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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Dogs

We would like to welcome our new school dog, Skye, who is now 9 weeks old and has already stolen the hearts of the children and staff in school. Skye has been introduced to each class and spent a little time with them to help her become used to being around the children. We are really looking forward to seeing her grow and become a valuable part of our school community.

Barra continues to be in school and is enjoying spending time with children during the day.

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Today we have had a lovely time celebrating this historic event. The children have looked magnificent in their patriotic colours and regal outfits. Activities during the day included a special assembly and themed lunch, craft and art activities, and book sharing between classes.

As our new King is a keen environmentalist, each child is bringing home a small pot planted with sunflower seeds to look after at home and plant in the garden. Our Eco-council will be announcing a competition to grow the tallest sunflower and to raise funds for an environmental cause – more details to follow.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful time over the coming long weekend celebrating with family and friends.

Reminder - Changes to timing of the end of the school day

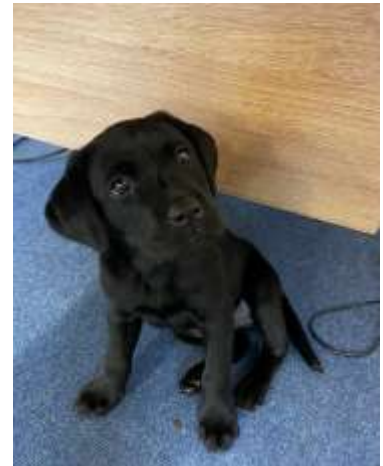
After the half term break (starting on Monday 5th June) we will be extending the school day to finish at 3.20pm. Gates will open at 3.10pm for entry to the school playground.

Community News

Walk to School Event - Community group Holmes Chapel Partnership would like to invite you to take part in our annual Walk to School event on Friday 19 May from 8:20am. This is the third year we have run this event in Holmes Chapel in conjunction with Living Streets, the UK charity of everyday walking.

Our walk last year was extremely well attended by local school children, teachers, residents, councillors, and Cheshire's Police & Crime Commissioner. Together, we are continuing to campaign for safer walking routes through our village.

The theme this year is 'Walk for Friendship'. As valued members of our local community, and in the spirit of community friendship, we would like to invite parents and children to attend. Your participation in the walk would be much appreciated.



There are two walking route options both of which will begin at 8:20am - one departing from The Cottons and the other from Brooklands. Both routes will lead to both primary schools with the Brooklands route terminating at HCPS and The Cottons route terminating at Hermitage, both around 8:50am.

[Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter](#) - 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.

<https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/community-newsletter>

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 and they will do the rest; you don't have to write an essay, they'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 by the 20th of the month before the cover date.

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

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.

May 2023

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 22 nd and Friday 23 rd	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 26 th	Personal Best
Tuesday 27 th and Wednesday 28 th	Transition days for Y6 children attending Sandbach Boys School in September 2023
Friday 30 th	Sports Day

July 2023

Saturday 1 st	PTA Summer Fair 2-4pm
Monday 3 rd	Y5/6 Tennis Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 th and Wednesday 5 th	Transition days for Y6 children attending HCCS in September 2023
Wednesday 5 th	Reports to parents
Friday 7 th	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 10 th	Year 1 Zoolab visit
Tuesday 11 th	Y6 End of Year Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 12 th	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 12 th	Y6 End of Year Performance at 7pm
Tuesday 18th	Y6 Treat Trip and Leaver's Lunch
Thursday 20 th	Term ends at 3.20pm
Friday 21 st	School Closed

Kind regards,

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