

# Holmwood School and Nursery

## Newsletter - October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed your half term break. We know many of our children were tired out and ready for a break and a good rest. This half term will be another busy one, with lots of learning going on, as well as some Christmas events. Do please look out for dates of performances.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November we have two Local Authority representatives in school, checking our progress towards our Ofsted development points. They may well come out to speak to you-please be honest!

Kind regards, Mrs Claire Sharples,  
Executive Headteacher



### Owl Time

As you know the children had a visit from Owl Time at the end of term. This was a fantastic educational visit which the Children thoroughly enjoyed.

### School Value – Respect

This half term we are focusing on the value Respect. Children will be asked to put a jewel in the 'Respect' jar, each time an adult sees them behaving in a respectful manner. All adults in school will be looking for opportunities to reward the children. Please can you talk to your child/ren at home about how they can be respectful to others.

Our school value links with the British Values, which the children are learning about regularly in assemblies and in class.

### Lunches

I have been made aware of some recent gripes on Facebook about lunch orders. In the past we have tried to support families by giving them ample reminders. The same deadlines have been in place for a number of years for ordering lunch for each half term, and in fact the new ordering system has given parents an additional week in which to do this. In future we will no longer be reminding parents to order a lunch for their child. We acknowledge that as a parent it is your responsibility to ensure you provide a lunch for your child, so do not wish to cause offence by offering too much support. We will of course notify you if your child does not have one, so that you can provide it.

### Tooth brushes and cleaning

Last half term all pupils at Holmwood School and Nursery were given a free tooth brush and tooth paste. It made us both happy and sad to hear so many children telling us that they had used their new toothbrush. Happy, because of course oral hygiene is really important. But sad, because this showed just how many of our children are not regularly cleaning their teeth. Children of this age group should be supervised whilst brushing their teeth, morning and night. We took part in this initiative in response to the fact that we have a number of children who have severe tooth cavities, or have indeed had extractions.

### Behaviour update

Behaviour in school continues to be very good. New "Royals" we awarded on the last day of last half term and will be wearing their badges and modelling well above expected behaviour. There are a handful of children who frequently lose a few minutes Golden Time for low level disruption in class. This often consists of talking in class or not following well established routines or instructions. Your child's class teacher will keep you informed if this affects you. There have been no incidents of bullying reported.

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***Up and coming events:***

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Science Day

6<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school football day

10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance day

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti bullying week

13<sup>th</sup> November 11.10-11.50am – Nursery Parents evening

15<sup>th</sup> November 11.10-11.50am & 5-5.40pm – Nursery Parents evening

15<sup>th</sup> November 4.30-6.50pm – Parents evening

16<sup>th</sup> November 2-5pm - Parents evening

17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in need & FOH Film & popcorn

24<sup>th</sup> November – FOH Christmas Grotto

30<sup>th</sup> November – Open House 9.15am

5<sup>th</sup> December – Reception & Nursery Christmas dress rehearsal

6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception & Nursery Christmas performance (am)

11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas dress rehearsal

12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas performance (am)

13<sup>th</sup> December – Chartwells Christmas dinner

13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas performance (pm)

15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term / Father Christmas & Christmas party

(Christmas break: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

2<sup>nd</sup> January – Inset Day

3<sup>rd</sup> January – Back to School