



# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final half term of the year. We have lots of events to pack in to the next few weeks.

## Events in school

### Year 6 Residential visit

This week our Year 6 children have enjoyed three days away from home at the Kingswood Centre in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. They took part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities including zip line, buggy build and camp fire – it looks like they had a great deal of fun!



## Walk to school

Our walk to school took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June when we had fair weather and a 'Wonderful Wizarding Walk to School!' accompanied by representatives from Holmes Chapel Parish Council. Thank you to those families who participated.



## Allotments

Our school allotments are looking great and everything is growing well. Thank you so much to our allotment manager, Mrs Mitchell, for all the green-fingered hard work she is putting into working with the children.



## Summer sun safety

Please ensure your child comes to school with **a named full water bottle**, which they can refill throughout the day. Please ensure they bring **a named sun hat** too. We would remind you that staff are unable to apply sun creams to your children. We advise that you buy the variety of sun creams that can be applied once per day and that you apply the cream before school each morning.

## Are you having a clear out?

We are in the process of updating the resources in our Reception classes. If you are having a clear-out and would like to donate any of the following to school, we are looking for the following items:

- Wooden toys, such as: dolls house, castle, pirate ship, zoo, farm
- Small figures; LEGO, Playmobil
- Dressing up clothes
- Toy animals
- Puppets
- Play food/Play kitchen equipment
- Water toys
- Construction sets, such as LEGO or DUPLO

If you would like to donate any items, please hand them to a member of Reception staff, or to Mrs Smeaton in the office. Thank you!

## Community News

Holmes Chapel Methodist Church will be holding a holiday club during the summer break.



For primary school age children

£6 per child per day

Booking essential - contact [julia.tomes51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julia.tomes51@hotmail.co.uk)  
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## PTA News

### Rainbow Raffle

Next **Friday, 14th June 2024**, we are having a PTFA hamper donations day when the children can wear their own clothes in return for a non-perishable/toiletries donation to the PTFA Rainbow Hampers. Please see leaflet attached with details of the colour for different year groups & some ideas for donations.

Red -Year 6

Orange - Year 5

Yellow - Year 4

Green - Year 3

Blue - Year 2

Pink - Year 1

Purple - Reception

The children don't need to dress in a specific colour unless they would like to.

The PTFA will be making up the hampers that afternoon and would appreciate some help with putting them together. If you are able to help, please email [hcps.pta@gmail.com](mailto:hcps.pta@gmail.com)

### 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! All the info you need is in your emails from Parentmail with the subject line "PTFA Euro Sweepstake Competition". The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

### Disco

The next PTFA disco is on **Friday 21st June**. Reply slips will be sent home next week. If you are able to donate a bit of time to help that would really be appreciated.

### 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 ☺. We are also looking for volunteers to donate 30 minutes of their time to help on the stall. Please email us at [hcps.pta@gmail.com](mailto:hcps.pta@gmail.com)

Thanks for your continued support.

Your PTFA

## RAINBOW RAFFLE DONATION IDEAS

These are just ideas... All donations are welcome!

The PTFA are offering the children an own clothes day in return for a coloured item for our Rainbow Hampers! Below you will find the colour for your year group/s if you could bring the item on the day of own clothes which is **Friday 14th June!**



<b>YEAR 6 RED</b>	Red Wine, Malteser, Bushmills Beer, Mottos Digestives, Ready Salted Crisps, Fancily Crisps Biscuits, Kit Kats, Skittles, Fizzers, Celebrations, Bourneville Chocolate, Porebeans, Marmites, Red Toiletries, Red Candles
<b>YEAR 5 ORANGE</b>	Chocolate Orange, Chocolate, Haribo Tanghulas, Fudge, Fizzes, Toffee Choc, Orange Oats, Mini Cheesies, Biscoffs, Orange Fanta, J&B, Dettol, Orange Car Air Freshener, Orange Toiletries, Orange Candles, Orange Slaters, Orange Jars/Savals
<b>YEAR 4 YELLOW</b>	Lemon Gin, Cadbury Flakes, Cadbury Caramel, Toblerone, Skips, Custard Creams, Jelly Bubbles, Quavers, Lemon Fanta, Mr Kipling Lemon Slices, Jelly Tots, Yellow Candles, Yellow Toiletries, Yellow Toy Car, Yellow Book
<b>YEAR 3 GREEN</b>	Banana Gin, Biscoffs Beer, Mini Chocolates, Mini Ares, Mottos Marmite, After Eight, Appenzel, Apple Juice, Fruit Pastilles, Soft Cream Frosting, Green Toiletries, Green Candles, Green Toy
<b>YEAR 2 BLUE</b>	Mermaid Gin, Roses Chocolate, Fosters Beer, Party Rings, Haribo, Oreo, Milky Bars, Chocolate Hobnobs, Doritos, Telling Tea, Bunsy, Cheese and Onion Crisps, Max Car Air Freshener, Max Football, Crispy M&M's
<b>YEAR 1 PINK</b>	Pink Fizz, Rose Wine, Malteser Beer, Pink Gin, Raspberry Liqueur, PVA Wipes, Strawberry Flakes, PVA Bath Boms, Hair Vaseline, Lush Heart Sweets, Pink Toiletries, Pink Mince
<b>RECEPTION PURPLE</b>	Quality Streets, Dairy Milk, Cadbury's Hot Chocolate, Chocolate Fingers, Wabos, Vints, Panna Vischi Sweets, Mottos Chocolates, Purple Candles, Purple Bath Boms

EXTRA IDEAS – Vouchers and gift cards in coloured envelopes, Novelty Accessories (Halloween or Christmas), Books for kids and grown ups, Small toys or teddies

## 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.

#### June 2024

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Hamper donations day for Rainbow Raffle – own clothes day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 1
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 transition days at HCCS (please note change of date)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Disco
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Zoolab session for Year 1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception singing concert for parents 2.30pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 students 4-6.30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

#### July 2024

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Open evening for new reception parents 6pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	New reception children stay and play and lunch
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class photos for Years 5 and 6 – new date
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 music concert for parents 2.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve sports day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest



Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's Performance at 7pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term ends at 1.20pm
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:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn term starts

### October 2024

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term – school closed

### November 2024

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	FLUENZ
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### December 2024

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends at 1.20pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty  
Headteacher

