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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff News

Mrs Lavin will not be in school for the rest of this term. If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, or contact the school office to speak to a senior leader.

Residential and day visits

At Holmes Chapel Primary School we believe that visits out of school are an integral part of our children's learning experience and that they enhance our curriculum. Visits out with classmates provide an opportunity to relate a child's learning to the real world, broaden horizons and knowledge, build memories, and ignite passion for subjects studied in school. In addition, residential visits develop team building skills, self-confidence and independence.

However, with the rising cost of living we appreciate that there are some parents who are struggling to make a voluntary contribution to visits. Therefore, the school is having to fund a large proportion of these visits and absorb any non-payment from school budget.

Unfortunately, this is not sustainable and next year we will have to consider very carefully what trips we make available and the impact of their cost. Where insufficient funds are raised, trips will not be viable and will not go ahead.

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.

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.

June 2023

Monday 12 th	Phonics screening test for Year 1
Monday 12th	Class photos
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	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 parents/children 4.00-6.30pm
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
Monday 3rd	Open evening for new Reception parents 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)
Tuesday 4 th and Wednesday 5 th	Transition days for Y6 children attending HCCS in September 2023
Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th	Stay and play/lunch sessions for new Reception children
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	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

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

