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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events in school

Walk to school

Our Walk to school event was postponed due to an Amber Weather Warning in place at the time. This event will now take place on **Thursday 6 June** when we hope for fair weather and a 'Wonderful Wizarding Walk to School!'

Year 5 Presentation to Parents

This week our Year 5 children invited parents to visit their wax work museum. The children have recently written biographies about an inspiring person in their most recent writing cycle, which they brought to life in their presentation to parents. The children also wrote a monologue in role as their person of interest and learnt these off by heart in preparation to perform for the wax museums many visitors. During the hour, they became an installation in the museum; they dressed up as their celebrity figure and froze in a pose before coming to life whenever a guest stood in front of them, reciting their monologue. The children spoke with great poise and confidence, and we were very proud of how brilliantly they performed their part. They had also created a fantastic backdrop of creative lettering, colourful timelines, inspirational quotes and iconic pictures. Thank you very much to all the children and for the adults in the year 5 team for their support, as well as to Mr Roberts and Mr Haigh for their help with setting up the museum.

Please see a selection of photographs below (more are displayed on the school website).





D-day celebrations

It will be 80 years since D-Day on 6th June 2024. Children will be learning about what this means through an assembly in school. We have been asked by Holmes Chapel Parish Council to produce some art work that can be displayed in the village as part of local celebrations. Our Year 2 classes have worked on this as part of their learning about what life was like for children during World War 2. Below are some samples. More of our work can be seen around the village as part of the commemoration on Thursday 6th June.



After school clubs – second half of summer term

After school activities for the second half of the summer term are as follows:-

Activities run by school staff:-

- Tuesday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 3-6 run by Ms Lackford, Mrs Henderson and Ms Beechener)
- Wednesday – Craft Club 3.20-4.10pm (Reception Year 2 – run by Mrs Middleton, Mrs Heal and Mrs Collis)
- Wednesday – French Club 3.20-4.15pm (Year 4 run by Ms Andrews)

Activities run by outside providers:-

- Monday: Summer games with Sports Coaching Group for Reception-Year 2 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Tuesday: Art with Jo Green for Years 1-6 (3.20pm-5.00pm)
- Tuesday: Athletics with Sports Coaching Group for Reception-Year 2 (3:20-4:20pm)
- Wednesday: Cricket/rounders with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)

- Wednesday: Football with Shooting Stars for Years R-6 (3.20pm-4.20pm)
- Thursday: Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3.20-4.20pm)
- Friday: Tennis with Sports Coaching Group for Years 3-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)

All after school activities run by outside providers need to be booked through the company leading the club.

PTA news

Calling all Euro Champs!

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. 🍀

Here's the scoop:

- **3 Lucky Winners** will walk away with some cash to celebrate!
- More details, including how to enter, will be revealed in the **first week back after half term**. Stay tuned!

Spread the word! Tell your friends, family, and fellow football fans – the more the merrier (and the bigger the prize pot!).

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 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half term – school closed
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June 2024

Monday 3 rd	Allotment session for Year 3
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th	Year 6 Residential



Thursday 6th	Walk to school event – new date
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 14 th	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
Thursday 27th	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 1st	Open evening for new reception parents 6pm
Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd	New reception children stay and play and lunch
Wednesday 3rd	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
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
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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

