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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events in school Year 6 SATs

Our lovely Year 6 children have been fantastic this week, taking their SATs in their stride. The children had to sit papers in Grammar/Punctuation, Spelling, Reading and Maths. Well done to everyone for all their great effort. Thank you also to the staff team and to parents for supporting them through this experience.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have continued this week with our Year 5 children. Year 6 children will be swimming during the week 20th-24th May. After school swimming lessons are taking place for children in Years 1-4.

Invacuation alarm

We recently had an invacuation alarm system installed as part of government requirements to improve protective security awareness and preparedness to help keep the children, staff and visitors safe. We tested our invacuation alarm today so that the children can hear what the alarm sounds like. We have told the children that if they hear this alarm they should stay inside the building and wait to be told what to do by adults. We have used the scenario of the air ambulance needing to land on our school field as a reason for an invacuation event. We believe it is very important not to frighten the children with other possible, more threatening scenarios.

Further information regarding this can be found on the government website:-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6633799b1834d96a0aa6cfd/Protective_security_and_preparedness_for_education_settings.pdf

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. Please remember to join us on the walk to school on Thursday 23rd May.

Christie's Black and White Day – Friday 24th May

The children are invited to wear black and white clothes or accessories on Friday 24th May to show support for The Christie cancer charity which funds life-changing and life-saving work to support cancer patients at The Christie.

Optional donations can be made by putting money in a collection bucket which will be in the playground before and after school, or by following this link:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sharon-smithpoundforlb>



Punctuality – a reminder

The school day starts at **8.50am** so your child should be in the classroom ready to start their day at this time. Please make every effort to ensure you arrive at school before this time so that the children have time to come into school and organise themselves ready to start work on time. Your cooperation is appreciated – thank you.

PTFA News

Bingo Night

The recent family bingo night raised a fabulous £207 for our fabulous school. Thank you to everybody who supported us. We received lots of positive feedback and requests to hold another one so watch this space! An extra special thank you goes to our fabulous bingo callers Mrs Clark and Mrs Williams.

Uniform Shop

We spent a day sorting out the PTA store room and making a 'uniform shop'. Now your uniform shopping can be a breeze and you can come and have a look for yourselves and get what you need. We are going to work out the best way to hold uniform sales and are currently figuring out the finer details. Let us know if you have any suggestions.



Disco

The next PTFA disco is on **Friday 21st June**. Further details to follow after half term.

Euro Prediction Game

The Euro 2024 competition is starting soon, and what better way to get into the spirit of things than by taking part in a little friendly competition! We are super excited to announce that we will be hosting the ultimate EURO 2024 predictor game, where you can predict the future champions of European football... and win cash prizes to boot! Details about this exciting game will follow shortly, ready for launch after half term.

Rainbow Raffle

Just a 'heads up' that we will be holding a 'Rainbow Raffle' later in the term and will be requesting donations of non-perishable items to place in our hampers. On **Friday 14th June** the children will be invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to the hampers. More information to follow...

Village Fair

Date for your diary – **Sunday 7th July**. We have been granted a space at the Holmes Chapel Village Fair – don't forget to visit 😊.

Community News – Cheshire East Family Hubs





Family Hubs
Bringing services together for every stage of family life.

cheshireeast.gov.uk/familyhubs

NHS Cheshire East

Cheshire East Family Hubs are a one stop shop for families with children and young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities). We bring the very best of council, health, and community services together.



Our hub journey is broken down into three key steps; Start for life (0-5), Primary (5-11) and Young Persons (11-19).

We would love to meet you and your young family at one of our family play sessions which are free of charge and operate on a drop-in basis. Babies Together (0-1yr), Toddlers Together (1-3yrs), Stay and Play (0-5yrs) and our Little Starts group for children with additional needs (0-11yrs) run at each of our Hubs.

If you are unable to visit one of Hubs, our new digital offer is the Family Hub 'in your hand'. The website can be accessed via the link below and provides a wealth of information and is there to signpost families to the very best of services that are available in their locality. For families with older children our Young Persons offer includes support with money, social media, and mental health as well as coping with exam stress and healthy relationships.



We are excited to be developing our Primary Journey for parents of children ages 5-13yrs so please watch out for updates soon.

[Family Hubs \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.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 23rd	Class photos (all years except Year 5)
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
Thursday 6th	Class photos for Year 5
Monday 10 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Friday 14th	PTA Hamper donations day for Rainbow Raffle – own clothes day
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 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



Wednesday 24 th July – Tuesday 3 rd September (inclusive)	School closed (school reopens for children Wednesday 4 th September)
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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

