



# HOWLEY GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News Update September 2011

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### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On **Friday 30 September** from 9.00am we will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support to which all parents are invited. We will be serving tea, coffee and cakes supplied by the school kitchen, but if you are able to send any cakes or biscuits (especially homemade ones!) to school for this worthwhile event they would be gratefully received. We hope you will be able to join us.

### Online Payments

We are now able to provide the facility for you to make payments for trips, milk and music lessons by card. In order to access the system you will need your unique pupil link code (sent by letter with your personal details update form on 22nd September) and the user instructions - follow the link on our website 'Online Payments' section. At present it is not possible to pay for school meals through the system because of some technical issues, but watch this space...

### Admissions September 2012

We are holding two Open Days for parents and children interested in applying for a place in our Reception classes for next September:

- Thursday 13 October 9.30 - 11.00am
- Thursday 20 October 1.30 - 3.00pm

If your child was born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 you need to apply to your home local authority by **16 January 2012** for a primary school place.

The closing date for secondary admissions is **31 October 2011**.

Dudley residents can complete an application online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions)

### Information Updates

In the last few weeks your child has brought home lots of information forms for you to complete. Every September we need to check that we have up to date information on file and so we would appreciate your co-operation in sending back these forms. The consent form for visits away from school premises asks for details of medical conditions. Please complete this even if we are already aware of your child's condition so that we can ensure our records are as accurate as possible.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 October	Harvest Festival
Friday 14 October	'Animal Lady'
Friday 14 October	PTA Early Years Family Disco - 6.30 - 8.00pm
Tuesday 18 October	Tempest school photos
Wednesday 19 October	Child/Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening, 4.00-7.00pm
Monday 24 October	HALF-TERM week
Your Sport Football Camp and CAB Multisports Camp will be running at half term - details sent separately.	
Monday 31 October	Back to school
Friday 16 December	Last day of term
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET day
Wednesday 4th January	Spring term begins

### Thank You

Thanks to the contractors who worked over the Summer holidays to enhance our buildings and grounds:

KNW Window Cleaning Services  
T & L Windows  
LMJ Builders  
R Allen (Roofing)  
West Midland Blinds Services

### Look out for...

Other letters sent home this week:  
Year 6 Cricket Club  
Harvest Festival  
PTA Family Disco  
Your Sport October half term leaflet  
Copies are available from the office, and you can also check the website:  
[www.howleygrange.co.uk](http://www.howleygrange.co.uk)

Details of visits and trips are in the 'Calendar' section and are password protected for children's security. If you need the password please contact the school office

Before and After School Clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Before School</u>	<u>After School</u>
Monday	Your Sport Football - Years 5 & 6 Judo - Years 3 & 4	Multisports Years 1 & 2 Orchestra - begins 26 September
Tuesday	Breakfast Club Lunchtime - Recorders	WBA Football Club - Years 3 & 4
Wednesday	Your Sport Football - Years 1 & 2	Basketball - Years 5 & 6
Thursday	Breakfast Club	Choir - Years 3 4 5 & 6 Cricket - details to follow
Friday	Your Sport Football - Years 3 & 4 Lunchtime - French Club	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.**

Howley Grange Kindergarten

We are a Breakfast and After School Club based in the school music block opposite the nursery grounds. Our sessions are from 7.30am – 9.00am and from 3.15pm – 6.00pm.

We also provide a club during the holidays, Monday to Friday, 8.00am – 5.30pm, open to all children including those from other schools.

We currently have the following vacancies:

Monday am - 7 spaces, Tuesday am - 3 spaces, Thursday am - 4 spaces, Friday am - 5 spaces and Friday pm - 3 spaces.

If you are interested in a place please contact 0121 423 1572 or 07799 080 264.

Spare Toys

We would be grateful for any unwanted toys / games that your child no longer plays with. Any spare paper, e.g. computer paper would also be appreciated.

School Club staff are available if you are interested in further details:

Katie – Head of School Club, Becki – School Club Practitioner, Claire – Nursery Manager

Girls' and Boys' Brigade

There are currently places available in the Girls' and Boys' Brigade Companies at Carters Lane Baptist Church for children who are rising 5's and upwards. Meetings are on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm for girls and on Thursday evenings from 6.00pm for boys (start times depend upon age).

Both companies follow a varied and well balanced programme of badgework alongside activities such as games, crafts, sports and outings. They provide the opportunity to have fun and make new friends.

If you are interested in joining or to find out more please go along on the appropriate evening or contact Rachel Wheeler 0121 501 1973 / Julie Smith 0121 421 1916 for Girls Brigade and David Butler 0121 559 6231 for Boys Brigade.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the parents of class 3HF last year for all their kind wishes, cards and presents. From the money from parents who clubbed together I bought a 4-slice Morphy Richards cream toaster to match my pyramid kettle. Your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you.

Mrs Hughes.

*Fairy Hollow*

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