



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **New Reception children**

Our lovely new reception children started with us full time this week and have made an excellent start to their time in school. The classes joined us for the first assembly today and enjoyed singing 'Big Red Combine Harvester' with us! We would like to wish them and our new families a really warm welcome to our school community.

## **INSET day – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Please remember that school is closed for one day next Friday for staff training. All our staff will be travelling to one of our Trust schools, Wilbraham Primary on the outskirts of Manchester, to participate in training with staff from all the other 11 schools in the Aspire Education Trust. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## **Autumn Term Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Our Parents' Evenings this term will be online. This meeting is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, to let you know how your child has settled into school and how we will be supporting your child over the coming term. It is also an opportunity for you to share any information with the teacher that you feel is particularly relevant. The meetings will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (evening – times tbc), Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (evening – times tbc).

The booking system will be live from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and a separate letter with information about how to book and how to access your meeting, will be sent out in due course.

Parents' Evenings in the spring term will be face to face and will take place just after February half term – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February (times tbc).

## **REMINDER – Uniform policy**

Our uniform policy states that black shoes or plain black trainers should be worn and this included footwear for PE session. Please ensure that your child wears plain black trainers with the school PE kit on PE days. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Water bottles/Lunch box drinks**

We have noticed that some children have been bringing an energy drink to school to have either in the classroom or for lunch in their lunch box. These energy drinks contain high levels of caffeine and sugar which are not suitable for the children to be drinking during the school day.

Water bottles for the classroom should only contain water please – this is the most suitable drink for children to keep themselves hydrated during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Book Fair**

Our book fair which will be held after school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30 pm - 4 pm**, in the breakout rooms (opposite the Year 4 classrooms).



Click on the link below to find out all the information you need as well as a digital invitation so you can browse the highlights before the Book Fair arrives:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents?nt=t>

### PTA Christmas cards

As is traditional, children will be creating Christmas Cards for you to purchase. In order for us to ensure delivery in plenty of time, we will be designing the cards over the next couple of weeks. We are using the same provider as last year – My Child’s Art. Details about how to view and order your card on line will be sent home shortly.

### PTA Disco – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Please note the times of the discos will be as follows:-

- 4.45-5.30pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2
- 5.45-6.30pm Year 3 and Year 4
- 6.45-7.30pm Year 5 and Year 6

### 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

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 and 4 Netball Tournament at HCCS at 3.30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair 3.30-4pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day for school staff – school closed

#### October 2023

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 and 6 Tag Rugby at HCCS at 3.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception welcome evening 6pm – please note change of date</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Disco</b>



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Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings online (times TBC)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half term – school closed

### November 2023

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 Viking Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hamper donation day – PTA (more details to follow)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair <b>5-7pm</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	FLUENZ Vaccinations

### December 2023

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Village Christmas Market 3-7pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 visit to theatre – The Nutcracker
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity for Class RA (Miss MacWilliam) 10am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity for Class R (Mrs Noble/Mrs Winter) 10am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas parties
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas holiday – school closed

### January 2024

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

### February 2024

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices – Manchester
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 residential
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term – school closed

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

