



Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter

January 2023



Dear Parents

OPAL

I hope your children have come home and spoken to you about their improved lunchtimes. We have now launched OPAL and the children are having a fantastic time with their new equipment and toys, follow us on Facebook to see regular updates and photos.

Welcome and Goodbye

We would like to welcome Miss. Cureton, who is our new teaching assistant working across 3N and 34W. We also say welcome to Mrs. Jackson who will be joining our lunchtime team.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Walford from the admin team as well as Mrs. Green and Miss Mason from the lunchtime team—wishing you all the best.

Parent Support Worker (PSA)

Mrs. Davies is our PSA in school, she is available to support you with anything linked to your child or your home life. This might include supporting your child's behaviour routine at home, or guidance if your child has difficulty sleeping etc. Come in and have a chat!

Mrs. Kumar

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.

Please do not block access to the care home.

Attendance

Attendance figures for autumn 2 show a dip in attendance in most classes. Please ensure your children are in school every day, on time, ready to learn to be HEROes!

Parents, please support us to improve the attendance for your child(ren)'s class by ensuring they are a HERO!

Here

Everyday

Ready to Learn

On time

If children are in school, on time every day then they will be entered into our weekly £5 raffle. £5 voucher will be won by one child in every class each week!

Class	Target	Attendance for Autumn 2
RMW	96.5 %	90.61
1P	96.5%	92.65
12M	96.5 %	90.72
3N	96.5 %	91.14
3/4W	96.5 %	95.53
4L	96.5 %	91.91
5J	96.5 %	94.82
5/6G	96.5 %	91.79
6M	96.5 %	95.12

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



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day.
Wednesday 8th February at 2pm.	3N Science parent workshop.
Monday 13th February at 2:15pm	NSPCC online safety parent workshop.
Monday 20th February—Friday 24th February	Half term holidays.
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day—more details to follow.
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day).
Friday 31st March at 10am.	12M SATs parent workshop.

Holmer Lake Primary School Supporting Children's Learning

Friday 20th January – 17th February 2023
9:00 – 11:00 am
FREE COURSE

- The course is intended for those who are interested in working with children and also valuable in helping parents support their own children to learn.
- Learn various approaches and methods used in school to support reading, writing and number
- Design and make resources to help your child learn in a fun way
- The course is taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with an experienced tutor
- ALL materials provided FREE!



You will need to register your interest for this course online;
<http://www.learntelford.ac.uk/PublicSites/CreateFromCourse/7932583>

For any support with Registering;

- 01952 382888
- support@learntelford.ac.uk



Let's keep

kids safe online



The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.



'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.

Date: Monday 13th February 2023

Time: 2:15-3:15pm

Location: Holmer Lake Primary

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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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.

Inhalers

Does your child need to use an inhaler/have asthma? If so, please make sure that our school records are up to date by informing us of this.

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 (breakfast and after school club)
- o Mrs Hogg (breakfast and after school club)

HARRY SAYS,



“BE A
HERO!”



HERE



EVERY DAY



READY



On TIME

School Holidays

AUTUMN 2022

PD day (staff only)	Monday 5 th September 2022
School starts	Tuesday 6th September 2022
Half-term holiday	Monday 24 th October 2022-Friday 28 th October 2022
School starts	Monday 31st October 2022
Christmas holidays	Monday 19 th December 2022-Monday 2 nd January 2023

Spring 2023

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

Summer Term 2023

School starts	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Bank holiday	Monday 8 th May 2023
Half-term holiday	Monday 29 th May 2023-Friday 2 nd June 2023
PD day (staff only)	Monday 5 th June 2023
School starts	Tuesday 6th June 2023
End of school	Friday 21 st July 2023
PD day (staff only)	Monday 24 th July and Tuesday 25 th July 2023