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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events in school

Last week our Year 5 children presented an assembly to parents sharing their learning this year. Children in KS2 were given a chance to see the assembly performance at the beginning of this week. The Year 5 children spoke extremely confidently and passionately about a range of topics and finished with a song. Thank you to all the children and adults involved for a fantastic presentation.

Our Reception classes had a fantastic day out at the Blue Planet Aquarium.



The Reception children learnt about different types of shark, held a shark's tooth and touched shark skin. They had a great time watching the divers feed the stingrays in the Aqua-theatre and had a close up encounter with sharks in the shark tunnel.

Year 4 bake sale

Some year 4 children organised a bake sale for their year group to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund. They raised an amazing £94.00! Well done!

Sports Events – by Mr Lavin

Sports tournaments have been coming thick and fast in the summer term and included particularly impressive performances from the year 6 cricket and year 4 rounders' teams, who were justly rewarded with gold medals. Thanks to all the players for their efforts, as they searched for line and length in the corridor of uncertainty, and thanks to Dexter in Year 4 for a one-handed quick reaction catch that will linger in the memory for a long time. Catches do indeed win matches!

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 **3.15pm** for entry to the school playground.

Staff news

We would like to welcome Mr Stephen Haigh to our site maintenance team. Mr Haigh will be shadowing Beryl from the beginning of July.



Vacancy - We currently have permanent positions for 2 cleaners, Monday to Friday 16.45pm-20.00pm for 16 hours and 15 minutes per week at £13.20 per hour / 38 weeks per school year. Some Deep Cleaning during School Holidays as and when required.

Employment would be through an external company, NECS, who provide reliable high-quality cleaning services to a variety of customers including schools.

They are currently recruiting for reliable cleaning staff with a good eye for detail to work in a school in Holmes Chapel, CW4 7EB. Full training, uniform will be provided and you will be joining a friendly supportive team. An enhanced DBS is required for this position, but if you do not have one, NECS can apply for one on your behalf.

If you are interested in the position please apply and we will contact suitable candidates for a telephone screening interview.

<https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?cmp=NECS&t=Cleaner&jk=dc8cb5444dc68089&q=School+Cleaner&vjs=3>

School uniform – an important reminder

It is important that all children feel proud to be part of our school community and wearing the correct uniform forms part of that concept. We have noticed recently that some children are not complying with our uniform code, so we would like to address this next half term, and particularly going forward into the next academic year. We are increasingly finding that some children are wearing inappropriate (sometimes branded) clothing, shoes/trainers which does not follow our uniform code and can create a competitive element, particularly amongst the older children.

The expectation is that on most days of the week your child will wear their school uniform which consists of the following:-

- Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with or without school logo
- White or blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- School fleece with logo (optional)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or skort
- Plain grey, black or white socks or tights
- Black shoes or trainers

On days when children have PE they can wear their PE kit which consists of the following:-

- Plain t-shirt in their house colour or plain white (with or without school logo)
- Navy or black plain shorts/skort, plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms
- Trainers – preferably with Velcro fastening for younger children (unless they can tie their own laces)
- School royal blue sweatshirt or plain black/navy blue sweatshirt/jumper
- Earrings should not be worn on PE days

Please note that football shirts, t-shirts and hoodies with logos/slogans are not acceptable.

On days when children are attending an after school sports club, they can wear their PE kit to school (not own clothes or football kit please).

No make-up, nail varnish or jewellery should be worn (except plain stud earrings if ears are pierced).

We really appreciate your help and support with enforcing our uniform policy – thank you.

Summer sun safety

Please ensure your child comes to school with **a named full water bottle**, which they can refill throughout the day. Please ensure they bring **a named sun hat** too. We would remind you that staff are unable to apply sun creams to your children. We advise that you buy the variety of sun creams that can be applied once per day and that you apply the cream before school each morning.



End of Year Reports

Key Stage 2 SATs results are being published this year a little later than anticipated (Tuesday 11th July). As a result, there will be a change of date for reports being sent home. The new date will be Wednesday 12th July.

PTA News:

TALENT SHOW at the Summer Fair - Saturday 1st July

SUMMER DISCO - Friday 16th June - Tickets on sale from 5th June.

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 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term holiday – school closed
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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 1-4pm (please note change of time)
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
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 12th	Reports to parents – change of date
Wednesday 12 th	Y6 End of Year Performance at 7pm
Friday 14 th	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)
Tuesday 18 th	Y6 Treat Trip and Leaver's Lunch
Thursday 20 th	Term ends at 3.20pm
Friday 21 st	School Closed

Have a happy half term break!

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

