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SEPTEMBER 2018 **NEWSLETTER**

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome to all parents, carers and children and a special welcome if your child has just joined Hollin. I hope you are looking forward to the year ahead?

STAFFING

A warm welcome to Mr McDickens, who will teach Year 4 this year while Mrs Shields is on maternity leave. Congratulations to three members of staff who got married over the summer. Miss Hughes is now Mrs Brokenbrow, Miss Smith is now Mrs Jones and Mrs Broom is now Mrs Michinson.

I am sorry to have to inform you that Steve Bamber, a well loved and respected caretaker in school, unfortunately passed away over the summer after an illness. Our thoughts are with his family.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

We value the opportunity to communicate with parents and the school community and do so in the following ways:

NEWSLETTER

A newsletter will be sent out every month which will keep you informed of what is happening in school. It will also be posted on the school website and shared on Twitter.

TEXT MESSAGE

We send regular texts to parents to remind you about various school events, so please ensure your contact details are up-to-date.

WEBSITE

Please check the school website for regular updates.

www.hollin.rochdale.sch.uk

Each class updates their web page each half term. It contains important information about what's going on in your child's class.

TWITTER

Lots of the fabulous things that go on in school each and every day are shown on our school Twitter page.

Please follow us, we're **@HollinPrimary**



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ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION

Each morning, the school gates will open at 8:45am. If you are entering the playground, your children are still under your supervision until the classroom doors open. Although tempting, children should not play on the equipment or use the games area...these are only to be used in school time under the supervision of school staff. Mr Fenton, Miss Noon and Miss Iddon are on the main playground every morning.

School gates will be closed at 9:05am and any children arriving after this point will need to report to the school office. Each afternoon, the school gates will open for parents at 3:10pm. School finishes at 3:20pm.

CAR PARK AND PARKING

Although we appreciate that the majority of parents/carers know the procedure, we also appreciate that we have a number of new families who may not. Access to the car park is restricted to:

- School staff
- Blue Badge holders
- Rochdale Special School Transport

Over recent years, the school has grown in size and we now have over 330 pupils on roll. As more children appear to arrive at school by car, please be mindful of local residents by parking considerately.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to the efforts of everyone for helping to improve attendance. The school percentage for last academic year was 95.6% which is an improvement on the year before.

Attendance continues to be incredibly important to us and we will continue to reward attendance in the following ways:

- At the end of each half term, we will continue to have a special attendance reward. To qualify, your child will need to have had no more than 1 day absent from school in the half term.

The first special attendance celebration will take place on Friday 19th October.

- Children who achieve 100% attendance for the full term will be rewarded with special certificates and medals.



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ABSENCE PROCEDURES

Attendance continues to be incredibly important to us at Hollin. If your child is not well enough to come into school, please telephone the school office.

If you haven't notified us of your child's absence, then we will contact you as we are required to keep an up-to-date record of every absence. If your child is attending a medical appointment, please notify the school office, who will ask you to show evidence of the appointment.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Holidays in school term time will not be authorised and the following will apply:

- An unauthorised holiday for 5 school days or more will qualify for a Penalty Notice.
- In the case of an unauthorised holiday, the Local Authority will issue parents with a Penalty Notice. A Penalty Notice is £60 and is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

HOLIDAY PATTERN

I have enclosed the holiday pattern for 2018 – 2019 for your reference.

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSURES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
		Wednesday 5 th September
HALF TERM	Friday 19 th October	Monday 29 th October
CHRISTMAS	Friday 21 st December	
		Monday 7 th January 2019
HALF TERM	Friday 15 th February	Monday 25 th February
EASTER	Friday 5 th April	Tuesday 23 rd April
MAY DAY	Monday 6 th May	
HALF TERM	Friday 24 th May	Monday 3 rd June
SUMMER	Thursday 18 th July	



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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

I have pleasure in sharing our school data from the academic year 2018. I'm sure you will agree that Hollin children perform well compared to children locally and nationally. Although we are very pleased with the outcomes, we always seek further improvement. This academic year, we will prioritise developments in reading, writing and assessment.

End of Reception

Percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development

Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
67%	71%	66%

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Percentage of children reaching the expected standard

Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
79%	83%	82%

Year 2 (end of Key Stage 1 tests)

Percentage of children reaching the expected standard

	Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
Reading	71%	76%	72%
Writing	67%	70%	66%
Maths	71%	76%	74%

Year 6 (end of Key Stage 2 tests)

Percentage of children reaching the expected standard

	Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
Reading	71% *	75%	71%
Writing	73%	78%	74%
Maths	76%	76%	73%
SPAG	82%	78%	78%
RW&Maths	65%	64%	60%

* awaiting a remark result which could increase this percentage.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

We expect all children to wear our school uniform with pride and we value the support we receive from parents. Our school uniform is as follows:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Yellow polo shirt.
- Grey trousers or skirt (dresses are acceptable in the summer).

It would help us greatly if your child's name could be added to all items.

FOOTWEAR

Please ensure that your child comes to school in footwear that conforms to the school uniform policy, which states black shoes. Trainers, boots and canvas type shoes are not part of school footwear. Children who participate in lunchtime sports activities are encouraged to bring a change of footwear for lunchtimes if they wish.

ACCESSORIES

Small, simple stud earrings may be worn but these need to be removed for P.E. Earrings, chains, bracelets and nail varnish are not part of school uniform. Pupils with shoulder length, or longer, hair must have it tied back neatly and out of their eyes. Hair bobbles should be black or brown or in keeping with school colours (blue/yellow). Large coloured bows are not permitted.

P.E KIT & FOOTWEAR

Where possible, P.E lessons take place outside. Although children in Early Years have a weekly P.E lesson, P.E kit is only required for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Our P.E kit is:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts/tracksuit pants and
- Trainers.

For outdoor P.E, children may wear their Hollin jumpers/cardigans or bring one from home. Pumps are used only for indoor gymnastics lessons. Again, please ensure all P.E kit has your child's name in it.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st September

Individual and family photographs (a letter will be sent soon with arrangements)

Friday 19th October

School closes for half term.

Harvest Assembly (more information will be sent closer to this event) &
Special Attendance Celebration

Monday 29th October

School reopens for the 2nd autumn term

Tuesday 6th November

Parents Evening

Friday 16th November

Children in Need

Thursday 6th December

Hollin's Helping Hands (HHH) Christmas Fair

Friday 21st December

Break up for Christmas holiday &
Special Attendance Celebration

LEARNING LOGS

In January 2017, we introduced Learning Logs for children in Year 1 to 6. They have been a huge success we are going to continue setting the half termly tasks. Parents, we appreciated the help and support you give your child, we were truly blown away with the standard of creative work that comes into school. To help, you might wish to make a note of the dates below.

	<u>TASK SET ON</u>	<u>TASK TO BE RETURNED BY</u>
1 st autumn term	Friday 28 th September	Friday 12 th October
2 nd autumn term	Friday 23 rd November	Friday 7 th December