



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school!

A warm welcome to all our families to the academic year 2024-25! We all hope that you had a relaxing summer break.

We would particularly like to welcome our new Reception children who will be with us for half days before they start full time from Monday 16th September.

Reminder - Senior Leadership Team

We would like to remind you about some changes to our leadership team. I will be continuing to work as Principal of our school but will be working part time (Monday to Wednesday). Mrs Bradford will be taking on more responsibility and will be stepping up to become Head of School to ensure the continued effective management of our school (please contact Mrs Bradford in the first instance on Thursdays and Fridays). Our Senior Leaders will continue to support – KS1 Assistant Head Mrs Williams, KS2 Assistant Head Mrs Waddington, Miss Ackerley and Mrs Noble who will be joining the leadership team as our Early Years Lead.

Please note the change of email address for Mrs Gresty and Mrs Bradford as above.

Reminder - School Spider

Following feedback from our parent survey we are streamlining our communication channels. From now on the majority of our communication will be sent via the School Spider App.

To set up your account you will need to download the app (pdf attached) or click the parent login button on the website. On the login screen there is a link to create an account. You will need to input the email address you currently use to receive this communication, so that it matches our records. For a more detailed guide, follow the step by step instructions below

To Create an Account with School Spider:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address



For Existing Parents:

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

Please see attached the [Parents App Guide](#).

If you have any issues regarding setting up your account, please contact the school office.

School Meals

We sent out a letter from Cheshire East Catering in May 2024 explaining that they will be ceasing trading from April 2025. As a result, we will be making alternative arrangements for our catering from after October half term. Until then, we will be continuing to use Cheshire East Catering at the increased meal cost of £3.20. Further information about plans going forward will be sent out shortly.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher sessions next week as follows:-

- Year 1 - Tuesday 10th September at 3.30pm
- Year 2 – Wednesday 11th September at 3.30pm
- Year 3 – Tuesday 10th September at 4.00pm
- Year 4 – Wednesday 11th September at 4.00pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Thursday 12th September at 3.30pm

Each session will last no more than half an hour, and will be an opportunity for you and your child to visit the classrooms, meet the staff and hear about what to expect during the next academic year. All the information shared will also be available on class pages on the school website.

Please note that the Year 5 and 6 session will start in the hall with a highly informative presentation from PC Andy Cornall regarding online safety. This will then be followed by a short Meet the Teacher session in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms.

After School Clubs – autumn term 2024

The following clubs will be run by school staff:-

- Monday – Coding Club 3.20-4.00pm (Year 6 – run by Miss Maddock and Mr Vickery)
- Thursday – Cooking Club 3.20-4.40pm (Year 5 – run by Mrs Hill and Mrs Middleton)
- Thursday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 - run by Ms Lackford, Mrs Henderson, Ms Beechener)

The following clubs will be run by outside providers and will require payment.

- Monday – Dance with Sports Coaching Group for Year 1 – Year 3 3.20-4.20pm
- Monday – Basketball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-4.20pm
- Tuesday – Target Games with Sports Coaching Group for Year 1 – Year 3 3.20-4.20pm
- Tuesday – Art with Jo Green for Year 1 – Year 6 3.20-5.00pm
- Wednesday – Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-4.20pm
- Wednesday – Football with Shooting Stars for Year 1 – Year 4 3.20-4.20pm
- Thursday – Netball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3 – Year 6 3.20-4.20pm



- Friday – Gymnastics with Sports Coaching for Year 1 – Year 3 3.20-4.20pm

All clubs will start during the second full week of the autumn term (week beginning **Monday 16th September**). Please note that the outdoor clubs will not continue after half term.

Dates for this term

Please see below the calendar copied from the last newsletter for your information.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

September 2024

Monday 2 nd	Inset day
Tuesday 3 rd	Inset day
Wednesday 4 th	Autumn term starts
Monday 9 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 10 th	Meet the Teacher sessions – Year 1 at 3.30pm, Year 3 at 4.00pm
Wednesday 11 th	Meet the Teacher sessions – Year 2 at 3.30pm, Year 4 at 4.00pm
Thursday 12 th	Meet the Teacher sessions – Year 5 and 6 at 3.30pm
Monday 16 th	Reception children start full time
Monday 16 th	After school clubs/activities start this week
Monday 16 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 19 th	Individual photos
Monday 23 rd	Allotment session for Year 4
Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th	Amaven sports testing for all year groups
Monday 30 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2024

Monday 7 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 8 th	Open Morning
Monday 14 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 21 st	Allotment session for Year 1
Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th	Parents' Evenings in school
Friday 25 th	Inset day – school closed
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half term – school closed

November 2024

Monday 4 th	Viking Day for Year 5
Tuesday 5 th	FLUENZ
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Anti-bullying week (including Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12 th)
Friday 27 th	PTA Christmas Fair

December 2024

Sunday 1 st	Holmes Chapel Village Christmas Fair 3-7pm
Tuesday 10 th	Reception nativity (class Ra) 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th	Reception nativity (class R) 9.30am
Tuesday 17 th	KS1 Christmas performance (Years 1 and 2) 2pm
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 18 th	KS1 Christmas performance (Years 1 and 2) 6pm
Friday 20 th	Term ends at 1.20pm
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	School closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

