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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff News

One of our Teaching Assistants, Mr Withnell, will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new post at a special school in Stoke on Trent. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Withnell for the great contribution he has made and to wish him all the best at his new school.

Music performances

Last week and this week some of our children have had the opportunity to show off their musical expertise in front of an audience. Year 4 children performed last week to parents/carers as part of their Wider Opportunities learning, and then this week performed to the Year 3 children in school to demonstrate what they will be learning next year. Our singing club put on an informal concert for parents/carers which included some audience participation! Children learning the guitar or ukulele with Front Row Music entertained parents/carers and children in school today to show what they have learnt this year. Well done and thank you so much to all the children who performed and to the teachers for all your hard work.

Year 6 Leaver's Performance

Our lovely Year 6 children entertained the school and their parents/carers this week with their end of year performance, The Next Big Step. The show included many fantastic and funny sketches and lovely songs all about the memories of the time the children have spent at our school. All the children were absolute stars – we are extremely proud of them! Thank you Year 6 for entertaining us and making us emotional! Thank you also to the Year 6 staff team for all their hard work.

Transition arrangements

Next Monday, 17th July, each class will be able to spend some time with their next teacher and support staff in their new classroom. Each child will receive a letter from their new class teacher giving them information about next year. Parents/carers will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher, see the classroom and find out more about what to expect next year at our Meet the Teacher Evening on Wednesday 13th September (more details to follow).

Water bottles – a reminder

As a healthy school, we promote drinking water to keep hydrated. Please ensure that you provide your child with a water bottle with fresh water in every day. Replacement plastic water bottles are available to buy from the office for £1.20.

Children should not be bringing bottles of PRIME which have been classed as a processed energy drink, not healthy for children of primary school age.

After school clubs – autumn term 2023

We are currently organising a range of after school clubs for the autumn term.

The following clubs will be run by school staff:-

- Tuesday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 run by Ms Lackford)
- Tuesday – Girl's football Club 3.20-4.20pm (Years 3-6 run by Miss Clark)



- Wednesday – Coding Club 3.20-4.20pm (Year 6 – run by Miss Maddock and Mr Vickery)
- Thursday – Cooking Club 3.15-4.30pm (Year 5 – run by Mrs Hill and Mrs Middleton)

The following clubs will be run by outside providers and will require payment - flyers will be sent out shortly.

- Monday – Dance with Sports Coaching Group for Year 1 – Year 3 3.20-4.20pm
- Monday – Basketball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-4.20pm
- Tuesday – Target Games with Sports Coaching Group for Year 1 – Year 3 3.20-4.20pm
- Tuesday – Art with Jo Green for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-5.00pm
- Wednesday – Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-4.20pm
- Wednesday – Football with Shooting Stars for Year 1 – Year 3 3.15-4.20pm
- Thursday – Netball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-4.20pm
- Friday – Gymnastics with Sports Coaching for Year 1 – Year 3 3.20-4.20pm

All clubs will start during the second week of the autumn term (week beginning Monday 11th September). We will send out further information about how to book a place for your child at the beginning of the autumn term. Please note that the outdoor clubs will not continue after half term.

Community News

The Holmes Chapel Youth Council have arranged to show Spiderman: Across the Spiderverse on Friday 14th July at 5pm at Holmes Chapel Community Centre. Tickets are on sale now and cost £5. Tickets can be purchased via this link or the QR code below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Holmes-Chapel-Parish-Council/t-eaqooeo>



Diary of a Disciple – Fun games, drafts, stories, songs and snacks

Holmes Chapel Methodist Church are offering a holiday club for primary school age children from 24th-28th July 9.30-12.30 for £5 per day. To reserve a place contact Julia.tomes51@hotmail.co.uk or 01606 738478.

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.

July 2023

Tuesday 18 th	Y6 Treat Trip and Leaver's Lunch
Thursday 20 th	Term ends at 3.20pm
Friday 21 st	School Closed

September 2023

Monday 4 th	Inset day for school staff – school closed
Tuesday 5 th	Inset day for school staff – school closed
Wednesday 6 th	Autumn term starts
Wednesday 13 th	Meet the Teacher evening (times tbc)
Thursday 14 th	Individual photos
Friday 29 th	Inset day for school staff – school closed

October 2023

Tuesday 10th	Open Morning
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th	Half term – school closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

