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## **SEPTEMBER 2019** **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 our three new teachers.

Mrs Jones will teach Year 3J, Miss Thompson is the new Year 4T teacher and Miss Woolfenden will teach Year 5W.

### **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 is sent out every month, which will keep you informed of what is happening in school. In order to reduce the amount of paper we use, it is sent electronically by email. 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](http://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 are **@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 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 340 pupils on roll. As more children appear to arrive at school by car, please be mindful of local residents by parking considerately.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The school percentage for last academic year was **95.7%**. Although this is an improvement on the previous year, we still need to work hard to achieve our target of **96%**.

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



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### **ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

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.

### **ABSENCE AND TERM TIME HOLIDAYS**

Please note that only the first 3 occasions of absence can be authorised. In addition, absences can only be recorded as authorised, if your child's attendance is above 90%.

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.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

For those that pay for school dinners, £11 a week, they **MUST** be paid on a Monday, Tuesday at the latest.

Simply put, school does not have the time to be chasing up parents for unpaid dinner money.

Parents who persistently pay late for school dinners will be asked to provide a packed lunch instead.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

We have recently sent home forms for you to update your contact details. Please return this form to school as soon as possible.





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### HOLIDAY PATTERN

The holiday pattern for 2019 – 2020 for your reference.

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSURES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
		Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
		Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>EASTER</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>MAY DAY</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>SUMMER</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	

### SPORTS KIT

We are collecting stickers - available with every £30 spent at Aldi.

300 stickers are required to claim our free sports kit.

Bring your stickers in to Mr Vyse - promotion runs until November.





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## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

I have pleasure in sharing our school data from the academic year 2019 and I am sure you will agree that Hollin children perform well. Although school Governors, staff and I, are very pleased with the outcomes, we always seek further improvement.

### End of Reception

Percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development

Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
51%	72%	66%

### Year 1 Phonics Screening

Percentage of children reaching the expected standard

Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
80%	82%	78%

### Year 2 (end of Key Stage 1 tests)

Percentage of children reaching the expected standard

	Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
Reading	70%	75%	69%
Writing	62%	69%	64%
Maths	68%	76%	71%

### Year 6 (end of Key Stage 2 tests)

Percentage of children reaching the expected standard

	Hollin	National	Local Authority (Rochdale)
Reading	83%	73%	68%
Writing	83%	78%	74%
Maths	97%	79%	75%
SPAG	97%	78%	78%
R W & Maths	73%	65%	59%



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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 footwear. Trainers, boots and canvas type shoes are not part of school footwear.

For the avoidance of doubt, here are some examples of acceptable footwear.



These are examples of unacceptable footwear.



Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.



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### **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.

### **LEARNING LOGS**

Some time ago, we introduced Learning Logs for children in Year 1 to 6. They have been a huge success and we are going to continue setting the half-termly tasks.

Parents, we appreciate the help and support you give your child, we are 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.

	<b><u>TASK SET ON</u></b>	<b><u>TASK TO BE RETURNED BY</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> autumn term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
2 <sup>nd</sup> autumn term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
1 <sup>st</sup> spring term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
2 <sup>nd</sup> spring term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
1 <sup>st</sup> summer term	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
2 <sup>nd</sup> summer term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

The photographer will be taking individual, and family, photographs.

If you wish your child to be photographed with a younger sibling, **who does not attend the school**, please come to the hall doors at 8.20am and that will be arranged.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please contact the school office before the date of the photographs.

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
School closes for half term.  
Harvest Assembly (more information sent closer to this event) &  
Special Attendance Celebration

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
School reopens for the 2<sup>nd</sup> autumn term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in Need (more information sent closer to this event)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Break up for Christmas holiday &  
Special Attendance Celebration

