



Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



January 2024

Dear Parents

We hope that you and your children have had a great start to the new year!

Welcome!

We will be welcoming our new School Business Manager, Miss. Pearson, who will be joining us from Thursday 1st February. We wish her a very warm welcome to Holmer Lake Primary.

Play and Stay.

Mrs. Davies and some of our fantastic parent volunteers have successfully started Play and Stay sessions for parents and toddlers every Tuesday. We would love for you to spread the word and come and join us. For more details, please speak to Mrs. Davies.

OPAL Play

Our next parent OPAL play session is on Wednesday 31st January - come and join us!

Is Your Child Starting School in September 2024?

If your child is due to start Reception class in September, then you need to apply for a place as soon as possible. You can do this by using the following link: https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_school_place

Regards

Mrs Kumar

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.

For more information about Holmer Lake's governors, please visit our website: <http://www.holmerlakeprimary.org/governors/meet-the-governors>

For further information about this vacancy or to express your interest please contact the school office on 01952 387580 or a2153@taw.org.uk and speak to Mrs Kumar.

Jewellery

Just a polite reminder that pupils should adhere to the below when wearing jewellery to school. For more information, please see our uniform and appearance policy on the school website

Jewellery

The following list the items of jewellery that are permitted:

Acceptable Jewellery	Unacceptable Jewellery
1 wristwatch (silent)	Any earrings that 'dangle' or hang below the ear lobe (sleepers/hoops etc.)
1 pair of single plain stud earrings (girls)	Necklaces
Key religious or medical items which may appear to be items of jewellery – in all case permission of the Headteacher must be sought	Bracelets
	Rings (including toe rings)
	Other visible piercings

Attendance

Congratulations to **5J** and **6M** for achieving above the target!

Class	Target	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
RMW	96.5	91.45	94.99
1P	96.5	96.80	94.94
2W	96.5	94.63	94.06
3N	96.5	93.82	94.52
4L	96.5	97.28	96.20
5J	96.5	97.65	96.68
56W	96.5	91.33	91.87
6M	96.5	96.01	97.36

Well done to **5J** and **6M** for achieving the attendance target!

Changes to After School Pick Up.

If there is a change to your child's normal pick up, this includes children who have permission to walk home alone, please email a2153@taw.org.uk by 2pm on the day. Any changes after 2pm on the day must be emailed **and** a phone call to school must be made to confirm that school have received your request.

RMW Play and Stay Sessions.

These sessions will continue in the new year, join your children in class every Friday 8:40-9am.

Arthog - Feb 2023

Please find below information about subsequent instalment dates:

Instalment 1: £60.00 due by 6th October 2023.

Instalment 2: £60.00 due by 10th November 2023.

Instalment 3: £60.00 due by 8th December 2023.

Instalment 4: £60.00 due by 9th February 2024.

If you have completed the previous form advising that you are in receipt of free school meals, you are able to have a reduction of 25% from the total

balance of £320.00, which means that you will need to pay £240.00.

Keeping Children Safe Online



Part 1



Part 2



Part 3

BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know when they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

What is E-Safety?



The safe use of information systems and electronic communications, including the internet, mobile phones and games consoles.

None of these APPS should be being used by Primary aged children due to their age restrictions.

For more information about how to keep your child safe online go to

[E Safety | Holmer Lake Primary](#)

Please ensure you are monitoring your children online. We are seeing more incidents of cyber-bullying and negative online relationships out of school which is causing anxiety in children and friendship issues both in and out of school.

13+

- Twitter
- Facebook and Messenger
- Viber
- WeChat
- Monkey
- Yubo
- Dubsmash
- Instagram

16+

- TikTok
- Skype
- Google Hangouts
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

17+

- WhatsApp
- Telegram Messenger
- Tumblr
- Line
- Sarahah
- Tellyn

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.

School Absence

If your child is not attending school, please report your child's absence to the school office. You can call us on 01952 387580.

Measles Update

What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the routine childhood vaccinations, so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus. Here, we explain everything you need to know about the rise in measles cases:

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#)

Nut Allergy

We are having more and more reports of children in school being allergic to nuts. Therefore, to ensure the safety of these children, please can we request that nut products are not sent to school for snack and lunch.

If you would like to discuss this further then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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 Mrs Hogg (breakfast and after school club)

Clubs



"Nurturing, Growing and Inspiring"

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Football club on Tuesdays and Art club on Thursdays will continue after the February half-term holidays, if your child already attends these clubs no further payment is required. If your child does not currently attend and would like to attend these clubs then please book them in using ParentPay.

Boxing club will also continue on Mondays. Payments for this club have been made until Monday 5th February only. If your child would like to attend this club after the February half-term holidays, then please book them in using ParentPay.

Boxing club on Mondays for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places)

- **Monday 19th February – Monday 18th March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:20pm.
- £3.00 per session.
- Total payment of £12.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

Football club on Tuesdays for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places).

- **Tuesday 20th February – Tuesday 19th March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
- £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £5.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

Cricket club Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places).

- **Wednesday 21st February – Wednesday 20th March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
- £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £5.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

Art club on Thursdays for Years 1, 2 and 3 (12 places).

- **Thursday 22nd February – Thursday 21st March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
- £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £5.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. H. Kumar

Headteacher

Dates for your diary...

AUTUMN 2023

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
End of school	3.20pm Friday 19th July 2024
PD day (staff only)	Monday 22 nd July 2024



Dates for your diary...

Dates for 2023 – 2024

	School Fundraising
	Parents Invited



Half-Term	Dates	Time	Workshops, Events, Trips and Fundraising	Comments	Classes / Year Group
Spring 1	31.01.24		Non-Uniform Day	Information has been sent to parents	Whole School
	31.01.24	2pm	OPAL Play Afternoon	Information has been sent to parents	Whole School
	06.02.24		Safer Internet Day		Whole School
	06.02.24		Class 1P Road Safety Workshop and Pedestrian Training	Information has been sent to parents	
	06.02.24		Hobbies Day (Children's Mental Health Week)		Whole School
	09.02.24		Wear It Red Day (in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance)	Information has been sent to parents	
Spring 2	19.02.24 – 23.02.24		Arthog Residential	Information has been sent to parents	Year 6 and Year 5
	21.02.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	2W
	22.02.24		Forest School sessions start for Class 3N – every Thursday this half term	Details to follow	3N
	26.02.24	All day	1P Trip to Stafford Castle	Information has been sent to parents	1P
	28.02.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	1P
		All day	2W Trip to Stafford Castle	Information has been sent to parents	2W
	07.03.24		World Book Day – Dress to Express!	Details to follow	Whole School
	11.03.24	TBC	Parents Evening	Details to follow	Whole School
	15.03.24		Red Nose Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	19.03.24		Skills for STEM afternoon	Details to follow	Whole School
	20.03.24	TBC	Film night	Details to follow	Whole School
21.03.24	TBC	Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade	Details to follow	RMW	
Summer 1	22.04.24		Earth Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	03.05.24		E-Safety Workshop	Details to follow	RMW
	16.05.23	Lunch	Themed Lunch and Dress Up Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	20.05.24 – 24.05.24		Outdoor Learning Week	Details to follow	Whole School
	22.05.24		Non-Uniform Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	22.05.24	2pm	OPAL Play Afternoon	Details to follow	Whole School

School Dinners, Toast, Breakfast & After

School Cub

School dinners will be £2.50.

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



BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

Please use ParentPay to pay for your children's toast.



Please click the link below to show you how to
book

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/1544686667777-ParentPay-Clubs-Booking-as-a-payer>

Collecting Children from School.

May we please ask all parents and carers, who drive to the school to drop off and collect the children, to be more aware when they are parking.

The Mallard Pub has kindly allowed us to park in their car park. It is a short walk from the car park to the school. It will also help prevent accidents from happening, as children have been seen to walk out onto the road in-between cars that are parked on the road.



Parking



Please can parents/visitors NOT park on the Care Home car park or block anybody's drive on Lake End Drive, If you continue to park in this area, we have been notified by the Care Home that your car will be clamped. Parents have permission to park at the Mallard Pub and walk up to school.

Please use the Mallard Car Park.



Scan me to find out more on our school website!

Come and Play session

Come and join your child/children for an OPAL play session!

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 31st January

Book your place on ParentPay (it's FREE!)

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS..

- POTS AND PANS**
- SCOOTERS**
- DRESSING UP CLOTHES**
Hats, scarves, gloves, jackets, Character costumes
- WHEELY SUITCASES**
- BUCKETS AND SPADES**
- PRAMS AND PUSHCHAIRS**



We have had a wonderful donation of at table tennis table which the children love.

We have also opened up a DIG ZONE which is also proving popular.





HARRY SAYS,



“BE A HERO!”



HERE



EVERY DAY



READY



ON TIME