



HOWLEY GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

News Update October 2010

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Term Dates

Half term: 25th - 29th October 2010
Last day of Autumn Term:
Friday 17th December 2010
First day of Spring Term:
Wednesday 5th January 2011

Reminder

Please do not allow your children to ride their scooters or bikes on school premises. There have been several near-miss incidents recently and the safety of everyone is of paramount importance. Please ask your child to dismount at the school gates.

School Photographs

Photographers will be in school on **Thursday 4th November** to take portrait photographs of all children in school. The hall will be open from 8.30am for families who wish to have photographs with younger or older siblings who do not attend Howley Grange. Brothers and sisters in school will have their photographs taken together during the course of the day.



Christmas Carol Services

Upper Years Carol Concert (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday 9 December 9.00am
St Peter's Church, Hiplands Road

Early Years Carol Concert (Yrs 1 & 2)
Friday 10 December 9.00am
Carters Lane Baptist Church
(Years 1 & 2 will also be walking to the church for rehearsals on Friday 3 December and Wednesday 8 December)

Reception Christmas Play
Wednesday 8 December (afternoon)
Thursday 9 December (evening)



Dietary Requirements

Please ensure we have up to date details if your child has any dietary requirements so that we can ensure they are not offered the incorrect food at lunchtimes.

ParentMail

We have been delighted with the number of parents who have signed up to receive letters via email. Please ensure you let us have the email address which you check most frequently! If a letter requires a consent form or slip to be returned to school, we will always send out a paper copy and urgent information may be sent via email as well as on paper to ensure the information is received by everyone as quickly as possible. If you would like to be kept up to date via email as soon as information is sent out from school, then please ask at the Office for a ParentMail form. Copies of all letters sent out can be found on our website, together with news items and a calendar of forthcoming events:



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Big Draw

Thank you to all parents who supported us in The Big Draw. The exhibitions in school and at St Peter's Church were fantastic, and the children really enjoyed the Inspire workshops with parents and visiting artists in school.



Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to receive free school meals but you have not made a claim, maybe because your child prefers to bring a packed lunch, we wonder if you would consider claiming. Some Government funding for schools is allocated according to the number of children entitled to free school meals, whether or not the entitlement is taken up, and so the school as a whole could benefit. All claims will remain confidential. For more information on making a claim, please call or drop into the school office.

Before and After School Clubs

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Before School</u> | <u>After School</u> |
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| Monday | Your Sport Football - Years 5 & 6 | Art Club - Years 2 & 3 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 | 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

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who came to the first PTA meeting of the year, it was lovely to see so many new faces as well as many of the old ones. As a reminder the next meeting is Thursday 18th November 7pm in school, everyone is very welcome. You should have received your letters for the **Family Disco** on 12th November. This always proves to be a good night. Get your tickets quick as they are on a first come first served basis and sell out very fast.

Also, to give you some dates for your diary the **Christmas Mufti Day** will be Tuesday 26th November. Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for an item you would like to find in a Christmas hamper.

Saturday 4th December is **Santa's Breakfast** for children in reception, years 1 and 2. A fun morning with entertainment from Crackers the Clown, breakfast and a visit from Santa. Letters will be sent out soon.

There are many ways to help support the school through the PTA e.g. selling raffle tickets, making up hampers, helping out at events etc. so if you could offer any help please give us a ring.

Thanks

Zillah (07505145491) & Nicki (07912999805)

Bonfire and Fireworks

Howley Grange Scout Headquarters, Thursday 4 November. Gates open 6.30pm, fire lit at 7.00pm. Refreshments, stalls, raffles. Admission adults £2.00, children £1.00.

Beavers

There are spaces for children aged 6 - 8 years in Beaver groups at:

Howley Grange Scout Group, Bournebrook Crescent on Tuesdays, 6.30 - 7.45pm
(contact Kay 0788 687 0774)

and at Quinton Scout Group, Ridgeacre Road West, on Mondays from 6.45 - 8.00pm
(contact Kate 0790 190 0565).