



Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter

30th September 2022



Dear Parents

We have had a great start to the new school year: our children are looking wonderful in their school and PE uniforms! The children have settled back into school life extremely well and we are very pleased to welcome our new children in RMW.

Workshops

Parent workshops have already begun with story time in RMW. We are delighted to be welcoming parents back into school for workshops. In addition, each class will be welcoming parents to class workshops (*more information provided later in this newsletter*).

We will also be starting coffee mornings with Mrs. Mahoney (SENDCo) and Mrs. Davies (Parent Support Advisor).

Cold Weather

It is getting colder, please can we ask that children are sent to school in a warm coat, ideally with a hood.

Lost Property

Just a reminder to label each item of your child's clothing with a permanent pen. This helps staff to return items to their owner.

Mrs Kumar

Eye Test and Dental Check Ups

Just a reminder that it is recommended that children have a yearly eye test and a regular six months dentist check-up.

Water Bottles

Water bottles sent into school to contain water please.

School Gates

Please can parents ensure they don't enter school grounds until the gates are opened at 8:35am and 3.15pm.

On arrival to the main school gates, all parents and visitors please announce who they are, along with the reason to enter.

This is a safeguarding requirement.

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, Mrs. Davies.

or

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

Flu Immunisation

On **Wednesday 5th October 2022**, NHS will be administering Nasal Flu vaccinations to children in schools across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. As per guidance from Public Health England, this year the Nasal Flu vaccination will be offered to **children in Reception to Year 6 in primary schools, and Year 7 to Year 9 in secondary schools.**

Please complete the consent form and return back to the main reception office no later than Friday 30th September.

ParentPay

We are seeing increasing numbers in breakfast and afterschool club, please complete your booking form to secure your child's place.

- Can you please ensure that all debts for School meals/afterschool club/breakfast club are paid via ParentPay.
- All clubs need to be paid for in advance and require pre booking to secure your place in the provision. Please contact the school office if you require a booking form.

Please activate your ParentPay account to ensure you receive all important news and events about your child. If you require an activation letter please contact the school office.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority at Holmer Lake.

We have a duty of care to all staff, pupils and their families. The safety and protection of all children is of paramount importance to all those involved in education. We are committed to inter-agency working to keep children safe.

If you have concerns about a child or family or need some advice of your own please contact the school on: 01952 387580 or Family Connect on 01952 385385 (Out of Hours – 01952 676500).

For further information, please read our child protection policy on our school website.

Attendance Hero

Not long to wait now... all will be revealed on Monday 3rd October!



Parent Workshops

Throughout the academic year, we will be inviting parents into each class. This term we would like to invite...

1P	18.10.22 11-12pm	Maths
RMW	07.11.22 or 08.11.22 9-10am	Read Wrtie Inc Phonics

Upcoming Events

13.09.22—18.10.22	Football After School Club
26.09.22-21.10.22	Choir After School Club
22.09.22-20.10.22	Multi Sports After School Club
29.09.22	Class 3N, 34W and 4L The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery Trip
6.10.22	Egyptian Workshop for Class 5J, 56G and 6M
5.10.22	Flu Immunisation
14.11.22-18.11.22	Y6 Arthog residential

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



School Holidays

Holmer Lake Primary School – Term and holidays September 2022 to August 2023

AUTUMN 2022

PD day (staff only)	Monday 5 th September 2022
School starts	8.40am Tuesday 6th September 2022
Half-term holiday	Monday 24 th October 2022-Friday 28 th October 2022
School starts	8.40am Monday 31st October 2022
Christmas holidays	Monday 19 th December 2022-Tuesday 3 rd January 2023

Spring 2023

PD day (staff only)	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
School starts	8.40am Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half-term holiday	Monday 20 th February 2023 - Friday 24 th February 2023
School starts	8.40am Monday 27th February 2023
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14 th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

PD day (staff only)	Monday 17 th April 2023
School starts	8.40am Tuesday 18th April 2023
Bank holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
PD day (staff only)	Friday 26 th May 2023
Half-term holiday	Monday 29 th May 2023-Friday 2 nd June 2023
School starts	8.40am Monday 5th June 2023
End of school	3.20pm Friday 21 st July 2023