



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Staffing arrangements for next year

We are pleased to welcome a new class teacher, Miss B Goodwin, to our team in September 2023.

We are also excited to announce that Miss Wootton is getting married in the summer holidays and will be returning to school in September as Mrs Winter. Congratulations Miss Wootton!

The teaching plan for the academic year 2023-24 is as follows:-

Class your child is in now	Class in September	Teacher
	<b>Class R</b>	Mrs T Noble (Monday and Tuesday)/Miss J Wootton(Mrs Winter) (Wednesday-Friday)
	<b>Class Ra</b>	Miss M MacWilliam
(current class R)	<b>Class 1</b>	Ms C Lackford (Monday-Wednesday)/Mrs L May (Thursday and Friday)
(current class Ra)	<b>Class 1a</b>	Miss B Goodwin
(current class 1)	<b>Class 2</b>	Miss C Walker Mrs R Morrison (Monday only)
(current class 1a)	<b>Class 2a</b>	Mrs H Williams
(current class 2)	<b>Class 3</b>	Mrs V Statham
(current class 2a)	<b>Class 3a</b>	Mrs C Kozyra Mrs A Sellers (Friday only)
(current class 3)	<b>Class 4</b>	Mr J Lavin
(current class 3a)	<b>Class 4a</b>	Mrs K Granville/Mrs H Hill
(current class 4)	<b>Class 5</b>	Miss J Ackerley
(current class 4a)	<b>Class 5a</b>	Miss E Roxburgh
(current class 5)	<b>Class 6</b>	Mrs N Waddington
(current class 5a)	<b>Class 6a</b>	Miss D Maddock

Teaching assistants will be working across school in every year group.

## Events in school

### Year 6 residential visit to The Dearne Valley

Last Wednesday, an excited Year 6 set off for Dearne Valley Outdoor Centre near Doncaster for their residential. Over the three days, the children experienced many different adventurous activities that stretched them outside their comfort zone. Everyone stepped up to the challenges and set themselves their own goals. The Year 6 staff - and the Dearne Valley staff - were impressed by the behaviour of our children. They did themselves and the school proud.



We hope that the children have now brought home and are putting into practise their room tidying and bed making skills!



### Decorating the dinosaur at Miola

Next time you visit the village centre, look out for the dinosaur at the Miola Café which has been decorated by Year 6! The children made and painted flowers from plastic bottles to make garlands of flowers.



### Year 4 music experience at The Bridgewater Hall

All year our Year 4 children have been learning to play an instrument (trumpet, trombone or clarinet) as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. Yesterday the children had the opportunity to go to The Bridgewater Hall to perform the musical pieces and songs they have learnt this year with the Halle orchestra and children from other schools across the region.



### Sporting success at the Aspire Educational Trust Football Tournament – written by James P and James R

Yesterday a team of 8 children from our school competed in the Aspire Educational Trust football tournament. It started off in the group stages with a 0-0 draw against Puss Bank Primary, followed by an outstanding performance leading to a 5-0 win against Ashgrove Primary. Later on in the group stages, we played Park Royal B team which finished with a 3-0 victory. We then took part in our final match of the group stages which was the toughest yet, but we managed to come out with another 0-0 draw thanks to our solid defence. Fortunately, we progressed to the semi-finals without conceding a single goal in the group stages. It came down to penalties in the semi-finals when James R, Evan M and Scarlett M all scored, but Scarlett's was the best as it went top left corner. We progressed to the finals and there we played the 2022 winners, Park Royal A team. We ended taking home gold and the trophy after winning 4-1 thanks to James R scoring a hat-trick. Thank you and congratulations to the whole team (James P, Enzo, James M, Tom L, Evan, Scarlett M, Riley B and the team captain James R), and thank you very much to Miss Kendall and Miss Clark.





### Sports Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the following times:-

- Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) – 9.00am-12.15pm (gates open at 8.40am)
- Key Stage 1 (Reception classes, Years 1 and 2) – 1.30pm-3.15pm (gates open at 1.15pm)

Children should wear their coloured house t-shirt and plain navy/black shorts with trainers to come into school on that day. Please ensure that your child has **a named full water bottle**, which they can refill throughout the day and **a named sun hat**. While they are spectating the children will sit in shade. However, there will be times during the day when they could be in full sun – please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school.

For further information please see the letter sent out yesterday.

### Community News

**Holmes Chapel Library** – Cheshire East Council has launched a public consultation on a proposal to reduce the current opening hours of libraries across the borough so that all sites are closed for at least 1.5 days during the week and is now asking for feedback on how this could be implemented. The proposal follows the approval of the council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in February, which includes proposals for how the council will balance its budget for the next four years. The library service has asked us to share this information with you so that you can take part in the survey:-

Have your say on plans for your local library

Take part in @cheshireeast consultation on proposals for library opening hours across the borough

Find out more and take part by 9 July at

[https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/Library\\_Service\\_Consultation\\_2023](https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/Library_Service_Consultation_2023)

### Lego Church

At Holmes Chapel Methodist Church – Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 pm

For children of primary school age accompanied by an adult.

Test your skills building **Lego**, watch a **Lego** Bible story video and before you go home enjoy a slice of pizza and a drink.

To book a place or for more details please contact Julia Tomes 01606 738478

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### Reminder School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

Timeline	Penalty Charges
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent per child
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent per child



After 28 days	The parent will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrate's Court on the grounds of having failed to secure their child/ children's regular attendance
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As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

### Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for the new academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

#### June 2023

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Personal Best
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Athletics at HCCS at 3.30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 parents/children 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Personal Best
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Transition days for Y6 children attending Sandbach Boys School in September 2023
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day

#### July 2023

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Summer Fair 1-4pm (please note change of time)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5/6 Tennis Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open evening for new Reception parents 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Transition days for Y6 children attending HCCS in September 2023
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and play/lunch sessions for new Reception children
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Zoolab visit
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 End of Year Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents – change of date
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 End of Year Performance at 7pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Performance for parents – children who are learning ukele and guitar (2pm for Years 1, 2 and 3; 2.30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Treat Trip and Leaver's Lunch
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends at 3.20pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Headteacher

