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Dear Parents/Carers,

Leavers

Our lovely Year 6 children have left us today to go on to their secondary education. We are so proud of all of them and wish them every success at their new schools.

We also said goodbye to some lovely members of staff – Mrs Wiggett, and Mrs Boulton who are both retiring, and Mr Withnell and Miss Kendall who are both going to work in new schools. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of them for their dedication and hard work during the time they have worked in school and wish them all the best in their new roles/retirement.

We also would like to share some exciting news – Miss Wootton (class teacher in Reception) is getting married during the summer holiday. She will be Mrs Winter! We wish her and her husband a long and happy life together. Congratulations!

End of year results

We are very proud of our Year 6 cohort for achieving well in their SATs, particularly as they are a year group who had an interrupted education due to Covid. Overall results are below:-

Subject	Holmes Chapel Primary School	National
Reading	77% (GDS 35%)	73%
Maths	69% (GDS 26%)	73%
Writing	62% (GDS 3%)	71%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	76% (GDS 39%)	72%
Science	89%	80%

We are also very proud of our Year 1 cohort for achieving an 85% pass in their phonics screening check! Well done everyone!

Parents' Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed our recent survey. We are really pleased to see that 94% of parents say their child is happy at school, and 95% of parents say their child feels safe at our school. Please see further information attached.

Art exhibition

Some of our Year 6 art was displayed at the recent Holmes Chapel Village Fair, as part of an art exhibition organised by Holmes Chapel Youth Council. Congratulations to Lauren Kozyra who was awarded a prize for her entry – this was presented by Councillor Mike Street from the Parish Council at an assembly on Monday. You can read more about this event by following this link to the Parish Council website:-

<https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/post/youth-council-art-exhibition-winners>





Puddleducks Water Safety

All our KS1 children participated in a fun, interactive talk from Puddleducks about water safety. This was perfect timing for children as they head into summer holidays where they are likely to be around open water, whether that be a paddling pool, swimming pool, streams or the sea. Puddle, the mascot duck, was also at the assembly and

gave out certificates and a free lesson voucher for one of their pools.

Raffle

One of our Year 3 pupils, Robyn, has been completing a Brownie badge which involved raising money for charity. Robyn organised a raffle and raised an impressive £178 which she has donated to school. The raffle winners are:-

- Winner of the family ticket to the Crocky Trail is Sophie Iles class 3
- Winner of the family ticket to Lower Drayton Farm is Georgina Marks class 3a
- Winner of the Bowling and Arcade vouchers at the Trafford Centre is Spencer Mathews 1a

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, Robyn has really enjoyed doing her raffle and hopes all the winners enjoy their days out. Thank you to Robyn for organising the raffle.

Is your child playing safely over the summer – online as well as outdoors?

As the summer holiday approaches, we know many of your children will enjoy the opportunity to play out with friends and that you take appropriate measures to ensure they are safe.

All the schools work closely together with the Cheshire East Safeguarding Education Team to keep our children safe online too. Lots of the children have had new technology/devices during the year and seem to be enjoying playing a range of new games on them. There are some amazing apps, games and social media opportunities that our children are benefiting from. However, the local Safeguarding Team and school staff have serious concerns about some games and activities, particularly with regard to TikTok challenges.

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 1 – 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 4 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.

PTA news

A Big PTA Thank You

As we come to the end of the academic year the PTA would just like to take a few moments to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone for your incredible support this year which has helped us to raise a great deal of money for our school and the children.

This year we have seen the money we've raised go towards

- Each Year's Group Excursions
- Musical Instrument Replacement
- Our Year 6 Leavers Gifts
- Our Reception (New Starters) Gifts

We couldn't have done it without all the volunteers that have helped us along the way, particularly those that helped set up the Christmas Fair and the Discos, and to the regular volunteers that are always happy to help at every event come rain or shine.

A big thank you also to all the parents, guardians, grandparents, class reps, teachers, staff and Governors who have helped this year. Your continued support and patience is very much appreciated.

It's been a busy year filled with all our regular events plus a few extras to help raise more funds for our school, we hope you have been able to enjoy some if not all of these events.

Have a gorgeous summer break everyone.

We will leave you alone now for a good 6 weeks :)

Thank you again from your PTA Committee

We would like to add our thanks to the PTA for all their hard work this year!

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

Friday 21 st	School Closed
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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 10 th	Open Morning
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half term – school closed

We wish you all a very happy summer break.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

