



HOWLEY GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

News Update January 2011

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Term Dates

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

Choir & Orchestra

Mr Guest will be recommencing choir practice after school on Thursday 27th January, and orchestra will resume on Monday 31st January.



Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be open during Parents Evenings - 9th & 10th February. There will be books suitable for children of all ages on sale, and school will receive commission towards new library books for every book sold.

September 2011

The closing date for applications for spaces in Reception in September 2011 is Monday, 17th January. If you have a child who is due to start school this year, please ensure you have applied to your home local authority by this date.

Head Lice

Head lice is an on-going problem in school. Our School Health Advisor, Tricia Haley, will be holding a meeting for parents after school on Tuesday 25th January in the Year 4 classrooms. There will be a short presentation on methods of getting rid of head lice and Tricia will be available for questions and individual discussion with parents afterwards. If you would like to attend please feel free to just turn up. Children will be supervised in the adjacent classroom during the meeting.



Website

Our website is updated daily with news and details of forthcoming events. Any information regarding children's visits and trips out of school is within the password-protected 'Calendar' area of the site. If you do not have the password to access this information, please contact the school office.
www.howleygrange.co.uk

More News

Other letters being sent home this week include:
Parents Evening
New 'Get Cooking!' Club
Year 6 Homework Club
Year 4 Trip
Please remember to check your child's bag or your email inbox if you have signed up for ParentMail.

Childminder

Registered childminder has vacancies in the school holidays for school-age children. Please call 0121 422 9413 for details.

Yoga

Yoga classes begin on Wednesday evenings from 19th January at 7.30pm in the school hall. For more details call Lorna Neale on 0121 501 3594

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 (from 31st Jan)
Tuesday	Breakfast Club	WBA Football Club - Years 3 4 & 5
Wednesday	Your Sport Football - Years 1 & 2	Dance Club - Years 5 & 6 (from 26th Jan)
Thursday	Breakfast Club	Choir - Years 3 4 5 & 6 (from 27th Jan) Cricket - Year 6
Friday	Your Sport Football - 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.

PTA News

A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Raffle; we raised a massive £547, of which we donated £273 to Children in Need. Congratulations to all the winners - we hope you enjoyed the hampers.

Santa's breakfast was again a great success. Thank you to everybody that helped out on the day and behind the scene; every bit of help is appreciated.

The main event of 2011 will be the Summer Fete, this year the date has been set as the 25th June from 1pm. We will be sending out requests in the coming months for donations and any offers of help before or on the day are always needed. Keep us in mind if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts / toys and raffle prizes.

More fundraising events will be organised throughout the school year but if you have any ideas for fundraising events come along to a meeting or let us know.

The next PTA Meeting will be held on the 19th January @ 7pm in school, everyone is very welcome.

Thanks

Zillah (07505145491) & Nicki (07912999805)

Healthy Start to 2011 at Olive Hill Children's Centre

Dudley Stop Smoking Service are offering free support and advice, a free health check and gift to kick-start your quit attempt on Tuesday mornings, 9 - 11am from 18th January for 8 weeks.

Whatever health changes you want to make why not have a 1 - 1 with a Dudley Health Trainer and receive advice and guidance on personal health, beginning Friday 14th January at 2pm. Drop in on Friday 21st January from 2pm to have your BMI checked and information on 'Fat Facts'.

For more information on both of these sessions please contact Sarah Eeles or Karen Bond on 01384 812379.