



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 3 Visit to Macclesfield Forest

Last week Year 3 really enjoyed their day at Macclesfield Forest which enabled them to learn some geographical skills and develop their knowledge of field work and mapping. During the day they took part in the following activities: using different types of maps, drawing simple field sketches, learning how to use a compass and orienteering.



### Year 4 Visit to Crowden River Valley

On Tuesday this week our Year 4 children went on a field trip as part of their Geography topic about rivers. The children had an enjoyable day investigating rivers in the beautiful Crowden Valley. Having learned about the different features of a river in the classroom, the children were then able to identify these in the landscape. They were able to locate these features on maps of the area, draw field-sketches of some and observe others at close quarters. Part of the day was spent exploring the waters of one of the rivers. Armed with metre rulers, measuring tapes, stop-watches and wellington boots, the children were able to carry out fieldwork to answer questions about the channel. The children deemed the river to be unpolluted, indicated by the creatures they discovered and identified using nets, trays and magnifying glasses.



## **Key Stage 2 SATS**

This week our lovely Year 6 children have taken their SATs (standardised assessment tests) in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Maths. We are very proud of the way they have managed this week and how mature and resilient they have been. A massive thank you to our whole school community for supporting this – the other children who have been a lot quieter than usual to cause minimum disturbance, the adults in school who have helped out in a variety of ways, and the adults at home who have been encouraging and supportive to all our Year 6 children.

## **After School Activities for second half of summer term 2023**

Please see below details of the after school activities that will be available after half term.

### **The following clubs are run by school staff**

Day	Club	Time	Year groups	Club lead
Tuesday	Singing	3.15-4.00pm	Years 4 - 6	Ms Lackford
Tuesday	Girls football	3.15-4.00pm	Years 2 – 6	Miss Clark and Mr Withnell
Wednesday	French conversation	3.15-4.00pm	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Miss Wootton

### **The following clubs are run by outside providers and will require payment**

Day	Club	Time	Year groups
Monday	Gymnastics with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 1 – Year 3
Monday	Rounders with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 3 – Year 6
Tuesday	Art Zone with Jo Green	3.15 - 5.00pm	Year 1 – Year 6
Tuesday	Multi-skills with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Reception
Wednesday	Athletics with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 1 – Year 3
Wednesday	Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 4 – Year 6
Wednesday	Football with Shooting Stars	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 1 – Year 3
Thursday	Athletics with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 4 – Year 6
Friday	Dance with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 1 – Year 3
Friday	Tennis with Sports Coaching Group	3.15 - 4.15pm	Year 3 – Year 6

Further information will be sent out shortly.

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

After the half term break (starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PTA News:**

#### **TALENT SHOW at the Summer Fair - Saturday 1st July**

Get ready to show off your skills! The PTA is hosting a talent show at their summer fair and they want YOU to take part. Whether you're a singer, dancer, comedian, gymnast, poet or have a unique talent, all are welcome to participate. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to showcase your abilities and have some fun in the sun! If you would like to take part entry slips can be collected from the School Office from Monday 15th May. We only have 20 slots up for grabs, so get your slip filled out ASAP! The talent show is open for ages 9 - 99, the winner gets a Cash Prize!

The Talent Show is going to be a blast! But wait, there's more! We've got tombolas, games, football activities, and a ton of other exciting stuff. We need you, our amazing families, to help us make this day unforgettable. In the weeks leading up to the Summer Fair, we'll be asking for donations. Don't worry, you don't have to give everything we ask for. Every little bit counts, so give what you can and let's make this a day to remember!

### **SUMMER DISCO - Friday 16th June**

We are changing things up a little and having a BEACH themed disco! Tickets will be going on sale on the 5th June after the holidays.



## Community News

Walk to School Event - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 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.

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.

Further information is available on the Holmes Chapel Partnership website:-

<https://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/walk-to-school-week>

## 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 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and Year 6 Rounders A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception visit to The Blue Planet Aquarium
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Assembly Presentation to Parents at 9.15am
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Walk to School Event</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and Year 4 Rounders A Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term holiday – school closed

### June 2023

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Change to time at the end of the day starts – school finishes at 3.20pm from today
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential visit to Kingswood
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics screening test for Year 1



Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Athletics at HCCS at 3.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Come and Play with the Halle at The Bridgewater Hall (performance at 10.30am)
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> 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
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Transition days for Y6 children attending HCCS in September 2023
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents
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>	Y6 End of Year Performance at 7pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>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)</b>
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

