



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term! We hope you have had a lovely summer break.

## RAAC

As outlined in my letter to you last week, the school has been contacted to alert us to possible concerns regarding the construction of our school building, specifically in relation to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete. A survey will be carried out by a Department for Education contracted surveying company on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Once the survey is complete, we will be able to respond to and plan for any work that is needed. I will keep you informed of our progress.

## Staff News

We would like to welcome Miss B Goodwin, class teacher in Year 1, to our staff team. Also, many congratulations to Miss Wootton who got married during the summer holidays and is now Mrs Winter!

## Meet the Teacher

Our first event of the year will be an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and to find out more about their year group for the coming academic year. For Years 1-5 the class teachers will run their sessions twice so that those families with more than one child can attend sessions at different times. School age children are welcome to attend but must be supervised by parents/carers at all times please.

All the information shared at these sessions, including a copy of the powerpoint used, will be available on class pages of the school website following the evening.

Years 1 – 5 only – We will be holding Meet the Teacher sessions at the following times at school in your child's classroom:-

- 4.15-4.45pm
- 5.00-5.30pm

Year 6 only – We are really pleased to welcome PC Andy Cornall to our Year 6 Meet the Teacher session. Andy will be sharing information and top tips for children and parents about online safety. This session will run just once at 5pm in the school hall for both Year 6 classes and will be followed by information about this academic year. We strongly recommend that Year 6 children attend with their parent/carer to hear some vital messages about keeping safe.

Reception only – Once the children are attending school full time, we will be holding a Welcome to Reception event for Reception parents/carers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. This session will include information about phonics and reading for the coming year, as well as an opportunity to speak to staff and get to know other Reception parents.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> September). Please note that the outdoor clubs will not continue after half term.

### 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.

More dates to be added soon!

### September 2023

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y3, 4, 5, 6 Cross Country event at HCCS at 3.30pm</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher evening (please see further information above)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 and 6 Netball Tournament A at HCCS at 3.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y3 and 4 Netball Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm</b>



Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day for school staff – school closed
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### October 2023

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Y5 and 6 Tag Rugby at HCCS at 3.30pm</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception welcome evening 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mystery Readers 2.45pm</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half term – school closed

### November 2023

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FLUENZ Vaccinations</b>

### December 2023

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception Nativity for Class RA (Miss MacWilliam) 10am</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception Nativity for Class R (Mrs Noble/Mrs Winter) 10am</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Christmas parties</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas holiday – school closed</b>

### January 2024

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset day – school closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring term begins</b>

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Headteacher

