



Birmingham City Council

# Hollywood Primary School Newsletter

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*“Working together, realizing potential.”*

## “A Rights Respecting School”

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### HEADTEACHER COMMENT

This has been another challenging week for the country and our community, I know the pandemic is stretching both our physical and mental resources to the limit. I have, however been delighted by the response of the children, parents and school staff, there is a great attitude of resilience and teamwork.

The home teaching and online offer has been well received by many parents and hopefully as households get more used to the process there will be an even greater response. One new aspect of the home schooling menu is the “live” short sessions (see schedule below). These will be twice weekly at various times during the day and they will have a strong emphasis on well-being, allowing the children to, in a controlled environment, talk to their teacher and their classmates. We have sent out online consent forms as we know that some children are not, for safeguarding reasons, allowed to be exposed in this way.

The form also sets out the ideal environment for these sessions. We realise that if you have more than one child it will be impossible to monitor the child in the session without looking after smaller children. What we ask is that other children do not disrupt the session allowing the child involved to get the most out of the 15 – 20-minute meeting.

We also mention that parents should check the view that the class will get so that photographs and other personal details are not shared. There have been many incidents shared on the media, where people have been shown in the background of live lessons in compromising positions, so please be careful.

**If you have not completed the consent form, please follow the link below as soon as you can:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoll209\\_EeFnBn9le6PxIOGvkI5uP37JdAeZtRXybLG2MoLw/vi ewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoll209_EeFnBn9le6PxIOGvkI5uP37JdAeZtRXybLG2MoLw/vi ewform?usp=sf_link)

For those children who are in school on a part time basis it is essential that they continue the home school learning on the days they are not in school.

### SCHEDULE FOR LIVE SESSIONS

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00-10.30		RF	6HR	6HR	3T
10.30-11.00	1GS			1GS	RF
11.00-11.30		6G	1D	6G	RH
11.30-12.00	Otters	Otters			
12.00-12.30		5T			5T
1.00-1.30		RH	Deer		
1.30-2.00		5H		5H	3B
2.00-2.30		1D			2B
2.30-3.00			3T	Deer	2S
3.00-3.30			3B		4K
3.30-4.00	4P	4K	2S	2B	4P

These sessions are particularly for the children at home, we realise that some children maybe walking home and miss an end of day session, if this happens we will be able to show them a recording when they are back in school.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

The teachers wanted to make a fuss of the children who have birthdays in these challenging times so they will be phoning the children to wish them a “Happy Birthday”.

## ART CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who entered the Art Challenge. The work was great and we hope you enter the next challenge! For this challenge we have a winner in 5H who will be awarded a Smyths Toystore gift card. If you would like to win one too then make sure to enter the next Art Challenge which will be sent out very soon. Please also keep hold of original art work as we will ask you to bring this in, when it is safe to do so, for our pop-up Art Gallery for all to enjoy. Get creative and best of luck! *Mrs Akhtar*



## SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of severe overnight winter weather, leading to general closure of schools, announcements will be made on local radio from 7.00am onwards. Where extreme weather is localised and affects a small number of schools, the names of the closed schools will be broadcast. It is vital that parents tune into local radio stations for updates. We will also text parents as soon as we can.

RADIO WM (95.6FM) FREE RADIO (96.4FM) HEART FM (100.7FM)

No announcements mean school is open; therefore, there is no need to phone school.

## DATES FOR THIS YEAR

Week Commencing Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- National Story Telling Week

- Safer Internet Day

- Break up for half term, children finish at normal time

- Return to school

- Photographer visit for class photographs

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*In our world, dear reader, sad and terrible things often happen, though I wish I could tell you otherwise. But strangely wonderful things also occur, and this is the truth that makes life worth living.*

John Mark Green

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