



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, the children have been taking part in a variety of activities about supporting their mental health. Please find attached two leaflets that Place 2be have provided, sharing top tips for both parents and children.



If you haven't already put your name on the list for the Visyon workshop being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and you would like to attend, please email Mrs Lavin on learningmentor@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk (please see the attached leaflet for further information).

You can find out more about Children's Mental Health Week by following this link to the Children's Mental Health Week website:-

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we have chosen the book 'Where My Wellies Take Me' by Michael and Clare Morpurgo to generate book-related activities across school. The book is about a young girl's exploration of the countryside, with a collection of poems about the changing seasons and changing moods of the countryside. Children are invited to dress up based on the theme of this book if they would like to – more details and ideas to follow.



We will also be organising the following activities to help promote the joy of reading:-

- Every class will visit Holmes Chapel Library
- Reading for pleasure sessions will be held in school with parents/carers/grandparents invited to join us – more information to follow
- A competition to decorate a stone as a book character with a book token prize for each year group
- Themed lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

## Allotment Sessions

We are delighted to be able to recommence our allotment sessions led by HLTA Mrs S Mitchell who will run the sessions linked to our science curriculum every Monday afternoon from after half term until the end of the summer term. These sessions will give the children a 'real life' experience to support their learning about plants. Further information and dates will be sent out in a separate letter next week.

## After School Activities – Second half of Spring Term 2024

After school activities for the second half of the spring term are as follows:-



### Activities run by school staff:-

- Wednesday – Coding Club 3.20-4.20pm for Year 6 – run by Miss Maddock and Mr Vickery
- Wednesday – Craft club 3.20-4.10pm for Years R, 1 and 2 – run by Mrs Winter, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Heal

Please note that singing club will re-start in the summer term.

### Activities run by outside providers:-

- Monday: Gymnastics with Sports Coaching Group for Years 1-3 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Tuesday: Art with Jo Green for Years 1-6 (3.20pm-5.00pm)
- Tuesday: Hockey with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3.20pm-4.20pm)
- Wednesday: Football with Shooting Stars for Years 1-6 (3.20pm-4.20pm)
- Thursday: Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3.20-4.20pm)
- Friday: Dance with Sports Coaching Group for Years 1-3 (3:20pm-4:20pm)

All after school activities run by outside providers need to be booked through the company leading the club. Flyers will be sent out next week with further details and information about how to book.

### **We are going cashless!**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 we are no longer able to accept cash or cheques for school lunches and trips. We are therefore asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for lunches and trips. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo.

### **Courteous/safe parking**

Please consider the safety of others when you park around our school for drop off and collection. The layby outside school should be kept clear for buses. For the safety of pedestrians, please do not pull into the school entrance or park in the school car park to drop off or collect your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Penalty Charges</b>
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 this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.



Please note that sports events at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School will not be taking place until further notice due to staffing shortages at HCCS. We will keep you informed of any changes to the situation, and whether events later in the term will be taking place, as soon as we know more (these dates are still listed below, but may not be happening).

### February 2024

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 residential
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day themed lunch
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term – school closed
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 1</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings

### March 2024

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 2</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/carer workshop with Visyon 1.45-3.15pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 visit to the River Dane Valley</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 3</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Girl's Football at HCCS 3.30pm
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Year 5</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Allotment session for Reception</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for Easter holiday

### April 2024

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term begins
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 day visit to Crowden River valley
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Presentation to Parents 9.30am

### May 2024

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Rounders tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Rounders tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half term – school closed

### June 2024

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Disco
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

### July 2024

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 transition day at HCCS



Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 7pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term ends
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (inclusive)	School closed (school reopens for children Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Additional Inset Day for Academic Year 2024-25 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 will now be an Inset day so the children will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

