



Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week by celebrating our Star Writers who received certificates from Mrs Needle and Mrs Tyrer. The children are chosen by their class teachers for working hard and making excellent progress in writing.

This has been a fabulous half-term with lots of new learning. Keep an eye on Dojo for photos and posts of what the children have been learning.

Teacher Catch-up meetings

After half term we will be holding teacher catch-up meetings. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher, discuss your child's progress and have a look at their books. The meetings will be held week beginning 20th March. We will send further information after half-term.

Get Caught Reading

During half-term, don't forget to get caught reading in unusual places! The competition is open to all pupils, staff and their families. You can enter as many times as you like, closing date for entries is 1st March. So, pick up that book, comic, map, newspaper, menu... and get caught reading!

Safer Internet Day

Last week we held assemblies for Safer Internet Day and throughout the week children in every year group completed follow-up activities around this year's theme of 'Want to talk about it?', encouraging everyone to talk about their online experiences, whether good or bad.

Here is a flavour of what we have been learning:

- Year 4 discussed the dangers of chatting online and having online friends, sharing their thoughts and experiences.
- Year 5 completed a week's worth of lessons focusing on image sharing, learning that you lose control of an image once it is shared online.
- Year 2 worked in groups to recommend favourite apps, talked to Mrs Mann and Mrs Gill about their online life and interviewed a member of their family about what they do online as part of their homework.
- Year 6 discussed the benefits of going online and the dangers. They then wrote advice for keeping safe.

If you have any questions or concerns about keeping your family safe online, please come and talk to us. See ClassDojo for a Safer Internet Day online safety newsletter.

Telford Tigers Half-term Madness

Kids go free for the **Wednesday 22nd February 2023** Telford Tigers match night. Match Night tickets can be purchased in advance either online: <https://www.telfordtigers.net/tickets/match-night-tickets/>

Match Night tickets are also available to purchase at the Ice Rink box office on a match night.

Conjunctivitis

We have had a number of reports of children suffering with conjunctivitis. This is the guidance we have been asked to share with you from our local Health Protection Hub.

- Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the outer lining of the eye and eyelid causing a sore or itchy red eye(s) with a sticky or watery discharge. It can be caused by bacteria or viruses or allergies.
- The eye(s) become(s) reddened and swollen and there may be a sticky or watery discharge. Eyes usually feel sore or itchy and 'gritty'. Topical ointments or eye drops can be obtained from a pharmacy to treat the infection.
- Conjunctivitis is spread by contact with discharge from the eye such as when an affected person rubs their eyes with their hands, or a towel then handles another person's face or towel. Prompt treatment and good hand hygiene helps to prevent spread.
- Exclusion from school is not required.

Conjunctivitis: what you need to do

- Parents or carers to seek advice from their local pharmacist.
- Encourage the individual not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands frequently.
- Advise the affected individual to avoid sharing towels, flannels and pillows.
- Further information about conjunctivitis ([Conjunctivitis – NHS.UK](#))
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Hope you have a fabulous half-term break,

Kind regards,

Kath Osborne
Headteacher