



Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



21st October 2022

Dear Parents

We are already at the end of our first half term and it seems to have flown by! We have had lots of wonderful activities happening in school—some of these have been: parent workshops, visitors linked to the school curriculum, trips, the library launch and author visit as well as many more!

Workshops

We have been delighted to see so many parents joining in with our parent workshops. Thank you to RMW and 1P parents for joining us. Please have a look at the parent workshop timetable below for our next set of workshops.

Cold Weather

As 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. Please speak to the main office if you would like to look through the lost property.

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31st October 2022.

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.

Designated Safeguarding Leads in school -

- o Mrs Kumar
- o Mrs Watson
- o Miss Baylis
- o Mrs Davies
- o Miss France
- o Mrs Hogg

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.

Parent Workshops

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

RMW	07.11.22 or 08.11.22 9-10am	READ WRITE INC Phonics
Year 6 (Year 6 from	13.01.23 9-10am	Maths
3N	01.02.23 2-3pm	Science

Upcoming Events

8th November	Coffee Morning. Coffee and bacon baps!! Inviting all parents to join us at 8:45am-10am. Lauren from the Mental Health Support Team (Lauren Edwards), PSA (Mrs Davies), Learning Mentor (Mrs Gapper) and SENDCo (Mrs Mahoney) will be there.
14.11.22-18.11.22	Y6 Arthog residential
22.11.22 and 29.11.22	New reception intake open session for any parents whose child is due to start reception in September 2023.
22.11.22	Parents Evening
14.12.22	Christmas Dinner day
13.02.23	NSPCC parents workshop – The NSPCC will be delivering an interactive session in school at 2:15pm-3:15pm.

Christmas dates

13.12.22	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performances 9.30am and 2pm
14/15/16.12.22	Christmas Jumper Days
15.12.22	Children's Christmas Parties
16.12.22	KS2 Christmas Carols 9.15am and 2.45pm

Coming Soon!!!

'Love and Limits' – working with and supporting families. Debbie will be delivering sessions over a six week period to parents who would like extra support and guidance with parenting.

Early Help Support offered in School

- o Nurture provision for children in 'The Hive'.
- o ELSA – 'Emotional Literacy Support Assistant' Your child can work alongside trained ELSA's to develop emotional literacy, social skills and emotional well-being. Holmer Lakes 'ELSA's are Mrs Davies and Mrs Gapper.
- o Learning Mentor - Holmer Lakes Learning Mentor is Mrs Gapper. Mrs Gapper works closely with children in The Hive to support them during the school day.
- o Family Learning - Join us on a Friday for six week courses with a qualified Tutor, working alongside your child. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided 😊
- o SEND referrals - Mrs Mahoney is our school SENDCo who will support your child with any additional needs.
- o Mental Health Support with Lauren Edwards – low level CBT counselling service, in school. Lauren is in school every Tuesday.
- o Play Therapist, Laura Kaiser. Laura is in school every Wednesday.
- o Parent Support Advisor – Mrs Davies, always available to support and help you and your family.
- o School Nurse referral - School Nurses will support with sleep, diet and much more.
- o Early Help Support referral – supporting families and children, these are completed with Mrs Davies.

Strengthening Family support following on from Early Help referrals, supporting you within the home.

Breakfast & After school clubs

Dear Parents

Please can we remind you to book your child into breakfast club or after school club in advance - ideally 24 hours before. At the latest, breakfast club bookings should be made by 3pm the day before; after school club bookings should be made by 10am on the day.

Thank you.

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	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	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





HARRY SAYS,



“BE A HERO!”



HERE



EVERY DAY



READY



ON TIME

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

LIBRARY LAUNCH



We have lift off!

Our library is OPEN! The library had remained top secret until Tuesday this week when Mrs Nightingale took the children on a video tour.



All the children attended a workshop with our author, Natalie Pritchard and in the afternoon, Natalie officially cut the red ribbon—there were party poppers and plenty of cheers!



There are going to be plenty of opportunities for everyone to enjoy the library. Each class will rotate on a weekly basis to snuggle up and enjoy a book and we have a Library club starting after half-term—make sure you sign up! It is also be a tranquil haven at lunchtimes for children to relax!

We worked in teams to build the Eiffel Tower—the amount of detail the children added was impressive!



European Day of Languages

comment ça va *bonjour*

Everyone took part in a French story-telling workshop and we've even had our very own Goldilocks!



We enjoyed a freshly baked croissant or two and cup of hot chocolate!

