



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Staff news

Many congratulations to our new Reception teacher, Miss Hubbard, who will be getting married this weekend. We wish her a very happy day. Miss Hubbard will not be changing her name.

## Events in school

### St George's Day – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Thank you so much to all the members of the girl guiding and scout movements who wore their rainbow/brownie/beavers/scout uniforms to school on St George's Day. It was so lovely to see them looking so smart and proud to be a member of their group.

### Year 4 visit to the Peak District

Year 4 have enjoyed a very purposeful (if rather chilly) trip to the Crowden Valley in the Peak District of Derbyshire, where they enhanced our geography curriculum by measuring the dimensions and flow of the river, searching for freshwater invertebrates, identifying features of a real river, and completing a farewell field sketch. Some of the children even made it back home without a pair of soggy wellies!



### Year 3 Presentation to Parents

Our lovely Year 3 children put on a magnificent performance for parents on Tuesday of this week. It was an amazing celebration of all that the children have studied and achieved so far this year. They spoke confidently, recited poems and sang songs. Thank you so much to our Year 3 children and staff team for a brilliant presentation.

### Swimming

Unfortunately our swimming has not been able to start this week due to a technical hitch. The pool took longer to fill than expected, so heating the water has been slightly delayed. As a result our Year 4 children will have lessons for four days next week. Year 5 children will swim during the week 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May, and Year 6 during the week 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May. After school swimming lessons are taking place for children in Years 2-4.



## Forthcoming events

### Walk to school event

Walk to school week takes place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. In conjunction with Holmes Chapel Partnership, we will be celebrating this event on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Holmes Chapel Partnership is inviting YOU to celebrate the magic of walking on Thursday 23 May in support of Walk to School Week. Please join us in highlighting how important safe walking routes are to children living in our village. There are two organised routes departing from each end of the village or you are welcome to choose your own! Please see the attached flyer for further information.

### New Reception starters

We will soon be starting to invite our new reception children into school for visits so that they have a smooth transition ready for September. Our new children are invited for stay and play sessions and an opportunity to experience eating a school lunch in the hall. Details about the visits will be sent out to parents/carers shortly.

### PTA news

A great time was had by the children and parents/carers who came to our PTA Bingo event last Friday. Thank you very much to the PTA members who organised the event, and to Mrs Clark and Mrs Williams for being expert bingo callers.

### Visyon workshops

Visyon are running a variety of workshops for parents – Supporting your child with additional needs, Understanding self-harm, Impact of the academic world, Helping children manage worries and anxiety. Please see the attached flyers for further information.



### 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.

#### May 2024

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability



Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1
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>	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Rounders tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Walk to school event
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christies charity black and white day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half term – school closed

### June 2024

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 transition days at HCCS (please note change of date)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Disco
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Zoolab session for Year 1</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception singing concert for parents 2.30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

### July 2024

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 music concert for parents 2.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
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
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
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:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

