



# Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



July 2023

Dear Parents

What a fantastic year we have had! There has been lots going on in school to keep us busy, such as: HERO attendance, sports competitions, trips and visitors, parent workshops, OPAL play, school disco, summer fair, OFSTED visit, platinum awards and much, much more!

## **Farewell**

We bid farewell to Miss. Gears at the end of this academic year. Miss. Gears has been at Holmer Lake Primary for almost three years and has been an excellent member of the team. We wish her well as she moves to another Telford school to become a Year 6 teacher!

We also say goodbye to Miss. McShea. Miss. McShea has been with us for almost one year and has built many positive relationships in school.

We wish you both the very best!

## **School holidays**

School will close to all pupils on Friday 21st July. School will re-open after the summer holidays to all pupils on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Wishing you all a relaxing summer holiday!

Mrs. Kumar

# Dates for your diary...

## AUTUMN 2023

PD day (staff only)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
Half-term holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023-Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023-Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Spring 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
Half-term holiday	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Summer Term 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
Bank holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half-term holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>
End of school	3.20pm Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
PD day (staff only)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

# Raffle Winners

**Congratulations!!**

**Our winners are:**

Food Hamper – Jennifer Davies

Boat Trip – Matthew Welch

'Hair by Kirsty' voucher for a cut and blow-dry – Lexie Harris

Area51 tickets – Bailey Smith and Brandon Nicholls

Jungle land tickets – Kyan Nicholls

Ironbridge Gorge Museum day pass – Elouisa Wright

Bowling tickets – Sienna Dodd

Dinosaur Colouring Book – Kyan Nicholls

Earrings – Jennifer Davies

'Make a Friend Chick' art set – Nicholas Gilfoyle

'Catch it' game set – Noah Aulton

Biscuits – Lexie Harris

Baylis and Harding gift set – Amelia-Mai Worton

Maltesers – Peighton Jatta

Fidget toy selection Emilia Balode

Perfume – Blake Simmons

'Pink Fizz Bubbles' hand duo set – Matthew Welch

Earrings – Isaac Miles

Scented Candles – Taunton Francis

Perfume – Daley McCambridge

Baylis and Harding gift set - Niks Balodis

'Joules' gift set - Carson Griffiths

Truffles and Fudge – Abi Harrop

Biscuits – Ryder Butler

Jar of Honey – Alijah Griffiths

Prosecco – Rueben Seymore

Prosecco – Ella-Mai Farlow

Prosecco – River Bryan

Prosecco – Sienna Hamilton

Sparkling Brut – Katie Cheyne

Champagne – Sean Lycett

Cava – Kyan Nicholls

# Dates for 2023—2024

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	School Fundraising
	Parents Invited

Half-Term	Dates	Time	Workshops, Events, Trips and Fundraising	Classes / Year Group
Autumn 1	13.09.23	2.30pm	Music Lesson Assembly	2W, 3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	20.09.23	9am	Story time with parents	RMW
	27.09.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	6M
	03.10.23		Black History Month - African Drumming	Whole School
	05.10.23		School Photographers	Whole School
	09.10.23	2.30pm	Harvest Collections for Telford Food Bank launched	Whole School
	09.10.23		Maya Workshop (HISTORY)	6M / 56W / 5J
	10.10.23		Non-Uniform Day	Whole School
	10.10.23	2pm	OPAL Play Afternoon	Whole School
	11.10.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	56W
Autumn 2	12.10.23		Stone Age Workshop (HISTORY)	4L / 3N
	05.11.23		Helping Hands Loudmouth Workshop	Year 5
	08.11.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	5J
	14.11.23	9am	RWI session with parents	RMW
	15.11.23	9am	RWI session with parents	RMW
	18.11.23		Children in Need	Whole School
	22.11.23		Friendship Day (Odd Socks)	Whole School
	23.11.23		Bully 4 U Loudmouth Workshop	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	28.11.23	TBC	Parents Evening	Whole School
	29.11.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	4L
	13.12.23	TBC	Film night	Whole School
	15.12.23	9.15am	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	15.12.23	2.45pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	19.12.23	9.30am	KS1 Nativity	RMW, 1P, 2W
19.12.23	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity	RMW, 1P, 2W	
20.12.23		Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Lunch and Parties)	Whole School	



## Your School Nurse

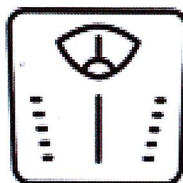
### What we can offer you:

Children will have their **height and weight** measured in reception and year 6 (unless opted out of). More information and help can be found at [National Child Measurement Programme - NHS Digital](#)

**Advice, support, and signposting** to resources **on toileting, behaviour, healthy lifestyles, emotional and mental well being.**

Our Emotional health and wellbeing lead nurse also runs a **clinic for parents every Monday**, 9-2pm at Sutton Hill Medical Practice (online appointments also available upon request via the number below).

**Ask your school to refer in or self-refer by calling [0333 358 3328](tel:03333583328)**



### What we don't do:

We no longer check hearing and sight in reception

We are not a diagnostic service however we are able to sign-post to appropriate services/support

### How and when to get your child's eyesight checked:

- You can attend most opticians and book a sight check for your child
- Please follow this link to find a local optician: [Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Checks are free on the NHS for children
- It is best to get your child's sight checked before they start school and then yearly thereafter.
- They will ensure your child's sight and eye health is monitored and issue glasses if required.

### How to get my child's hearing checked:

- Should you notice an issue with your child's hearing, or you are alerted by school there maybe an issue you should attend your local GP who will be able to examine the ear canal and rule out infection. The GP can also refer for a hearing test if necessary.
- A school nurse can also do an audiology referral

# Attendance

Attendance figures for summer 1 show that some of our classes are getting closer to our target of **96.5%**.

Parents, please support us to improve the attendance for your child(ren)'s class by ensuring they are a HERO!

	Target	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
Reception	96.5	94.18	90.61	91.28	91.71	<b>92.33</b>
1P	96.5	92.48	92.65	93.51	93.25	<b>93.73</b>
1/2M	96.5	90.96	90.72	91.18	91.34	<b>94.11</b>
3N	96.5	96.18	91.14	92.23	92.21	<b>92.81</b>
3/4W	96.5	97.29	95.53	95.28	95.35	<b>95.28</b>
4L	96.5	95.17	91.91	92.77	92.42	<b>92.49</b>
5J	96.5	96.76	94.82	95.21	95.36	<b>95.45</b>
5/6G	96.5	91.99	91.79	91.37	91.11	<b>93.58</b>
6M	96.5	95.62	95.12	94.93	94.71	<b>94.94</b>

# From September 2023

School dinners will be £2.50.

We will continue to provide highly nutritional and tasty meals for the children.



## **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

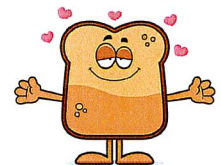
From September, we will no longer be able to accept phone or email bookings.

**All bookings to be made on ParentPay.**

Bookings for **breakfast club** need to be made by **2pm the day before.**

Bookings for **after school club** need to be made by **2pm on the day.**

## **TOAST**



From September, we will no longer be able to accept cash payments for toast. **Please use ParentPay to pay for your children's toast.**



HARRY SAYS,

“BE A HERO!”



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# Updated Staffing for September 2023.

Class	Teacher	Support staff
RMW	Mrs. Millington and Mrs Watson	Mrs. Newbrook and Miss. Smith
1P	Miss. Prentice	Miss. Ferguson, Miss. Cureton and
2W	Mrs. Woodman and Mrs. Minehan	Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. Mashuda
3N	Mrs. Nightingale	Mrs. Gratton
4L	Miss. Leeming	Mrs. Collins
5J	Miss. Jukes	Mrs. Hutchinson-Bell
5/6W	Mr. Watkins	Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Smith
6M	Mrs. Mahoney and Miss. Baylis	Mrs. Hogg and Mrs. Gapper

## Parking

Please can parents/visitors NOT park on the Care Home car park or block anybody's drive on Lake End Drive, If you continue to park in this area, we have been notified by the Care Home that your car will be clamped. Parents have permission to park at the Mallard Pub and walk up to school.

## School Gates

Please can parents ensure they don't enter school grounds until the gates are opened at 8:35am and 3.15pm.

On arrival to the main school gates, all parents and visitors please announce who they are, along with the reason to enter.

***This is a safeguarding requirement.***

***Please do not block access to the care home.***

# ParentPay

**We are seeing increasing numbers in breakfast and afterschool club, please complete your booking form to secure your child's place.**

- Can you please ensure that all debts for school meals/afterschool club/breakfast club are paid via ParentPay.
- All clubs need to be paid for in advance and require pre booking to secure your place in the provision. Please contact the school office if you require a booking form.

**Please activate your ParentPay account to ensure you receive all important news and events about your child. If you require an activation letter please contact the school office.**

# Safeguarding

**Safeguarding is a priority at Holmer Lake.**

We have a duty of care to all staff, pupils and their families. The safety and protection of all children is of paramount importance to all those involved in education. We are committed to inter-agency working to keep children safe.

If you have concerns about a child or family or need some advice of your own please contact the school on: 01952 387580 or Family Connect on 01952 385385 (Out of Hours – 01952 676500).

For further information, please read our child protection policy on our school website.

# Inhalers

Does your child need to use an inhaler/have asthma? If so, please make sure that our school records are up to date by informing us of this.

# Raising Queries or Concerns

If you would like to raise a query or concern linked to your child's learning,

behaviour or school life then this can be done by:

**Speaking to your child's class teacher in the first instance.**

If you are not satisfied or are still concerned after your discussions with the class teacher then you can speak to:

**The Assistant Headteachers, Miss. Baylis or Mrs. Watson.**

Any further concerns can be discussed with:

**The Headteacher, Mrs. Kumar.**

Any safeguarding concerns can be raised or discussed with:

**The Parent Support Advisor, Mrs. Davies.**

or

**Miss. Baylis, Mrs. Watson or Mrs. Kumar.**

# Designated Safeguarding Leads in school -

- o Mrs Kumar
- o Mrs Watson
- o Miss Baylis
- o Mrs Davies
  
- o Miss France (breakfast and after school club)
- o Mrs Hogg (breakfast and after school club)



It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at our recent OPAL stay and play lunchtimes. The children absolutely loved showing off how they love to play.

Watch out for more sessions like this in the next academic year.

Scan me to find out more on our school website!



**CAN YOU DONATE ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS?**



We had many responses to our recent OPAL parent questionnaire . We are currently analysing the responses and will update in September's newsletter of the results and what plans we have for OPAL in the future.