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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff News

Welfare Assistant, Ms Petcher, is leaving her role today and will be starting work in the school kitchen from next Monday. Thank you to Ms Petcher for all her hard work since she started with us last year - we wish her well in her new role.

Online Safety



We have recently been made aware of some out of school issues regarding children being safe online. Children in year groups from year 3 upwards have talked about seeing inappropriate content online and about chatting with people they do not know as part of an online game. We regularly teach the children about the dangers of these situations as part of our computing and PHSE curriculum in school. However, we would urge you to open up conversations at home with your child about being safe online. There are a number of really useful websites to help with this, as well as a vast range of information with advice on parental controls and privacy settings. See the attached information with online safety tips. Please follow the links below or find out more on our school website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>

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<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=&ref=4765#mMain>

Events in School

Year 3 assembly presentation for parents

On Tuesday this week we welcomed parents of children in Year 3 into school to participate in a special assembly. The children shared their learning with parents, including their history learning about Egypt, science about food groups, French songs, French dialogue, and Makaton signing to The Eye of the Tiger. Thank you to all the children and adults in Year 3 for a really fantastic presentation.

Bake Sale

Our bake sale last Friday raised an amazing total of £295.50 to donate to the fund to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey. Thank you very much to everyone who donated cakes to sell, and to the adults who helped to organise the event.



Red Nose Day

Our Red Nose Day celebrations went well today, with many children and staff choosing to wear something red to show their support. During the week children have bought raffle tickets for a variety of prizes and have guessed how many sweets in a jar. This has raised a fantastic £172.00! Thank you also for your donations today. We will let you know the total amount we have raised to donate to the national Red Nose Day charity, as soon as it has all been counted.

New Class Smartboards

Last weekend we had a new smartboard installed in every classroom. Our old ones were linked to a projector which projected the image onto the board. These had been in place for several years and were beginning to show their age! The new boards are interactive screens (looking more like a television screen) and will continue to be a valuable teaching and learning tool. We would like to thank our IT technician and his team for their hard work installing them over the weekend.

Forthcoming events

Book Fair – Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March 3.30-4.00pm

Please come to our book fair in school next Monday and Tuesday from 3.30pm in the breakout rooms.

World Down's Syndrome Day – Tuesday 21st March

To raise awareness of World Down's Syndrome Day next week and will be selling sock biscuits for 50p each every lunchtime during the week until stock runs out. All money raised will be donated to the Down's Syndrome charity.

PTA Disco – Friday 24th March

We look forward to welcoming the children to our discos next Friday at the following times:-

- 4.45-5.30pm Reception
- 5.45-6.30pm Year 1 and 2
- 6.45-7.30pm Year 3 and 4
- 7.45-8.30pm Year 5 and 6

After school clubs for the first half of the summer term 2023

The following clubs are all run by external providers and require payment:-

- Monday – Gymnastics with Sports Coaching Group for Y1-3
- Monday – Rounders with Sports Coaching Group for Y4-6
- Tuesday – Multi skills with Sports Coaching Group for Reception
- Tuesday – Art Zone with Jo Green
- Wednesday – Athletics with Sports Coaching Group for Y1-3
- Wednesday – Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Y4-6
- Wednesday – Football with Shooting Stars for Y1-3
- Thursday – Cricket with Sports Coaching Group for Y3-6
- Friday – Dance with Sports Coaching Group for Y1-3
- Friday – Skateboarding with Sports Coaching Group for Y3-6

The following clubs are run by school staff and require no payment:-

- Tuesday – Singing club for Y4-6 (run by Ms Lackford)
- Tuesday – Girl's football for Y3-5 (run by Mr Withnell and Miss Clark)
- Wednesday - French for Reception-Y2 (run by Miss Wootton)
- Lunchtime club – Makaton signing for Reception-Y2 (run by Miss Walker)

Letters with further information and how to apply for a place will be sent out next week.

Contact with school

Effective communication between home and school is very important to us. If you have an urgent message or issue, please contact the school office either by phone or email (admin@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk). Every class has an email address so that you can



contact a teacher directly. However, please note that these emails may only be checked on a weekly basis, and only during school hours. If you require a quick response, please copy in the school office to ensure it is dealt with efficiently.

Calendar of Events

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

March 2023

Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st	Book Fair 3.30-4pm
Tuesday 21 st	World Down's Syndrome Day
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Friday 24 th	PTA Disco
Wednesday 29 th	Year 4 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am

April 2023

Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th	Easter holiday – school closed
Monday 17 th	Term starts
Tuesday 18 th	Year 2 SATS information meeting for parents online at 4.30pm
Friday 21 st	Golden Mile
Monday 24 th	Year 5/6 Cricket A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Friday 28 th	Golden Mile

May 2023

Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3 and Year 4 Cricket A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Thursday 4 th	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 9 th	Year 4 visit to Crowden
Monday 15 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Rounders A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Reception visit to The Blue Planet Aquarium
Thursday 18 th	Year 5 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am
Wednesday 24 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Rounders A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term holiday – school closed

June 2023

Monday 5 th	Change to time at the end of the day starts – school finishes at 3.20pm from today
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th	Year 6 residential visit to Kingswood
Monday 12 th	Phonics screening test for Year 1
Monday 12 th	Year 5/6 Athletics at HCCS at 3.30pm
Wednesday 14 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 Come and Play with the Halle at The Bridgewater Hall (performance at 10.30am)
Friday 16 th	PTA Disco
Monday 19 th	Personal Best
Monday 19 th	Year 3/4 Athletics at HCCS at 3.30pm
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 26 th	Personal Best
Friday 30 th	Sports Day

July 2023



Saturday 1 st	PTA Summer Fair 2-4pm
Monday 3 ^d	Y5/6 Tennis Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th	Y6 children days at HCCS (for those children attending in September 2023)
Wednesday 5 th	Reports to parents
Monday 10 th	Year 1 Zoolab visit
Tuesday 11 th	Y6 End of Year Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 12th	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 12 th	Y6 End of Year Performance at 7pm
Thursday 20 th	Term ends at 3.20pm
Friday 21 st	School Closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

