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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing arrangements for next year

We are pleased to welcome a new teacher, Miss M Sanchez to our Reception team in September 2024.

Please see below our classes for September 2024. Children will be meeting their new class teacher and visiting their new classroom as part of our transition towards the end of term. Your child will be given a letter with information about their year group. Teachers will be passing on important information about your child before the end of this term. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and visit the classroom at our Meet the Teacher during the week beginning 9th September (more details to follow).

The plan for the academic year 2024-25 is as follows:-

Class your child is in now	Class in September	Teacher(s)
	Class R	Mrs T Noble/Mrs L May
	Class Ra	Miss M Sanchez
Current Class R (Mrs Noble/Miss Hubbard)	Class 1	Miss M MacWilliam
Current Class Ra (Miss MacWilliam)	Class 1a	Miss B Goodwin
Current Class 1 (Ms Lackford/Mrs May)	Class 2	Mrs H Williams Mrs C Lackford (Thursday and Friday)
Current Class 1a (Miss Goodwin)	Class 2a	Miss C Walker Ms C Lackford (Monday only)
Current Class 2 (Miss Walker/Mrs Morrison)	Class 3	Mrs C Kozyra Mrs A Sellers (Friday only)
Current Class 2a (Mrs Williams)	Class 3a	Mrs V Statham
Current Class 3 (Mrs Statham)	Class 4	Mrs K Granville/Mrs H Hill
Current Class 3a (Mrs Kozyra/Mrs Sellers)	Class 4a	Mr J Lavin
Current Class 4 (Mr Lavin)	Class 5	Miss E Roxburgh
Current Class 4a (Mrs Granville/Mrs Hill)	Class 5a	Miss J Ackerley
Current Class 5 (Miss Ackerley)	Class 6	Miss D Maddock
Current Class 5a (Miss Roxburgh)	Class 6a	Mrs N Waddington Mrs R Morrison (Friday only)



Our support staff will be deployed across the school to ensure they are having maximum impact and supporting children effectively.

Senior Leadership Team

There will be some changes to our leadership team in September. I will be continuing to work as Principal of our school but will be working part time (Monday to Wednesday). Mrs Bradford will be taking on more responsibility and will be stepping up to become Head of School to ensure the continued effective management of our school. Our Senior Leaders will continue to support – KS1 Assistant Head Mrs Williams, KS2 Assistant Head Mrs Waddington, Miss Ackerley and Mrs Noble who will be joining the leadership team as Head of Early Years in September.

Events in school

Year 4 visit to The Bridgewater Hall

Yesterday our brilliant Year 4 musicians performed with other schools and The Halle Orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall. It was an absolutely amazing opportunity for the children to be involved in such an inspiring experience. All the children thoroughly enjoyed it and were a real credit to our school. We are really proud of you Year 4!



Aspire Trust Football Tournament

On Thursday some of our Year 5 and 6 children represented our school at the Aspire Trust football tournament at Macclesfield Academy. The team did a fantastic job! They got through to the semi-finals but were narrowly beaten by Wilmslow Academy who then went on to win the trophy. Thank you very much to the team and Mr Lavin and Mrs Middleton who went with them.

PTA news

Calling all Euro Champs! - It's not too late to enter our Euro Sweepstake – entries must be received by 8pm TODAY!

Get ready to cheer on England (or your team of choice!) *and* have a chance to win BIG! The PTFA is excited to announce our **Euro Sweepstake** competition! That's right, you could win some fantastic cash prizes just by supporting your favourite team in the Euros. 😊

PTA Rainbow Hampers

Thank you so much to all our families who brought a donation into school today for the PTA rainbow hampers – as always, we are overwhelmed with your generosity. As well as being able to buy raffle



tickets in the playground after school (times and dates to be confirmed), you will be able to buy raffle tickets to win a hamper at the following events –

- Sports Day – Friday 28th June
- Holmes Chapel Village Fair – Sunday 7th July

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.

June 2024

Monday 17 th	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 20 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st	Year 6 transition days at HCCS (please note change of date)
Friday 21 st	PTA Disco
Monday 24 th	Zoolab session for Year 1
Monday 24 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 25 th	Reception singing concert for parents 2.30pm
Thursday 27 th	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 students 4-6.30pm
Friday 28 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July 2024

Monday 1 st	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 1 st	Open evening for new reception parents 6pm
Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd	New reception children stay and play and lunch
Wednesday 3 rd	Class photos for Years 5 and 6 – new date
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 4 music concert for parents 2.30pm
Monday 8 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 9th	Informal singing club concert for parents at 4pm



Wednesday 10 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 12 th	Reserve sports day
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 19 th	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 at 1.20pm
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.

A few dates for next year:

September 2024

Monday 1 st	Inset day
Tuesday 2 nd	Inset day
Wednesday 3 rd	Autumn term starts

October 2024

Friday 25 th	Inset day
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half term – school closed

November 2024

Tuesday 5 th	FLUENZ
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December 2024

Friday 20 th	Term ends at 1.20pm
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	School closed

Wishing everyone a very happy and relaxing half term break.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

