Year 7).

Locally, although our number of COVID cases has continued to remain low, there is significant concern about the impact of COVID variants. Bringing children and young people together from different nurseries / schools means mixing bubbles, which is not currently supported by the national schools guidance or local public health advice. The Partnership has agreed, therefore, not to bring these children, young people or parents / carers onto their new school sites in the Summer term, and instead there will be virtual arrangements in place. Schools have the flexibility to arrange 1 to 1 onsite meetings / visits if required, and may also arrange group visits where children and young people can visit their new school remaining within their current bubble.

Schools have agreed to adapt their arrangements for the start of term in September to ensure that all children and young people have the opportunity to settle into their new school, and some secondary schools are also operating a Summer School in the Summer holidays which will also give existing year 6 pupils the opportunity to spend time on their new school site.

If you have any concerns about how your child will cope moving to their new school please contact the school to discuss.



Please can families remember not to park on or drop off children on the yellow markings on Palermo Avenue, the road to the garages next to the main gate, Dillotford Avenue or the residents parking bays on Crediton Close.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

The car park gates are open before school and after school to allow all families to be able to park in the main car park when bringing children to club in the morning and collecting after school.

**28th - 30th June:
Adventure Days for
Year 6**



**Friday 2nd July:
Reports home to families**



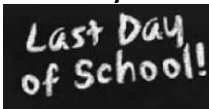
**Wednesday 7th July:
Class Swap afternoon**



**Thursday 8th July:
Sports morning
CHILDREN ONLY**



Wednesday 14th July



**Summer Holiday begins:
Thursday 15th July**



Applications for Nursery Places for September 2021

If your child turns three by 31st August 2021, they are eligible to take up a place at Howes in the Nursery class from September 2021.

Application forms are available from the school office.



Training days for staff: School closed to children
15th July
16th July
19th July
20th July
21st July

Mrs Kavia will be retiring from her role as Dining Room Assistant at the end of this academic year.



We are sure that you join with us in wishing her well in her retirement.

(Please note these training dates changed after consultation with parents, Governors and staff)

Attendance and Lateness

Class	Attendance		Lateness	
	Last week	This week	Last week	This week
Fir class	97.5	97.5	0	0
Oak Class	97.3	97.9	4	6
Ash Class	87.3	91.9	3	2
Beech Class	92	96	1	0
Cedar Class	84.5	93.2	3	6
Maple Class	93.4	94	5	5
Willow Class	88.3	95.7	2	2
	91.5	95.2	18	21

Group 1: 8:45am-3pm Group 2: 9am-3:15pm

**You must inform the school office if your child is absent from school.
 Please ring 02476 411711.**

Absence from school

We understand that there are times where your child is not able to attend school, for example when they are unwell.

If your child is unwell and not in school, please ensure that you contact us on the main school phone number: 02476 411711.

If we do not receive a message from you then we will text you and then if we do not receive a reply we will call you to find out where your child is.

If your child is regularly absent or late we will work with the Local Authority Attendance Team to find out where your child is and why they are not at school.

Remember to follow us on



@HowesCoventry

www.howesprimary.co.uk

Covid-19

Please can we ask all parents to remember social distancing when walking on the paths in and around school.

Please remember that unless exempt you **MUST** wear a face covering on the school site.

Please can we remind families that staff may not be checking the children's Home School Journals as regularly as previously this year as they work to try to keep themselves as safe as possible whilst the pandemic continues.

Communication with school

Please can we remind all families that if you need to communicate with any member of staff you can either call us or email Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk. These messages will be passed onto the correct members of staff who will get in touch with you. Parents should not ask for or use staff email addresses to communicate with individual members of staff.

Free School Meals

If you think that your child might be entitled to Free School Meals please email Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk or go to:
https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory_record/30441/free_school_meals

Term Dates for 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Training Day (School closed):
Friday 3rd September

Start of term: Monday 6th September

Half Term (School closed):
25th-29th October

Start of term: Monday 1st November

End of term: Friday 17th December

Christmas Holiday:
18th December - 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2022

Start of term: Tuesday 4th January

Half Term (School closed):
21st- 25th February

Start of term: Monday 28th February

End of term: Friday 8th April

Easter Holiday:
9th - 24th April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Start of term: Monday 25th April

Bank Holiday (School closed):
Monday 2nd May

Training Days (School closed):
25th - 27th May

Half Term (School closed):
30th May- 3rd June

Start of term: Monday 6th June

End of term: Friday 22nd July

Training Day (School closed):
Monday 25th July