



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 4TH NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing with a few reminders about events for the term and things to be aware of.

Parking – We have had more issues with parking and a near miss recently where a child could've been seriously hurt. This has meant that we must enforce further rules and can only allow taxis or parents with SEND pupils and permits to enter the school car park. Please **DO NOT** park on the double yellow lines and be considerate to other drivers. I am forever fearful that there will be a serious accident in the parking areas around the school.

Poppies (and other merchandise) – From Monday 7th November we will be selling poppies in school. You should have received an e-mail with a price list and this has also been added to our Facebook page.

Big Read - The upcoming, and extremely popular, I'm pleased to say, Big Read dates are as follows;

Tuesday 15th November – Mrs. Cowey's (Year 2) and Mr. Snelling's (year 4) Class.

Thursday 17th November – Mrs. Armstrong's class and Mr. Winn's class

The session times are from 8:55am to 9:45am. We look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments will be provided.

Parents Evenings – These will be held next week. You should have received a printed letter which was sent home with your child earlier this week, giving you the opportunity to request an appointment. If you have not received the letter / email please contact the school office.

Open Evening for prospective nursery and reception starters 2023 – On 16th November, 4:00pm – 5:30pm potential parents of nursery and reception starters in 2023 are invited to an open evening in school. This is an informal event, giving parents an opportunity to look around our facilities and ask any questions. There will be no booking required, just turn up on the day.

Oh no it isn't – We are so excited to have a pantomime in school on 12th December for all of our children to experience!

Healthy snacks and packed lunches – We are noticing that more and more children are bringing sweets, crisps and chocolate into school. These are **not** allowed in school for snack time, please remind your children and send in a healthy alternative for mid-morning snack e.g. fruit, bread sticks. Can we also request that you do not send too many sugary snacks in packed lunches. One sugary treat e.g. biscuit, cake is perfectly fine but we don't want the children to overload on sugar as this affects their concentration and behaviour in the afternoons. We appreciate that some children are fussy eaters but if you can support our attempts to promote healthy eating that would be most appreciated.

Bikes and scooters on the yards – Please remind your child not to ride their bike or scooter onto the school yard for the safety of all children and adults. Children should push their bikes and scooters to the parking pods.

Sickness – After consultation with Public Health any children who have **any** bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea **MUST** stay off school for 48 hours from the last episode. We know that this may cause some inconvenience for parents/carers however we need to contain any spread of infection within school.

KS2 yard morning routine

Now that the children are settled into the morning routine on the yard, please can parents encourage independence by leaving the yard once the staff are present. Parents can stand behind the fence to watch their children line up / enter school if they wish to do so. Thank you.

School Dates leading up to Christmas.

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| Monday 7 th , Tuesday, 8 th Wednesday 9 th Thursday 10 th November | Parents' evenings | |
| Tuesday 15 th November | The Big Read for Year 2 Mrs Cowey's class & Mr Snelling's Year 4 class | KS1 hall 8.55 – 9.45am. PARENTS WELCOME REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED |
| Thursday 17 th November | The Big Read for Yr 3 /4 classes Mr Winn's & Mrs Armstrong's. | KS1 hall 8.55 – 9.45am. PARENTS WELCOME REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED |
| Thursday 17 th November | Children in Need (one day early due to staff training day on 18th). | Children can come in non-uniform with a spotty theme |
| Friday 18 th November | Inset day – staff training. | SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS |
| Thursday 1 st December | EYFS performances for parents of Nursery and Reception classes. | 10am and 2pm |
| Friday 2 nd December | Christmas Fair 2pm onwards | |
| Monday 5 th December | KS1 performances for parents | 10am and 2pm |
| Wednesday 7 th December | Christmas dinner | |
| Wednesday 7 th December | Music concert for parents of children having individual music lessons | 2.15pm |
| Thursday 8 th December | Yr 3 & 4 performances for parents | 10am and 2pm |
| Friday 9 th December | Yr 5 & 6 performances for parents | 10am and 2pm |
| Monday 12 th December | Visiting panto in school | |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Nursery and Reception classes party | |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Yr 1 & 2 party | |
| Thursday 15 th December | Yr 3 & 4 party | |
| Friday 16 th December | Yr 5 & 6 party | |
| Monday 19 th December | Christmas Jumper day. | |
| Tuesday 20 th December | Toy day and end of term. | |