



Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2020 Week 5

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good week, time is flying by and it is hard to believe that there are only 2 weeks until half term. I am aware that the Prime Minister is due to announce further restrictions on Monday. Whatever they may be we will follow guidance and do what's best for the children and our whole school community.

I have been asked by a few parents about wearing masks on the playground as I am aware that the Juniors have requested this. I cannot enforce this as it is not a government guideline or law to wear masks in a public place but of course, as parents it is your prerogative to wear masks if you wish.

Social distancing rules are being adhered to on the playground and the parents I have spoken with are happy with it however, I am aware that some parents are not being courteous, particularly on the path at the rear of the school; not giving way and waiting for people to come in and out of the gate. I would urge us all to provide space for others to pass.

Mrs McGuigan, Headteacher of the Junior School has also asked me to remind you not to use the Junior school as a shortcut if you do not have children at the Junior School. Thank you.

School Lunches

I would like to thank you all for your understanding regarding the lack of hot meals at the present time. I have spoken with Herts Catering about this again and bearing in mind the children would be eating in the classroom they would only be able to offer hot meals in biodegradable boxes whilst using cutlery.

As an adult I have found these boxes to be incredibly difficult to use with cutlery. I also don't think that gravy, sauces etc. would work in them. We have spoken with the children and they are largely happy with the sandwich choices but have requested less butter on the bread, which we have passed onto the kitchen. We do realise that the children need a bit of variety and for this reason we can offer hot food each Friday which doesn't require cutlery. This will start after half term.

Friday Week 1	Pizza slice
Friday Week 2	Hot dog (V)
Friday Week 3	Fish finger sandwich

Parent consultations

I hope that you have all had an opportunity to read the message which was sent out yesterday on the School Jotter App regarding our parent consultation meetings. The booking system opens TODAY at 6pm.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nicola O'Connell
Headteacher

Upcoming dates

14th October	Individual Photos
Week beginning 19th Oct	Parent consultation phone calls Harvest donations accepted from the 19th more details to follow
Fri 23rd Oct	Class Harvest assemblies posted on the website
Fri 23rd Oct	Break up for Half term break
Mon 2nd Nov	Children return to school



Christmas Cards



The H S A (Holtsmere School Association) will have limited opportunities to raise much needed funds for both Holtsmere schools this year. However, the popular 'Christmas card designed by your child scheme' is running. There is a slight change from previous years as your child will make their design in school, this will be sent home for you to order your child's cards online.

Artwork will be sent home on the 23rd October for you to decide if you are going to order. After you order you will need to complete the form and return by Monday 2nd November 2020.

We hope that you support this worthwhile cause.



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Happy birthday to you!



Reception Birthday Bubble



Year 2 Birthday Bubble

Amazing Attendance

Every day counts

Chestnut	95.49%
Maple	94.65%
Hazel	95%
Oak	96.79%
Beech	94.33%
Pine	99.65%

Well done to all the classes who achieved above 95%

Harvest celebration

As with everything this year we are having to make changes to our usual harvest celebration and will be unable to invite families in to celebrate with us. We will be uploading class videos to the website on Friday 23rd of children singing their harvest songs.

We kindly request donations of tinned and packet food to distribute to local charities. We normally share the donations between DENS and the Salvation Army however, if you are aware of any other charities you would like us to consider please do let me know.

Please bring your donations to school from **Monday 19th October** and place in the boxes outside your child's classroom.

We are always grateful for your kindness and support.



Word of the week -Year 1

