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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the summer term!

Please accept our sincere apologies for the disruption caused earlier this week by the Scottish Power power cut. As far as we are aware, the fault has now been rectified.

Staff news

We would like to welcome Miss Hubbard as our new Reception teacher working on Wednesday-Friday each week this term. We would also like to welcome Mrs Samoilova and Mrs Kinns to our team of Teaching Assistants.

After School Activities – Summer Term 2024 (reminder)

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 Ms 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 (3:20-4:20pm)
- Wednesday: Basketball with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Wednesday: Football with Shooting Stars for Years R-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 1-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)

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

St George's Day – Tuesday 23rd April

The girl guiding and scout movements have requested that children be allowed to wear their rainbow/brownie/beavers/scout uniforms to school on St George's Day (Tuesday 23rd April). We are more than happy to accommodate this, and your child is welcome to represent their group by wearing all or part of their uniform to celebrate this special day.

SEND/Pastoral drop-in session – Wednesday 24th April

Parents/carers are invited to join our SENCO, Mrs Bradford, and our Learning Mentor, Mrs Lavin, at our drop-in session during the afternoon of Wednesday 24th April from 2.15-3.15pm. This session is for you to ask for advice or raise any concerns about your child's progress and wellbeing at school.



Christie's Charity fund raising – Friday 24th May

On the final Friday before the May half term holiday, we will be supporting the Christie's charity by inviting the children to wear anything black and white on Friday 24th May. You can make an optional donation to the charity in a charity bucket held by one of our parents who will be dressing up in a black and white panda costume! The money will go towards more teddy pandas for the young oncology unit/proton beam centre. Thank you in advance for your support.

Community news

Thank you very much to Holmes Chapel Parish Council who have worked with Ansa on improving the flooding problem on Jubilee Walk - see the photographs below.



Middlewich Food Bank

Middlewich and District Foodbank now have a collection point for anyone referred to them at the **Holmes Chapel Community Centre** on the **first Thursday of each month from 5.30-6.30pm**.

PTA news

Join us for our Bingo Extravaganza on Friday 26th April from 5.45pm-7.30pm (please note the change of start time). Bingo books available on entry for £5 per book (cash only please).

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.

April 2024

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 – 5.45pm-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	Christies 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	Year 6 transition days at HCCS (please note change of date)
Friday 21 st	PTA Disco
Monday 24 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 25th	Reception singing concert for parents 2.30pm
Friday 28 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July 2024

Monday 1 st	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 3rd	Year 4 music concert for parents 2.30pm
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
Friday 19th	Ukulele/guitar lesson performance for parents – 2pm for



	children in Years 1, 2, 3; 2.30pm for children in Years 4, 5, 6
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: School will be closing for pupils on the last day of each term at 1.20pm. Children will eat their lunch in school and then be ready to be collected at 1.20pm. This will commence from the end of Summer Term 2024 (ie on Tuesday 23rd July) and each term moving forward. This is to bring us in line with Holmes Chapel High School and other schools in the Aspire Trust. Children must be collected on this occasion as they will not be allowed to walk home on their own. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

