



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Our School Dog, Sapphire



We are all very upset regarding the sad news about Sapphire, one of our school dogs. As you know, Sapphire has been unwell for some time and passed away last Friday evening. She was such a lovely, friendly and gentle dog and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Mrs Waddington and her family at this sad time. We are hoping to welcome our other school dog, Barra, back into school very soon.

## Events in school

### Young Voices Concert at the Manchester Arena



On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 31 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children had an amazing time singing in the Young Voices concert at the Manchester Arena. The children have been learning a range of songs and dance moves since the beginning of the autumn term during after school singing club. With over 8,000 other children from schools in and around Manchester and the North West, the children rehearse together and then perform for their families and friends. Special guest star was Heather Small who sang with the children. All our children and accompanying staff really enjoyed the experience! Thank you to Ms Lackford, Mrs Henderson, Ms Beechener and Mrs Benovicova for attending with the children, and to all the parents who showed their support.

## Year 3 visit from Mr Egypt



This week Year 3 have enjoyed a day travelling back in time with Mr Egypt to find out about various aspects of Ancient Egyptian civilisation including culture, clothing, food, dancing, music, games, religion, and their journey to the afterlife. The children were able to handle ancient artefacts found in the tombs of Pharaohs and even had a mummy wrapping contest (after finding out all about the mummification process)! The children learnt how to translate hieroglyphics and used the Egyptian numerical code to solve addition problems. The children had so much fun all day and now have an extensive knowledge on this period of history ready to start their new topic. This day was kindly

paid for by the generous PTA donation.

## Forthcoming Events

### Children's Mental Health Week – 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our



wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For Children’s Mental Health Week 2023, we are encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. During the week children will engage in lessons and assemblies to learn more. For further information follow this link:- <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

### **Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2023 is on 7th February. This year’s theme is ‘Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online’

For further information follow this link:-

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

### **World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a week of activities to raise the profile of reading. On World Book Day itself (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March) we would like to invite the children to wear something gold/sparkly to celebrate our theme of ‘Going for Gold’. Further details to follow.

### **Email contact – a reminder**

If you have an important or urgent message for a class teacher, please send it via the school office either by telephone or email. This includes information about who is collecting a child at the end of the day or sickness information. Teachers do not necessarily have the time during the school day to access their emails. Please may I also remind you that staff are not expected to respond to emails before 8am and after 6pm.

### **Strike Action**

Please be aware of the dates for potential future strike action:-

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (North West region)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March (National)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (National)

As before, we will do our best to let you have as much advance notice of which classes will be closed.

### **Spring Term Parents’ Evenings**

A reminder that 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

The booking system is live.

### **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of lost property at the moment. We will be putting all the items on display on our parents’ evenings so that you can be re-united with any misplaced clothing. Anything not reclaimed will be donated to charity.

### **PTA News**

#### Uniform Event

The PTA second hand uniform sale event is happening on Facebook now - head over to request the items you need on their page:- <https://www.facebook.com/HolmesChapelPrimaryPTA>

Donations of good quality branded jumpers and cardigans, any summer dresses and branded PE T-shirts are desperately needed if you’re able to give. The donation large blue bin is by the year 2/3 doors.



We respectfully request that due to the time involved in sorting and the amount of donations sent to the rag bank that you do not donate items that are:

- dirty or stained
- ripped, damaged or worn out
- no longer have size labels on (or write the size in please)
- shoes, pumps, coats

✓ and if you can, please remove name labels and when you buy items please re-label with your child's name as lost items will be returned to the original owner if that's the name left inside.

### Community News

The latest issue of the Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter is now available to download from their web site. Click on the link below and then click on the image of the Newsletter on their home page.

<http://www.hcpartnership.org.uk>

They are always delighted to receive contributions to the newsletter - all you have to do is send some text with pictures/logo to [news@hcpartnership.org.uk](mailto:news@hcpartnership.org.uk) and they will do the rest; you don't have to write an essay, we're happy to accept anything from a simple event notice to a couple of paragraphs, or more if you wish! Please note that they cannot accept articles in the form of pdf files, but can take plain text (in an email) or Word files.

If you would like to submit an article for the next issue, please email it to [news@hcpartnership.org.uk](mailto:news@hcpartnership.org.uk) by the 20th of the month before the cover date.

### Calendar of Events

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

#### February 2023

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Basketball A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Personal Best
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 – see times above
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Half term – school closed

#### March 2023

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Residential visit to The Conway Centre
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 visit to the Viaduct (art/history topic work)</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception visit to the theatre
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS and residential information meeting online at 5.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
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
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am

#### April 2023

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Easter holiday – school closed
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATS information meeting for parents online at 4.30pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Golden Mile</b>



Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Cricket A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Golden Mile</b>

### May 2023

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 3 and Year 4 Cricket A Tournament at HCCS</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 visit to Crowden</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 and Year 6 Rounders A Tournament</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception visit to The Blue Planet Aquarium</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 3 and Year 4 Rounders A Tournament</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term holiday – school closed</b>

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Headteacher

