



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a really wonderful Christmas break. Welcome back to the spring term.

## Staff News

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to the team. Mrs Sellers will be working every Friday in Class 3a for the spring and summer term this year. Miss Hitchen will be working as a Welfare Assistant in Class 6a.

## Events this term

### Assembly Presentations for parents

We are keen to give all children in school an opportunity to develop key life skills by performing in front of an adult audience every year. Our Key Stage 1 and Reception children have already had this opportunity in their Christmas plays.

Parents from Years 3 and 4 are invited to attend an assembly presentation this term – Year 3 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am, and Year 4 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am. The assembly will last for approximately 20-30 minutes and will give the children a chance to share with you some of the exciting things they are learning about.

Year 6 parents are invited to a year group assembly during the summer term on a date to be confirmed. The theme of this assembly will be 'How to keep me safe online' and the children will be sharing with you some really important messages regarding e-safety and how you can support them in staying safe. Members of our Safety Squad from across KS2 will also be talking about their role during the assembly.

Year 5 will hold their assembly presentation during the summer term (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am).

Year 6 will also perform in their end of year play in July.

Residential and SATS information meetings for parents - Year 5 will be holding an online meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm to share information about their forthcoming residential visit to the Conway Centre. This visit will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All information shared at the meeting will be available on the school website.

Year 6 will be holding an online meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm. This will be a meeting combining information about the forthcoming SATS tests and about the residential visit to the Dearne Valley on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and the presentation will be available to look at online later for those who are unable to join the meeting.

Year 2 will be holding their online SATS information meeting at the beginning of the summer term – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm. Again, all the information shared will be available afterwards on the school website.



## Promoting good attendance and punctuality

Following the letter sent out earlier this week promoting good attendance and punctuality, please remember that our gates will be closing at 8.55am each morning starting from next Monday.

## Spring Term Parents' Evenings

As mentioned in the letter sent out last week, our spring term parents' evenings will be held face to face in school. The dates and times of these will be as follows:-

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 5.00-7.30pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 4.00-6.30pm

We will be sending out a letter explaining how to book your appointment.

## Clubs and after school activities this term

Coding club – please note that this will re-start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January for Year 6 3.15pm-4.00pm. Children do not need to reapply for a place this term.

There are still some places available on some of our other after school clubs. Please follow the link to our school website to find out more.

<http://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/page/school-clubs-and-councils/10937>

## Dogs

We have been made aware that some dogs are being left tethered to lampposts/fencing in Jubilee Walk on quite long leads while children are accompanied into the playground in the morning or being collected at the end of the day. The dogs are then running about and barking at passers-by, upsetting some children. We would ask that you be considerate about this for all the members of our community.

## Courteous Parking

A few parents have raised concerns about the safety of our children due to cars manoeuvring and parking on roads around school. Please take great care when parking and dropping off and collecting.

We have also been asked by the Parish Council to remind parents about courteous parking in roads near to the school. They are particularly concerned about the damage caused to the grass verges on Brookfield Drive and politely ask that parents are considerate about how and where they park.

To ensure the safety of all our children and parents, cars should not be driven into the school staff car park to collect and drop off between 8.30am and 9.10am, and 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Please also note that the layby by the front of school is for the use of school buses only at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PTA news

Please note the dates for our next two PTA discos – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## Calendar of Events

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

### January 2023

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Dance Workshop at HCCS at 3.30pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 residential information meeting for parents online at 4pm</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Golden Mile</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 visit to Staircase House, Stockport
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5/6 Volleyball at HCCS at 3.30pm
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Golden Mile</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Young Voices Concert in Manchester

### February 2023

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5/6 Basketball A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
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Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Egypt workshop
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Basketball A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Personal Best</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Half term – school closed

### March 2023

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Residential visit to The Conway Centre</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception visit to the theatre
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 SATS and residential information meeting online at 5.30pm</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Down Syndrome Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Disco</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am</b>

### April 2023

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Easter holiday – school closed
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 2 SATS information meeting for parents online at 4.30pm</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Cricket A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm

Kind regards,

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