



HOWLEY GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas 2011

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Term ends at 3.15pm on Friday 16th December and school opens again on Wednesday 4th January 2012. Everyone at Howley Grange Primary wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Free School Meals

You may have heard about the 'Pupil Premium' - this is government funding allocated to schools according to the number of children who are eligible to claim free school meals. The criteria for eligibility can be found on Dudley Council's website - www.dudley.gov.uk - in the 'Advice and Benefits' section. Applications can also be made online or by picking up a form from the school office. If you think you may be eligible, please consider applying, so that school as a whole can benefit from any available funding. All applications will be confidential.

ParentMail

In the event of bad weather causing disruption this winter, we will use the ParentMail text system, the school website and local radio stations to keep you informed about school being open or closed. Please ensure you have updated your ParentMail account with any new mobile numbers. If you need a reminder of your ParentMail log-in, please contact the school office.

Online Payments

We are working hard to make available to you options for payments next term's trips, milk (the option is there for everyone - no need to pay unless your child would like milk) and music tuition. We will also be adding the option to pay online for school meals - food only, so Upper Years children will still need to pay for their own drinks. You can access online payments through the school website.

Milk

School milk will resume on the first day back next term. It would be helpful to have numbers by the end of this week so we can order the right amount of milk. Please send back your reply slips as soon as possible.

Music Tuition

Music lessons resume in school on Friday 6th January and the timetable will be the same as for this term. The Spring term payment of £73.67 is also due now so if your child receives lessons in school, please send your payment to the School office.

A Christmas appeal on behalf of Howley Grange PTA

With Christmas just a few days away, we would like to make a quick appeal that when the dust has settled, if you have any unwanted gifts that can be used as raffle / tombola prizes, please consider donating them to school. If you wish please send them into school in the New Year. Thank you for all your support for the Hamper Raffle - sending in lots of lovely food and drink and then buying tickets. Nearly £550 was raised to be shared between school and Children In Need. Well done to all the lucky winners. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, Howley Grange PTA.

Before and After School Clubs

Most clubs resume in the week commencing Monday 9th January except for choir, orchestra, judo and recorders. More details about these activities and any new clubs will be sent out in the new year.

Parking

Our local PCSOs continue to patrol the streets around the school entrances before and after school and will issue fixed penalty tickets to drivers of cars parked illegally and dangerously. They cannot be here every day, however, so they have asked parents to be vigilant and to report the vehicle details and registration number of persistent offenders. The number to call is:

0845 113 5000

Ask for the help desk at Halesowen Police Station



We would like to express our grateful thanks to Gary Lee of Green Leevs Garden Centre who very kindly donated our Christmas tree.

Gary has offered all parents of pupils at Howley Grange Primary School a 10% discount on purchases from his shop at 52 Halesowen Street, Rowley Regis (opposite Sainsbury's)

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

Vouchers were sent home with all pupils earlier this week, but if you have not received yours please call at the office to collect another.