

Autumn Term

It has been a very busy term here at Houndsfield, it seems difficult to believe that it was only the beginning of the term when we introduced our new uniform, logo and motto.

This term we have:

- welcomed 117 new children to our school,
- inducted 18 new members of staff,
- ensured that every year group has been out on a trip or visit,
- held workshops for children with visiting experts including poetry, mindfulness and anti-bullying,
- supported teams to take part in football, netball, cross country, gymnastics and tag rugby competitions,
- invited parents to join workshops, Family Fun and Fitness sessions and community events such as Play Street,
- performed in our Carols by Candlelight and 'I wanna Shine' Christmas shows, recorder concert and in the choir at the home for the elderly,
- raised money for the Royal British Legion and Winston's Wish charities and supported the Rotary,
- launched our new lunch service and held a Book Fair.



All of this has been in addition to the delivery of our broad and balanced curriculum. I would like to thank all our families for supporting the school this term, our incredible staff who continue to work exceptionally hard to move the school forward and colleagues across the Attigo Trust who provide invaluable support and advice.

Dates for the Diary

6th January 2020:
School Opens

Please see the school website for term dates &
DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME.
Thank you


Holiday Homework

PLEASE make time this holiday to share books together, this can be through adults reading to children as well as children reading themselves.

PLEASE practise maths number bonds and times tables, there are many games online to use as well as TimesTables Rockstars. Board games such as snakes and ladders also help.

Flying Families

We have an amazing opportunity for some of our families to work with Scarabeus, Aerial Artists, on their Flying Families project in the New Year. Please watch their film:

**SCARABEUS
AERIAL
THEATRE** 

Attendance December 2019

TTs am	82.64	2F	96.69	4W	94.63
TTs pm	64.81	2H	95.07	5J	97.73
N am	85.31	2T	96.97	5G	91.32
N pm	71.88	3F	92.42	5U	92.83
RB	89.20	3G	90.04	6H	95.59
RW	87.47	3K	95.41	6J	93.34
1G	89.35	4T	94.50	6N	95.93
1KG	91.88	4SW	94.76	Whole school	92.47



Healthy Internet Use

Keeping Safe Online at Christmas

Many of your children will be spending time online this Christmas, and some will be fortunate enough to receive gifts of new devices or games. We encourage the positive use of technology and understand its role in fun and learning – at school and at home. But there are risks to all online activity and children need to be taught how to manage this. Please also remember before buying Christmas presents that games have age ratings linked to their content, not their difficulty (games are rated 18 for the same reasons as films - inappropriate language, mature themes and violence). There are plenty of great reasons to make technology part of your Christmas, so remember to talk about positives with your child – one great way to find out what they do online and also have fun together is to ask them to show you what they do and to teach you to play their games.

Finally, if you need general help and support over the holidays:

- ⇒ Call the NSPCC/O2 parent online-safety helpline on 0808 800 5002 for general advice or help with parental control settings for your home internet or devices
- ⇒ There is an excellent tablet app from Internet Matters built to help parents have a conversation about online safety with their children. Just search Internet Matters on the app store

GOODBYE

This term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Kaniklides, who has moved out of the area, Mr French who is taking time to support his family and Ms Wan who will be exploring new opportunities. We would like to thank them all for their hard work. We are pleased to welcome Ms Hutchinson Wright, Mr McInnes and Mr Winkley to Houndsfield.

FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, A RESTFUL BREAK AND A HAPPY 2020.

MRS LANE



'I'm Gonna Shine' & Carols by Candlelight