



HOWLEY GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Car Park

The school car park and drive are not to be used by parents, even when dropping off or picking up for before or after-school clubs, except by prior arrangement with Mr James. There have been some very near-misses involving children recently and traffic jams as parents try to exit via the entrance.

Parking

Some parents are still parking dangerously and inconsiderately in the streets around the school entrances. If you spot an offender, please do as we have been advised and report the registration number to the police on 0845 113 5000.

Term Dates

Half term	21st - 25th February
Back to school	Monday 28th February
Easter holidays	11th - 25th April inclusive
Bank holidays	29th April, 2nd May
INSET	5th May
Half term	30th May - 3rd June

Dates to Remember

Friday 18th February	PTA 'Bad Hair Day'
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 1st April pm	Mothers Day Assembly (Reception, Yrs 1 & 2)
9th - 13th May	Year 6 SATs

Attendance

If your child is not well enough to come to school, please telephone or email the school on the first day to inform us of the reason for the absence. If the absence lasts longer than one day, please keep us informed by telephoning every third day.

<u>Illness / condition</u>	<u>Should my child stay away from school?</u>
Coughs, colds, flu	Yes if they are feeling poorly or have a temperature.
Sickness / diarrhoea	Yes until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness / diarrhoea.
Chicken Pox	Yes for at least 5 days from onset of rash, until blisters are dry.
Conjunctivitis	Yes if they are uncomfortable or feeling unwell and miserable.
Impetigo	Yes until lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.

Arriving Late

If your child is late for school (after the 9.00am bell has rung) please bring them to the front entrance rather than knocking on classroom doors as this is disruptive for teachers who have settled their classes and begun lessons.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at our Book Fair last week. So many books were sold that our library shelves have been topped up with more than £600 worth of new books. Thank you and happy reading!



Website: www.howleygrange.co.uk

Our website is updated daily with forthcoming events. The 'Calendar' area contains details of where children will be when they are on visits out of school and so for security, it is password protected. The password is available to parents and carers at the school office.

Before and After School Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Before School</u>	<u>After School</u>
Monday	Your Sport Football - Reception	Multisports - Years 1 & 2. Orchestra
Tuesday	Breakfast Club	WBA Football Club - Years 3 4 & 5
Wednesday	Your Sport Football - Years 1 & 2	Dance Club - Years 5 & 6
Thursday	Breakfast Club	Choir - Years 3 4 5 & 6 Cricket - Year 6
Friday	Your Sport Football - Years 3 & 4 Judo - Years 3 & 4	Football - Years 5 & 6 Netball - Years 5 & 6

As with any activity happening at Howley Grange, we do expect the highest standards of behaviour during these clubs. Failure to abide by this may result in attendance being terminated.

New Headteacher Appointment

As you are aware, Martin James will be retiring at Easter. The recruitment process is well under way and prospective applicants have until just after half term to submit their application. The Governors will make the appointment at the end of March and we will notify you of their decision as soon as possible. Mr Duncan will be Acting Headteacher during the Summer term with the successful applicant taking up the position in September 2011.

Boys Brigade

1st Halesowen Company meets every Thursday evening at Carters Lane Baptist Church:
Anchor Boys 6 - 7.15pm for boys in Years 1, 2 & 3
Junior Section 6.30 - 8.45pm for Years 4, 5 & 6
Company Section 7.30 - 9.30pm for Year 7 and above.
Come and join the fun!

Learn to Swim with Sureswim

Swimming lessons take place at the Orchard & Meadows schools in Oldbury, on weekday afternoons from 4pm onwards and on Saturday mornings from 9.30am onwards. Classes are available for beginners and improvers, and baby and pre-school classes are also available. All children are taught with fully qualified instructors alongside them in the water and there is a ratio of 6 pupils to 1 instructor. The cost is £40 for a course of ten lessons. Please call Heidi for more information: 07889 935675 / 0121 550 6265

The 2011 Census

On 27th March every household will be required to complete a census questionnaire. The census collects information to plan services and facilities. By completing the census you will be helping shape what our community needs - like schools, hospitals, housing, roads and emergency services. The questionnaire can either be completed and posted back in a pre-paid envelope or it can be completed online. Look out for your questionnaire from your local council in March.