

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Holly Class!

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a relaxing summer holiday and cannot wait to see the new members of Holly Class this week. Our topic this term is Toys and we look forward to starting this very soon. Please keep an eye on our Class Dojo page for updates!

Class Staff

Mr Farmer will be teaching Holly class with our fantastic teaching assistant, **Mrs Jordan**.

Mornings

Children can arrive in school from **8.45-9am** via the classroom door where Mr Farmer will greet them and Mrs Jordan will be inside the classroom settling the children as they arrive. Please arrive promptly as we go straight into our morning routine of lessons as soon as we have completed the register.

Home Time

Our home time is **3.15pm** and Holly Class are dismissed from the classroom door by an adult every day. Please stand in clear sight of the classroom door on the field and do let us know by phoning the office if an adult not on your child's home time permission form will be collecting.

If you are running late and arrive after 3.20pm, please go to the front entrance (main school office) to pick up your child as they will be waiting in the hall with an adult. Children attending After School Club will be accompanied by an adult to the Hall. We do our best to make sure the children have all of their belongings with them at home time but if your child has forgotten something very important please take them to Miss Owen and Mrs Lewis at the school office and they will let them back in to school. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to come back in through the main classroom door once they have been dismissed.

What to Bring to School

- Named book bag.
- Named water bottle, water only please.
- Named coat, we always aim to get outside at break time wherever possible so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day.
- Named lunch box. If your child is having hot dinners please remember that these need to be ordered in advance using ParentPay.
- Healthy snack. This is optional as we also have fruit available every day. Please also name any snack tubs as we do acquire a lot of Tupperware by the end of the year!

Reading

Phonics will be taught every morning and the children will be learning a new sound every day. Reading will be taught during whole class shared reading lessons, and also on an individual basis when children read to an adult in the class.

Please read with your child daily and encourage them to talk about the books that they have read. As recommended by the Department for Education's Reading Framework 2023, re-reading books is essential to build fluency. You can log your child's reading in their school reading record (this comes to school and goes home with them every day).

To foster independence, we ask the children to hand their reading book in when they arrive at school in the morning if it needs changing. We will then check the reading record comments have been completed and swap it for a new book. We give lots of reminders in class, but if a book hasn't been changed, please just give your child a gentle reminder to hand it in.

PE/Forest school

Holly Class PE day is Monday and Tuesday and we will have Forest school on Thursdays for the Reception cohort. Please send your child to school in their forest school clothes. They will not need to bring any other uniform with them. This half term we have Rob Cook coaching Rugby on Mondays. Please can the children come in PE kits for this half term to allow for timing issues.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo will continue to be used as a communication platform and behaviour system across the school; the rewards are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages and letters, including Class Story to find out what we have been up to in class.

Best Wishes,

Mr Farmer and Mrs Jordan.