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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events this term

Although this has been a shorter term than usual, we have certainly packed a lot in –

- Year 1 visit to Macclesfield Silk Museum
- Reception visit to Jodrell Bank
- Singing club visit to the Young Voices concert in Manchester
- Year 4 Greek workshop day
- Year 5 residential visit to Menai
- Allotment sessions
- Year 6 visit to the River Dane valley
- World Book Day celebrations including library visits for every year group and reading for pleasure sessions with parents/grandparents
- Red Nose Day
- PTA disco
- Year 4 Presentation to Parents
- KS2 Talent Show

Our KS2 talent show took place today and was a huge success. We are so proud of all the children who took part. A massive well done our overall winner, Ashlyn in Year 5.



More photos are available on the class pages of the school website. Thank you very much to Miss Roxburgh for organising this event.



Today in our whole school assembly we said a very fond farewell to three members of staff – Mrs Winter, Miss Clark and Miss Hitchen. We wish them all well in their new roles.

Recent fund raising events generated the following amounts for charities:-

- Sales of gingerbread socks for Down's Syndrome - £213.00
- Red Nose Day cake sale for Comic Relief - £269.00

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Forthcoming Events

During the summer term we are looking forward to lots more exciting events including day visits, a residential visit for Year 6, sports day and year group performances for parents. Please see the dates below.

Swimming – summer term 2024

We are looking forward to offering swimming lessons during the summer term, and want to give the children the best possible experience. Timetabling during the school day allows for 6 sessions per day in groups of no more than 12 children for 45 minutes per session, with breaks for the coach and lifeguard. The pool is available to use for 3 full weeks. With the number of children we have in school, we have had to prioritise the lessons for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. We will be offering some after school lessons on a first come first served basis, which parents can pay for – more information to follow.

This is the first time we have tried this method of providing swimming lessons, so we acknowledge there may be some teething problems. Please bear with us! More information will follow during the first week back after Easter.

After School Activities – Summer Term 2024

After school activities for the first half of the summer term are as follows:-

Activities run by school staff:-

- Tuesday – Singing Club 3:20-4:00pm (Years 3-6 run by Ms Lackford, Mrs Henderson and Ms Beechener)
- Wednesday – Craft Club 3:20-4:10pm (Reception Year 2 – run by Mrs Middleton, Mrs Heal and Mrs Collis)
- Wednesday – French Club 3:20-4:15pm (Year 4 – run by Mrs Andrews)

Activities run by outside providers:-

- Monday: Multi-skills with Sports Coaching Group for Reception-Year 2 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Tuesday: Art with Jo Green for Years 1-6 (3:20pm-5:00pm)
- Tuesday: Athletics with Sports Coaching Group for Reception-Year 2 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Wednesday: Basketball with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Wednesday: Football with Shooting Stars for Reception-Year 6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Thursday: Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Friday: Dance with Sports Coaching Group for Years 1-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)

All after school activities run by outside providers need to be booked through the company leading the club.

Aspire Trust Newsletter

Please follow this link to the Aspire Trust newsletter:-

[Aspire Spring Term Newsletter for Parents/Carers](#)

PTFA news

Disco

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the disco on 15th March. We raised a brilliant **£918.56**. A massive thank you to everyone who helped collect money, write wrist bands, prepare goody bags, set up, supervise



children and clear up at the end too. We really couldn't have done it without you. The next PTFA disco is on **Friday 21st June.**

Pot of Gold

The winner of the Pot of Gold was Rose Tottey in year 4. There were a massive 248 entrants which means that £124 goes to Rose and **£124** goes to our fabulous school. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Family Bingo Night

Get your dabbers ready because on **Friday 26th April** the PTFA are holding a family bingo night in the school hall (6.00 – 7.30pm). More details will follow after Easter but in the meantime we are looking for donations of prizes, so if you have any new unwanted gifts or if you receive too much chocolate over Easter – the PTFA would welcome it with open arms. If you could put them to one side and bring them into school after the holidays it would be most appreciated.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help on the night, so if you are able please contact hcps.pta@gmail.com We promise that you will still be able to fully join in the event with your family.

Have a lovely Easter break
Your PTFA

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 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School have changed the dates of the transition days for Year 6.

March 2024

Friday 29 th	School closed for Easter holiday
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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
Friday 26th	PTA Bingo Night 6.00-7.30pm
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

Monday 6 th	May Bank holiday – school closed
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	Walk to school event
Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 24 th	Christie's charity black and white day
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
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st	New date for Year 6 transition days at HCCS
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 2nd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Wednesday 3rd	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.



Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school for the start of the summer term on Monday 15th April.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

