Dear Parents

Girls contribute to Women in Wales Lunch for Save the Children
On Friday 24th April, we were delighted to support the annual Women in Wales Ladies’ Lunch in aid of Save the Children. [Click here](#) for more information.

![Image of Women in Wales Lunch]

Whole School Open Afternoon
This coming Tuesday we will be holding a Whole School Open Afternoon, from Nursery right through to College, from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. If you know of anyone who may be interested in visiting Howell’s then please do pass on the information. There is no need to book, you can just turn up on the day.

Year 6 SAT Tests
The girls in Year 6 have informal SAT tests during the weeks commencing 11th and 18th May; so it is important that they are here on time for registration at 8.35am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Inset Day
Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 1st June as it is an Inset Day.

Snack
We have some girls and staff with nut allergies within the Junior School and for that reason we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school for morning or after school snack. Girls are allowed to bring in either fruit or plain biscuits for snack. Many thanks for your support with this.
What’s that noise? On Monday we heard a loud whistling sound and heard someone calling for Shep. When we looked it was Farmer Dai who had been out in the fields with Shep his sheepdog gathering in the sheep before the storm, but Shep broke loose from his lead and had run off. Farmer Dai brought some items from his farm. He brought some honey which his bees, all 200 of them had made, some milk from the cows, some wool from the sheep and some eggs which the hens had laid that morning. He also told us about his horse Blossom. His hens had had lots of chicks during spring and he was having trouble sorting them out. We helped him to sort the chicks from smallest to the biggest. On Wednesday we found some clues – footprints who do they belong to? “They are Shep’s footprints because dogs have four legs” we all concluded, but where has he gone? The mystery continues next week.

Swimming Kit
Please ensure your daughter has the correct school kit for swimming lessons. We have had an increasing amount of girls who have been unable to take part in swimming lessons as they have not brought a swimming kit to school. The kit consists of: a navy swimming costume; a white swimming hat; and swimming goggles brought into school in the Howell’s School swim bag, or an Aqua Passport bag. Alternative colours are not part of the school uniform. We appreciate your support in ensuring your daughter is prepared for her weekly swimming lesson and the forthcoming school swimming gala.

"Wild and Wonderful"
Reception class have started their new topic of 'Wild and Wonderful'. During the summer term the girls will be finding out about different minibeasts and pond life. If you have an unusual pet such as: stick insects, giant snail, spider or other kind of creature that you think would be interesting for the girls to find out about, then we would love to invite you to visit Reception class. If anyone has some frogspawn that they are willing to allow the girls in Reception to 'adopt' this term, we would be very grateful. Please come into school and speak to Miss Gardner.
Sports Club Updates

Year 6 Tennis Club (currently held on a Friday lunchtime) will be moved to a Wednesday lunchtime as of the week beginning 4th May. This is to provide the girls with more space to play. As Year 5 Tennis Club will remain on a Friday lunchtime, any girls from Year 6 who are affected by the changes and are unable to attend on a Wednesday will be allowed to continue attending Friday’s session.

Due to a Rounders match next Friday, **Year 3 and 4 Athletics club with Mrs Price on Friday 8th May will be cancelled.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. It will resume on Friday 15th May as normal.

Lacrosse

On Sunday 26th April, girls from Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to St John’s-On-The-Hill School in Chepstow to take part in the Welsh Pop Lacrosse Championships. The sport has once again proven to be very popular in school, and this was well illustrated at the tournament, with four teams in total representing Howell’s School. Following seven incredibly fast matches for each team, teams from Year 5 and Year 6 successfully finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. It was another incredible achievement for the girls, who were competing on a national level in a mixed-gender competition. A special mention must go to Caitlin E, Sommer B, Sukie W (all Year 5), and Zoe H, Annie L and Freya M (all Year 6) who were nominated by their opponents as the most valuable players of the tournament. Well done to all girls who took part, the standard of lacrosse was fantastic!

Tennis

On Tuesday 28th April, two teams from Year 3 took part in the Cardiff Games Mini Red Tennis Competition held at David Lloyd. In what has always been a very successful competition for Howell’s School, the girls once again performed very well, with one team reaching the final before losing a thrilling encounter with Rhydypenau Primary. Well done to Issy C, Grace C, Carys H, Emily T, Lola Mc, Olivia T, Olivia W and Shifa S, who all managed to win at least one singles and doubles match on the day!

Netball

On Thursday 30th April, the Year 6 Netball team took part in the Cardiff Games Primary Netball Competition at Talybont Sports Centre. Despite a tough loss in their first game of the day, the girls bounced back with 15-1 and 13-0 wins in their following two matches to qualify for the knockout games. The girls ran out of time in their semi-final encounter, losing an incredibly unlucky game 1-0. Well done to Annie L, Annika N, Amelia P, Fiona W, Fiona B, Meg D, Siya G, Ellora M and Jojo B, who all once again worked tirelessly for their team in a mixed-gender competition!

Thanks to some great performances at Tennis and Netball events this week (as well as some great performances at Cross-Country and Hockey events earlier in the year), Howell’s School are currently ranked among the Top 3 Primary Schools in the Annual Cardiff Games - a competition which encompasses all Primary School sporting events, recognising participation as well as success. The 2015 Cardiff Games comes to a close in the Summer, following Athletics and Multi-Sport events that will be held at Leckwith.

Learning Train

The links to the class learning trains are as follows:

- Nursery: [Click Here]
- Reception: [Click Here]
- Year 1: [Click Here]
- Year 2: [Click Here]

Class Photos

Colorfoto will be taking class group photographs on Tuesday 12th May 2015. Please can summer uniform be worn.

Sports Day

Sports Day at Howell’s will be held on Tuesday 14th July at 12 noon for a picnic lunch, if you would like to note the date on your calendar.
May half term TOOT week 26 – 29th May 2015

TOOT Holiday Care Club is open to girls aged 3-9 years (Nursery, Reception and Years 1-4 and their siblings).

We are now taking bookings for the May Half term week. If you would like your child to attend please email TOOT@how.gdst.net and booking forms will be sent out to you. These need to be returned to school with the payment by 4pm Monday 18th May to order to secure a place.

Summer Holiday TOOT dates for your diary

Toot will be open for the first 4 weeks of the 6 week summer holiday.

Dates are 20 – 24th July, 27 – 31 July, 3-7th August and 10-14th August

Champagne Cycle Challenge – Save the Date
The time has come to think about digging out your lycra and dusting off your bikes as the date has been set for our third Champagne Cycle Challenge and barbecue. The event will take place on Sunday 5th July and there will be routes for cyclists of all abilities. Even if you don’t cycle you are welcome to join us for the barbecue to welcome back the cyclists. Details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Charity Golf Day
Our Charity Golf Day at the luxurious Vale resort is just 2 weeks away on Tuesday 19th May. There are limited spaces available so if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us for this event please do pass the information on, it really is a fantastic occasion. If you’re not a golfer but would like to join us for dinner and drinks you would be very welcome. Please email vanessa.yilmaz@how.gdst.net for information. Full details and a registration form can be found by clicking here.

Parents’ Association Car Boot Sale
Don’t forget that the Parents’ Association Car Boot Sale will take place at Howell’s on Sunday 10th May from 9.00am until 1.00pm. The gates will open for sellers at 8.30am and the costs are £5 per car and £10 per van. It’s a wonderful way to make some extra money and to clear out your house. Buyers can come at no cost, so do pop along if you can. There will be bargains to be had as well as tea, coffee and ice-cream.

Dates for the Summer Term
Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May to Friday 29th May inclusive – Half Term
Mon 1st June 2015 – Inset Day
Mon 29th June to Fri 3rd July – Year 6 residential trip
Mon 8th June GDST Day of Athletics & Dance
Wed 24th June Year 5 and 6 Show 7pm
Thur 25th June Year 5 and 6 Show 7pm
Fri 10th July Nursery Celebration with parents 2-3pm
Mon 13th July Induction afternoon for new girls
Tue 14th July Sports Day pm Arrive at noon with a picnic lunch
Thur 16th July 1.30 – 3pm PA Summer Disco
Thur 16th July - End of Summer Term

Have a lovely long weekend.

Judith Ashill
Head of Howell’s Junior School
Deputy Principal