



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Staff News

We would like to welcome three new Midday Assistants to our midday team – Mrs Kinns, Mrs Viswanathan and Mrs Birtles.

## Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

We are looking forward to Children's Mental Health Week 2024 (from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February). 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!



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/>

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February



Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We are putting together plans for World Book Day and will let you know how we will be celebrating this event very soon.

## Courteous/safe parking

Please consider the safety of others when you park around our school for drop off and collection. The layby outside school should be kept clear for buses. For the safety of pedestrians, please do not pull into the school entrance or school car park to drop off or collect your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Community News



Cricket for Girls - Holmes Chapel Cricket Club are running a girls only free cricket taster session on Monday 19th February. 5.30-6.30pm, in the Leisure Centre at the Secondary school on Selkirk Drive. All the details and how to register are in the attached flyer.

### 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  |
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| 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

|  |                               |
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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>        | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                                | Safer Internet Day            |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                                | Young Voices – Manchester     |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Greek workshop         |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Y5 residential                |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                             | Valentine's Day themed lunch  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>                              | Mystery Readers 2.45pm        |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | Half term – school closed     |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> | Parents' Evenings             |

### March 2024

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



## April 2024

|                          |  |
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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Summer Term begins                             |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Year 5 and 6 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Year 4 day visit to Crowden River valley       |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 3 and 4 Cricket tournament at HCCS 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> | Year 3 Presentation to Parents 9.30am          |

## May 2024

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| 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>                           | Year 3 and 4 Rounders tournament at HCCS 3.30pm |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                         | Year 5 Presentation to Parents 9.30am           |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                         | Mystery Readers 2.45pm                          |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> | Half term – school closed                       |

## June 2024

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

## July 2024

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| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Year 6 transition day at HCCS   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Year 6 transition day at HCCS   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Reports to parents  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Mystery Readers 2.45pm  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 2pm  |
| <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest</b>                                      |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 7pm  |
| 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:** Additional Inset Day for Academic Year 2024-25 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 will now be an Inset day so the children will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Headteacher

