



15th December 2023

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Head Teacher message

The end of the term is here and what an amazing term it has been. I think we are all ready for a lovely Christmas break. The children have done some amazing learning this term, they have been on some exciting school trips and have taken part in some brilliant entrance and exit points. I am very excited for next half term and cannot wait to see what new topics the teachers have instore for your children. As ever if we can help in anyway please email us. From all of us at Hollington we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. #strongertogether.

Welcome to Mr Vigor

I am delighted to welcome Mr Vigor to Hollington Primary School in January. He will be the new Deputy Head Teacher. He will be on the gates in the morning and is really looking forward to meeting all the parents and children and is very excited to be getting into lessons and supporting your children.

Important Dates

Friday 15th December – End of term
Thursday 4th January – INSET
Friday 5th January – INSET Children do not need to attend school
Monday 8th January – All children to be in school at 8.45am

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I am very happy to announce that Ms Morrison will be returning to Hollington. Some of you may remember her from last year and some of you will have had her as your teacher in the past. She will be sharing the class with Mr Grant.

Wrap around care

Did you know we have our own breakfast clubs and after school clubs? – both are very competitively priced and both are run by familiar school staff. Please ask on the gate or at the office for further information.

Foul Language

Please could we ask all parents to refrain from using foul language at drop off or pick ups. It is not nice for the Hollington children to hear parents using that language or hearing parents argue. If you have an issue with any other parent please come in and speak to a member of SLT rather than trying to deal with it yourself.



5MPH

If you are using the school car park between the hours of 9am and 2.30pm please obey our speed limit which is 5mph. If we have parents driving faster up when we have children on site we will have to consider shutting the car park at all times of the day. The children's safety will always be the most important thing.



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8.55 am is our start time

I understand it has been frustrating that the doors have been shutting at 8.55am but like I explained in the last newsletter there is a reason for this. Being late has a huge impact on children's learning. If they are in KS1 they miss their phonic lessons in the morning and in KS2 they will be missing the input to the English lesson. Please try and get your children into school on time. All gates open by 8.40am that gives you 15minutes to get your children into school ON TIME! All doors will be shut at 8.55am. If you arrive to school after 8.55am you will be asked to take your child to the office as registers have shut and learning has begun. I understand when you arrive at 8.56am its only a minute late but we have a cut off time for a reason. Please do not ask teachers to 'just take your children' if it is past 8.55am

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!



Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



Attendance

For some children at Hollington their attendance is below national average. All children need to be in school everyday. I understand sometimes children are sick but a lot of the time they are not sick and are being allowed to stay at home. Next term we will be really focussing on attendance. Each week the class with the highest attendance will get a certificate and a extra 10 minutes play. Any child who has 98% attendance or above will get a treat at the end of the term and will also receive a certificate. Any child who has an attendance of 98% or above by the end of the year will be in the prize pot to win an extra reward at the end of the year. We will also be looking for those children who have improved attendance next term.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent!
equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

Did you know?

If your child has an attendance of below 90% this equates to more than 20 days off school. That is the same as having another 4 weeks holiday on top of the 13 weeks holiday children already receive. It is so important to get your children into school every day and on time.

Family Christmas Meal

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Pioneer Family Christmas Meal' we had an amazing time and we were so happy we got to serve over 200 of you a free Christmas Dinner. Santa was delighted to see so many children and the Elves have written all their names down on Santa's list.

Have a look at some of the amazing photos from the evening.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Family Christmas Meal

We could not have done the evening without all the help and generosity from the people in and around Hollington.

Thank you

A very special thank you to all the staff who helped out on the night. We could not have put the meal on without your help and support

Thank you

A very special thank you to Nourish Catering who provided all the food for free.

Thank you

Thank you to Santa for travelling all the way from the North Pole to spend the evening with us. We know you are a very busy man

Thank you

A very special thank you to all the parents for your donations and money so we were able to give all children a gift from Santa and all families a raffle prize.

Thank you

Airtemp
Carly's Forest School
Morrisons
Inner Glow Therapy
3D recruit
P&S Electrical
One Stop Shop Mount Road
D.B Photography Sussex
Mrs Bradford's daughters
Old Town Fryer
Bob Thorpe's driving school
Hastings Angling Centre

Thank you

To all the families and friends of Hollington Primary School who attended the meal and made the evening such a special night.





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Dates for next year

From September we are in consultation to change to The Pioneer Academy term dates so all schools within the trust align. Between now and April 1st we will be in the consultation process.

If you would like to email us any concerns regarding this change please email office@hps.e-sussex.sch.uk

Please note these dates are not confirmed as being adopted by our school until after the consultation period has closed and the responses have been reviewed. With this in mind please do not book any holidays outside normal holiday dates as they will not be honoured if these dates are changed. We will confirm after Easter what the dates for the next academic year will be



The Pioneer Academy 2024/2025 TERM DATES

Autumn Term (72 days)

INSET day	Thursday 29 th August 2024
INSET day	Friday 30 th August 2024
Term starts	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Half Term	Monday 21 st October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024 (2 weeks)
Inset Day	Monday 4 th November 2024 (TPA Inset day)
Term ends	Friday 20 th December 2024

Christmas Break (2 weeks)

Spring Term (61 days)

INSET day	Friday 3 rd January 2025
Term starts	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025 (1 week)
Term ends	Friday 4 th April 2025

Easter Break (2 weeks, 1 day)

Summer Term (63 days)

Term starts	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th May 2025 – Friday 30 th May 2025 (1 week)
INSET day	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Term ends	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

Summer Break (5 weeks)

Autumn Term 2025

INSET day	Thursday 28 th August 2025
INSET day	Friday 29 th August 2025
Term starts	Monday 1 st September 2025