



Birmingham City Council

Hollywood Primary School Newsletter

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"Working together, realizing potential."

"A Rights Respecting School"

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HEADTEACHER COMMENT

This week we have been reflecting as a Senior Leadership Team on the incredible level of support that parents are giving the school, particularly with the remote offer but also by being so positive with feedback. We are all struggling, no doubt, with the current situation but when the Hollywood community work so well together it makes a real difference. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we invite all children back to school, the government have said that they will not open schools fully until 8th March at the earliest. This means that remote learning will continue for at least another four weeks of term time. When the children are back, we will be working really hard to make up for the time that the children have missed. The snow closure on Monday was unavoidable but hopefully will not be repeated. The weather forecast for next week is not looking great but hopefully we will be able to manage, I will contact parents if the situation deteriorates.

On another note, next week, 30th January – 6th February, is national story telling week.

"Storytelling can be found enriching lives everywhere. The sharing between teller and listener empowers, feeding the imagination from one generation to the next." - Society for Storytelling.

WHAT IS NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK?

Once upon a time, storytelling was a way to pass the time. Now, it's an excellent way to entertain and teach each other new ideas. Therefore, National Storytelling Week is celebrated annually by all ages who read the likes of folktales, fairy tales, love stories and more. The possibilities of genres are endless!

Storytelling is a powerful tool that allows us to share stories that inspire and teach others.



HOW IS NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK CELEBRATED?

National Storytelling Week is celebrated for a full week in February and usually takes place in all sorts of places, including schools, hospitals, and care homes. Stories are chosen and are told in a magical way between the teller and the listener. It is a fantastic way for people to share their own story, or even invent something entirely new (and endlessly entertaining).

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

For parents expecting vouchers I realize that there has been a temporary issue with them, we are working with both the local authority and Edenred to resolve this issue.

KEY WORKER INFORMATION

As circumstances change, we will be sending out another questionnaire at the end of this half term for the second half of the term commencing on 22nd February. I do hope the children will be back with us on 8th March, although I know that this will not be my decision.

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 30th Jan
Tuesday 9th February
Friday 12th February
Monday 22nd February
Tuesday 20th 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

*Before a child talks they sing.
Before they write they draw.
As soon as they stand they dance.
Art is fundamental to human expression.*

Phylicia Rashad

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