



Holmes Chapel Primary School

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Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Events in school

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need. If you would like to make a further monetary donation, please visit the Children in Need website - <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



Reception classes phonics stay and learn sessions – week beginning Monday 18th November

Reception parents are invited to join their child's class for a phonics session during the week beginning Monday 18th November to find out more about how we teach phonics and early reading in school. Further information is being sent to Reception class parents by class teachers.

Foodbank donations – Friday 29th November

A reminder that on Friday 29th November we will have a non-uniform day to raise the profile of the brilliant work our local foodbanks do for our community.

The Middlewich and Sandbach foodbanks would welcome donations of the following items:-

Instant Coffee	Tinned sandwich meat	Tinned vegetables
Tea bags	Tinned potatoes	Tinned pulses
Tinned ready meals (like steak, chicken, pies, etc)	Long grain rice	Pasta sauces
Tinned spaghetti	Tinned fruit	Tinned rice pudding
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned custard	Pasta
Tinned soup	Tinned sponge puddings	Breakfast cereals
Tinned Baked Beans	UHT Milk	Fruit squash
Long Life Fruit Juice	Jam	Biscuits
Sugar	Toilet rolls	Shampoo
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste Soap	Shower gel

In addition to these items, the foodbank has asked for some Christmas items - selection boxes, Christmas cake/chocolate log cake, Christmas crackers, tinned ham.

Please bring your optional donation into school on Friday 29th November – thank you so much for your support. Please note that this replaces our usual request for donations for PTA Christmas hampers.

Presentations to Parents

Each year our Year 3, 4 and 5 children hold an assembly for parents to showcase their learning. Dates for these this year are as follows:-



- Year 3 – Thursday 8th May at 9.30am
- Year 4 – Wednesday 21st May at 9.30am
- Year 5 – Wednesday 5th June at 9.30am

Reminder – Our school website

Our school website has a wide range of useful information about our school community, curriculum, and what we are working on this year as well as practical information about school meals, uniform, our school dogs and how to help your child at home. Please follow this link to find out more:- <https://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/>

Are you interested in becoming a Midday Assistant in school?

We are currently looking for Midday Assistants to work with children during the lunch break. Please speak to or email the office for further details, or look on our school website for a job description and application form - <http://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/page/vacancies/121467>

PTFA News

Our PTFA is pleased to announce an opportunity for you to order a personalised Christmas ornament, hand-made by a highly talented and creative member of the PTA team. Please see further details below (this information has also been sent out by email). Please note the closing date for orders is 28th November.

FOR KEEPSAKE

HOW TO ORDER YOUR ORNAMENTS

1. HEAD TO FOR KEEPSAKE SCAN THE CODE OR GO TO WWW.FORKEEPSAKE.UK
2. MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON YOUR SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING PAGE
3. CLICK ON YOUR CHOSEN PRODUCT/S
4. SELECT YOUR PERSONALISED OPTIONS AND UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO/S
5. YOUR ORNAMENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL DURING 16 - 19 DECEMBER

Upload your very own photos to feature on your tree this year!

double sided school year photo

front back

SCAN TO ORDER

Order by 28th November. Ornaments will be distributed at school between 16 - 19 December

Also makes the perfect gift!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR Christmas Ornaments

double sided

7.2cm

£6 each

front back

single sided

Orders close on the 28th Nov!

£1 per ornament to your PTFA

www.forkeepsake.uk



Congleton Family hub has asked us to advertise the following workshop. Please see contact details below if you require any further information.



National Support School designated by
 National College for Teaching & Leadership



Fussy Eating
Free local workshops



Come along!

Fed up with stressful mealtimes? We're here to help...

As parents we want our children to eat well – and to enjoy mealtimes together.

Come along and get support and new ideas for:

- How to encourage your child to try new foods - and begin to enjoy them!
- Child-friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Happier family mealtimes

Where:
Crompton Family Hub

Date:
Monday 18th November
1-2.30pm

Contact:
star@warrington.gov.uk



Jenna Holloway | Senior Start For Life Portage Practitioner | Start For Life | Cheshire East Council | Prevention & Support Children and Families | Peoples Directorate | 07917894602

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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.

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.



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Penalty Notices will be issued for	
Term time leave:	Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days
or	
Unauthorised absence:	A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.
Per Parent/Per Child	
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child . For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.	
First Offence	
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at:	
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	
Second Offence	
Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or unauthorised attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:	
£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	
Third Offence	
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.	

Calendar of Events

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

November 2024

Monday 18th	Reception classes phonics stay and learn session 8.50-9.45am
Thursday 21 st	Reception classes phonics stay and learn session 8.50-9.45am
Friday 29 th	Foodbank Donations – own clothes

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
Thursday 19 th	Christmas parties
Friday 20 th	Term ends at 1.20pm
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	School closed

January 2025

Monday 6 th	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	Spring term starts
Thursday 9 th	Year 4 visit to New Vic Theatre



February 2025

Monday 3 rd	Children's Mental Health week
Thursday 6 th	Young Voices concert
Tuesday 11 th	Safer internet day
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th	Parents' Evenings
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Half term – school closed

March 2025

Tuesday 4 th	Year 1 visit to Macclesfield Silk Museum
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Friday 21 st	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 th	Year 4 Wider Opps concert for parents in school hall 2.30pm
Monday 31 st to Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 5 residential

April 2025

Friday 4 th	Term ends at 1.20pm
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st	School Closed
Tuesday 22 nd	Summer term starts

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

