



# Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

If you have contributed to our loose parts play collection, thank you! We are still in need for more items so if you know anyone who may be able to help, please let us know. Loose parts play involves using a wide selection of everyday objects to create, build, invent, experiment, and play with. Research has found that loose parts play has a significant number of benefits for children including developing their imagination, creativity, physical health, behaviour, cooperation, communication, teamwork, and concentration in class (to name only a few).

### **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day is celebrated every year in early February. This year it will take place on Tuesday 7th February with the theme, 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The aim is to raise awareness and starting a conversation about internet safety. We will be speaking to the children about staying safe online and how to respond to different online situations.

### **Artist of the Month**

Our artist of the month is Doodle Boy. Doodle Boy is 12 and lives in Shrewsbury. He loves to doodle! Take a look on our school website for inspiration and enter our art competition. The competition is open to all pupils, staff, and their families. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the month.

### **Get Caught Reading**

Miss Scott has launched our annual 'Get Caught Reading' competition. In the run up to the World Book Day we would like to see you reading in unusual places. The competition is open to all pupils, staff, and their families. You can enter as many times as you like!

### **Important Dates for Year 6 Pupils**

There is a change to the KS2 test schedule this year due to the additional bank holiday in honour of the coronation. **SATs will now take place Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May.**

### **Miss Wootton Maternity Leave**

As you may be aware Miss Wootton from the KS2 office leaves us shortly to start her maternity leave. She leaves us in the middle of March. Replacing Miss Wootton will be Miss Hicks who already has lots of experience of working in a school setting.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Wootton all the very best for her new arrival, and in welcoming Miss Hicks to the school.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Osborne**  
Headteacher