



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We hope you had a relaxing half term break.

Allotment sessions



Our first allotment session has taken place this week. Year 1 have worked with Mrs Mitchell planting tomato seeds.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We sent out details about next week’s exciting World Book Day activities just before half term, including:-

- Visiting Holmes Chapel library – please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat on the day of their visit (individual class teachers will let you know which day they are visiting)
- Decorating a stone competition – decorate a medium sized stone to represent a fictional or non-fictional character, person or animal. Bring your decorated stone to school on Monday 4th March
- Dressing up - the whole school will be taking part in activities linked to the book, *‘Where My Wellies Take Me...’* by Clare and Michael Morpurgo. The character in the book, Pippa, explores places with her adventurous wellies. We are inviting the children to come into school dressed in wellies and/ or walking clothes to link with the theme of adventure...Where will **your** wellies take you?
- Reading for Pleasure with parents/carers/grandparents – see timetable below.

	Monday 4 th March	Tuesday 5 th March	Wednesday 6 th March	Thursday 7 th March	Friday 8 th March
9am – 9.30am		Year 4	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6
2.30pm – 3pm	Reception			Year 2	Year 1

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

On Red Nose Day children should wear normal school uniform but may wear Red Nose Day accessories if they wish.

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.



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 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School will be going ahead as normal this half term.

March 2024

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 15 th	Allotment session for Year 1
Monday 22 nd	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 29 th	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 8 th	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 13 th	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 20 th	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 3 rd	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th	Year 6 Residential
Monday 10 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Monday 17 th	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 20 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Friday 21 st	PTA Disco
Monday 24 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Friday 28 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July 2024

Monday 1 st	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Monday 8 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 10 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 15 th	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 22 nd	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.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

