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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff News

One of our TAs, Mrs Moss, is getting married at half term and will be returning to school as Mrs Ventre. We wish her many congratulations!



Year 5 Residential visit

Our Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to Menai on Monday to Wednesday this week. They engaged in a range of adventurous activities including canoeing, rock climbing, low ropes and zip wire, as well as walking around Lake Idwal in Snowdonia. A huge thank you to all the adults from school who attended (Miss Ackerley, Miss Roxburgh, Mrs Jones, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Wall, Mrs Parker) and a special thank you to our volunteers Mrs Clark and Mr Dixon for giving up their time to make this such a wonderful experience for our children.



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 have been sent out with further details and information about how to book.

Red Nose Day Bake Sale - Friday 15th March

Members of our School Council have decided that they would like to hold a bake sale to raise money for Red Nose Day this year. Cakes will be on sale at morning break at a cost of 50p each. In order to make sure there are enough for everyone who wants to buy a cake, we will restrict cakes to one per child. Any leftover cakes will be sold in the playground at the end of the school day. We would welcome donations of cakes to sell please on the morning of Friday 15th March – thank you so much for your support. Please note our no nut policy (see below).

Reminder of our NO NUT POLICY - Lunch Boxes and Snacks

As you are aware, we have a small number of children in school with quite severe nut allergies. We really appreciate you supporting us in caring for these children by not sending nuts or any nut based products for snacks or in your children's lunch boxes. Many thanks.

Reminder - We are going cashless!

As of 1st 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.

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 this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

Please note that sports events at HCCS will be re-starting next half term.

February 2024

Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term – school closed
Monday 26 th	Allotment session for Year 1
Tuesday 27 th and Thursday 29 th	Parents' Evenings

March 2024

Friday 1st	Cheshire Fire and Safety Service road safety talk for Year 5
Monday 4 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 4 th	Parent/carers workshop with Visyon 1.45-3.15pm
Monday 4 th	Year 5 and 6 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Year 6 visit to the River Dane Valley
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Monday 11 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 11 th	Year 5 and 6 Girl's Football at HCCS 3.30pm
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day – Bake sale
Friday 15 th	PTA Disco
Monday 18 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 20 th	Year 4 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 25 th	Allotment session for Reception
Friday 29 th	School closed for Easter holiday

April 2024

Monday 15 th	Summer Term begins
Monday 15th	Allotment session for Year 1
Monday 22nd	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 22 nd	Year 5 and 6 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 4 day visit to Crowden River valley
Monday 29th	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 29 th	Year 3 and 4 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 30 th	Year 3 Presentation to Parents 9.30am

May 2024

Wednesday 8th	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 13th	Allotment session for Year 1
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	KS2 SATS week
Monday 13 th	Year 5 and 6 Rounders tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 20th	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 20 th	Year 3 and 4 Rounders tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half term – school closed



June 2024

Monday 3rd	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th	Year 6 Residential
Monday 10th	Allotment session for Year 5
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Monday 17th	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 20 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Friday 21 st	PTA Disco
Monday 24th	Allotment session for Year 2
Friday 28 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July 2024

Monday 1st	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Monday 8th	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 10 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 15th	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 17 th	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 7pm
Monday 22nd	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 23 rd	Term ends
Wednesday 24 th July – Tuesday 3 rd September (inclusive)	School closed (school reopens for children Wednesday 4 th September)

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

Wishing everyone a very happy half term break!

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

