



# Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



December 2021

Dear Parents

How quickly has this term flown by! We are really pleased with how well the children have settled into school and it has been wonderful to watch them develop as learners.

We have had lots of Christmas fun over the last few days, it has been lovely seeing the children dressed up in their Christmas outfits and making Christmas card and decorations. A special thank you to the parents who supported us with wrapping some Christmas gifts for the children—we couldn't have done it without you!

Wishing you all a relaxing and fun filled Christmas holiday. Enjoy the new year celebrations and we look forward to seeing all the children on **Wednesday**

**5th January 2022.**

Mrs Kumar



## Goodbye and Goodluck!

We are saddened to inform you that Mrs. Twigg will be retiring at the end of this month. Mrs. Twigg has been a friendly face at Holmer Lake for the past 22 years and she will be deeply missed by all. Please join us in wishing Mrs. Twigg all the best in her future ventures. We are hoping that Mrs Twigg will continue to be a friend of Holmer Lake Primary!

We would also like to say a fond farewell and good luck to Mrs. Harrowell who is leaving us to pursue new ventures.

# Reading Books and water bottles

Please can we ask that children either use a water-tight bottle or carry their water bottles to school separately to their bag. This is to make sure your child's reading book, reading diary and homework book are not damaged if there is a leak. Thank you for your continued support.

# Raising Queries or Concerns

If you would like to raise a query or concern linked to your child's learning, behaviour or school life then this can be done by:

**Speaking to your child's class teacher in the first instance.**

If you are not satisfied or are still concerned after your discussions with the class teacher then you can speak to:

**The assistant headteachers, Miss. Baylis or Mrs. Watson.**

Any further concerns can be discussed with:

**The headteacher, Mrs. Kumar.**

Any safeguarding concerns can be raised or discussed with:

**The parent support advisor, Miss. Birch.**

or

**Miss. Baylis, Mrs. Watson or Mrs. Kumar.**

If you or someone you know needs support, then do talk to someone.

Below are suggested services or organisations that may be able to help or offer advice.

Samaritans helpline can be reached 24 hours a day, call 116 123

Black Minds Matter connects black people with free mental health support, visit [blackmindsmatteruk.com](http://blackmindsmatteruk.com)

Switchboard is a helpline for LGBTQ+ people, call 0300 330 630

Papyrus is a suicide prevention charity for young people, call 0800 068 4141

Visit [comicroelief.com/support](http://comicroelief.com/support) for more.

## Holmer Lake Primary School - Terms and Holidays 2021-2022

### Autumn 2021

PD Day (Staff only)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>8.45am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Half-term Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>8.45am Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>
Christmas Holidays	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December - Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January

### Spring 2022

PD Day (Staff only)	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>8.45am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Half-term Holiday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>8.45am Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Easter Holiday	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

### Summer Term 2022

PD Day (Staff only)	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>8.45am Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half-term Holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
PD Day (Staff only)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>School Starts</b>	<b>8.45am Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Bank holiday Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
School Finishes	3.05pm Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

Holidays will not be authorised during school time. This is the policy of the Local Authority and all the local schools.

# School Holidays

### CHANGE OF DATE

You may be aware that there will be an additional bank holiday in 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This additional bank holiday will be taken on **Friday 1st July 2022**.