

Dear Parents

We hope that you and your children have had a lovely start to the new academic year. In school, we have really enjoyed welcoming the children back! Everyone has had an extremely settled start in their new classes.

Uniform

Thank you to all the parents that have supported us with our uniform expectations. The children look very smart!

School photographers—change of date.

School photographers will now be in on **Monday 23rd October 2023.**

Black History Month

We will be celebrating Black History month throughout October. Children will be taking part in African drumming sessions as well as lots of other activities.

Attendance

Our school attendance was 93.9% last academic year. We are aiming for the government's expectation of 96%. Please support your children to be HEROes by being in school everyday and on time!

All previous newsletters can be accessed on our school website.

Mrs. Kumar

Parking

PD day (staff only)	Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023
School starts	8.40am Wednesday 6th September 2023
Half-term holiday	Monday 30 th October 2023-Friday 3 rd November 2023
School starts	8.40am Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 th December 2023-Monday 8th January 2023

Spring 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 8th January 2024
School starts	8.40am Tuesday 9th January 2024
Half-term holiday	Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16 th February 2024
School starts	8.40am Monday 19th February 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 th March 2024 – Friday 5 th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 8th April 2024
School starts	8.40am Tuesday 9th April 2024
Bank holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
Half-term holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 - Friday 31 st May 2024
School starts	8.40am Monday 3rd June 2024

language being used on the school site by some of our parents. For the comfort of all pupils, parents and staff, please can I request that all adults are mindful of the language that they use on the school grounds, especially no swearing. Remember that there are little ears that will be listening!

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.

Parent Governor Vacancy



An exciting opportunity has become available at Holmer Lake Primary School. We are looking to appoint a parent governor!

Governors play an important role in the strategic development of the school. We are looking for a parent governor who:

- Will attend governor meetings.
- Work closely with the senior leaders and subject leaders in school to develop the curriculum.
 - Be an active member of the school community.
- Work collaboratively with the Chair of Governors, Vice Chair of Governors, and remainder of the governing body.



Dates for 2023 – 2024

	School Fundraising
	Parents Invited



Half-Term	Dates	Time	Workshops, Events, Trips and Fundraising	Comments	Classes / Year Group
AUT 1	27.09.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Parents invites sent	6M
	03.10.23		Black History Month - African Drumming	£2 per child – please see parent pay	Whole School
	05.10.23		SuperHero lunch	Information sent to parents	Whole School
	09.10.23	2.30pm	Harvest Collections for Telford Food Bank launched		Whole School
	09.10.23		Maya Workshop (HISTORY)	£7.50 per child – please see parent pay	6M / 56W / 5J
	10.10.23		Non-Uniform Day	£1 for non uniform Fund raising for OPAL	Whole School
	10.10.23	2pm	OPAL Play Afternoon	Parent invites sent	Whole School
	11.10.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Parent invites sent	56W
	12.10.23		Stone Age Workshop (HISTORY)	£7.50 per child – please see parent pay	4L / 3N
	23.10.23		School Photographers	Individual photos. 8am Younger Siblings	Whole School
25.10.23	3.30pm	International Dwarfism Awareness Day CAKE SALE	Details to follow	Whole School	
AUT 2	08.11.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	5J
	13.11.23		Toy Workshop (History)	£3.50 per child – please see parent pay	1P / 12W
	14.11.23	9am	RWI session with parents	Details to follow	RMW
	15.11.23	9am	RWI session with parents	Details to follow	RMW
	18.11.23		Children in Need	Details to follow	Whole School
	22.11.23		Friendship Day (Odd Socks)	Details to follow	Whole School
	23.11.23		Bully 4 U Loudmouth Workshop		3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	28.11.23	TBC	Parents Evening	Details to follow	Whole School
	29.11.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	4L
	05.11.23		Helping Hands Loudmouth Workshop		Year 5
	13.12.23	TBC	Film night	Details to follow	Whole School
	15.12.23	9.15am	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Details to follow	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	15.12.23	2.45pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Details to follow	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	19.12.23	9.30am	KS1 Nativity	Details to follow	RMW, 1P, 2W

School dinners will be £2.50.



We will continue to provide highly nutritional and tasty meals for the children.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

From September, we will no longer be able to accept phone or email bookings.

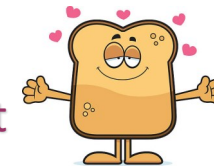
All bookings to be made on ParentPay.

Bookings for **breakfast club** need to be made by **2pm the day before.**

Bookings for **after school club** need to be made by **2pm on the day.**

TOAST

From September, we will no longer be able to accept cash payments for toast. **Please use ParentPay to pay for your children's toast.**



Please click link below to show you how to book your children onto clubs and toast.



HARRY



“BE A HERO!”

POW! **H**ERE

BOOM
EVERY DAY

WHAM! **R**EADY



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).

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



children love using the water tank to fill the water trays and add to their mud kitchen concoctions.

Scan me to find out more on our school website!



Who has noticed this strange hill appear on our school field? I wonder what it is for ?

An exciting new OPAL play space is coming ...



WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS..

<p>POTS AND PANS</p>	<p>SCOOTERS</p>
<p>DRESSING UP CLOTHES</p> <p>Hats, scarfs, shirts, jackets. Character costumes</p>	<p>WHEELY SUITCASES</p>
<p>BUCKETS AND SPADES</p>	<p>PRAMS AND PUSHCHAIRS</p>

We had many responses to our OPAL parent

Our OPAL playtimes are getting us noticed...

100% OF PARENTS SURVEYED SAID..

Playtime is extremely important for my child.
My child says playtime is brilliant or good.



32% OF PARENTS SURVEYED SAID..

Playtime is too short.



We have extended lunchtime so all children get more time to PLAY!

**MUD KITCHEN
LARGE TYRES
WHEELY WORLD
LOOSE PARTS**



These are the TOP FOUR favourite areas in OPAL

WE HAVE LISTENED TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW AREAS OF PLAY IN OPAL

WATCH THIS SPACE..