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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events in school

Swimming

Swimming lessons have taken place very successfully this week with our Year 4 children getting the first dip. Year 5 children will swim during the week 13th-17th May, and Year 6 during the week 20th-24th May. After school swimming lessons are taking place for children in Years 1-4.



Year 5 Bikeability

On Wednesday of this week all our Year 5 children had the opportunity to participate in some school based learning on bicycle safety, build confidence and develop an ability to judge risks, as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle. The children thoroughly enjoyed their session and will have the opportunity to build on this next year in Year 6 when they go out on the road. Our current Year 6 children will be participating in their Bikeability session on 4th and 5th July.

Forthcoming events

Walk to school event

Walk to school week takes place from Monday 20th to Friday 24th May. In conjunction with Holmes Chapel Partnership, we will be celebrating this event on Thursday 23rd 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.

Ofsted

Latest Ofsted Consultation: The Big Listen - Ofsted are keen to hear from children, learners, parents and carers through the Big Listen. All members of our community are encouraged to give their feedback. Link to consultation - Ofsted Big Listen - GOV.UK (www.gov.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.

May 2024

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 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
Friday 28 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July 2024

Monday 1 st	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 3 rd	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
Friday 12th	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
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

