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Dear Parents/Carers,

Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 5th – Friday 9th February

We are delighted that we are taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024 (from Monday 5th- Friday 9th February).

Launched in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. 1 in 5 children and young people now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we can help us to ensure that children in our school feel listened to, and know that they are not alone.

We will be holding a launch assembly on Monday 5th February and then concluding the week on Friday 9th February with a day off our usual curriculum. The children will be taking part in various activities that focus on children using their voice and helping them to understand the importance of listening too! We will also be sending out information providing tips for families in relation to talking to your child about mental health, along with brilliant tips written by children for our children.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lavin. You can find out more by following this link to the Children's Mental Health Week website:-

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Parent Workshop: Managing and supporting a child's emotions

We are really pleased to offer you the opportunity to attend a workshop in school led by Visyon. Please see the attached flyer and further information below:-

'Visyon's Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a 90-minute Parent/Carer Workshop. In this workshop, we look at what drives behaviour in young people. It aims to help parents understand some of the challenges that young people face when managing their emotions and offers practical ideas on how to support a young person with their emotions. The Workshop be held at Holmes Chapel Primary School, for face-to-face delivery and is available for the families/carers of the children at the school. If you would like to book a place on the Workshop, please email the school (see below) and they will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.
Parent/Carer Workshop - Monday 4 th March 2024, 1.45 pm – 3.15 pm.'

To book a place, email: learningmentor@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Community News – Summer celebration event

My name is Jade Stone and I am the manager of Holmes Chapel Community Centre. We are excited to announce that we are working with the local parish council to organise a summer celebration event this July 2024.

As part of our celebration, we will be hosting a band event on Saturday, 6th July. We believe that this event will be a great opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy



some live music while also supporting local artists.

I am reaching out to you today to request your help in promoting this event. Would it be possible for you to share our poster with your mailing list or any other means of communication you have? Your support would mean a lot to us and help us reach a wider audience.

Attached to this email, you will find the poster for the event. Please feel free to share it on your social media platforms as well.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your community members to our summer celebration. Thank you in advance for your support and we hope to see you there.

Many Thanks

Jade Stone

General Manager

Everybody Health and Leisure

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www.everybody.org.uk



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 not be taking place until further notice due to staffing shortages at HCCS. We will keep you informed of any changes to the situation, and whether events later in the term will be taking place, as soon as we know more (these dates are still listed below, but may not be happening).

February 2024

Friday 2 nd	Reception visit to Jodrell Bank
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 th	Young Voices – Manchester
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Monday 12 th – Wednesday 14 th	Y5 residential
Wednesday 14 th	Valentine’s Day themed lunch
Thursday 15 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term – school closed
Tuesday 27 th and Thursday 29 th	Parents’ Evenings

March 2024

Monday 4 th	Parent/carers workshop with Visyon 1.45-3.15pm
Monday 4 th	Year 5 and 6 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Monday 11 th	Year 5 and 6 Girl’s Football at HCCS 3.30pm
Friday 15 th	PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 th	Year 4 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 29 th	School closed for Easter holiday

April 2024

Monday 15 th	Summer Term begins
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	Year 3 and 4 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 30 th	Year 3 Presentation to Parents 9.30am

May 2024

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	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

Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Thursday 20 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Friday 21 st	PTA Disco
Friday 28 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July 2024

Tuesday 2 nd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 6 transition day at HCCS
Wednesday 10 th	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm



Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 7pm
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,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

