



# Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



## December 2023

Dear Parents

Well we are at the end of our first term and what a busy term it has been! This term has been packed with activities, visitors into school, educational visits outside of school and of course our parents taking part in workshops, coffee mornings, family learning and much, much more.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and have the opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones. Precious time with family is far more valuable than any gift or present.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous new year. We will see you on **Tuesday 9th January 2024!**

Mrs. Kumar

## Parent Governor Vacancy



An exciting opportunity has become available at Holmer Lake Primary School. We are looking to appoint a parent governor!

Governors play an important role in the strategic development of the school. We are looking for a parent governor who:

- Will attend governor meetings.
- Work closely with the senior leaders and subject leaders in school to develop the curriculum.
  - Be an active member of the school community.
- Work collaboratively with the Chair of Governors, Vice Chair of Governors, and remainder of the governing body.

For more information about Holmer Lake's governors, please visit our website: <http://www.holmerlakeprimary.org/governors/meet-the-governors>

For further information about this vacancy or to express your interest please contact the school office on 01952 387580 or [a2153@taw.org.uk](mailto:a2153@taw.org.uk) and speak to Mrs Kumar.

# Clubs

We will be running the following clubs for the spring term.

**Football club** on Tuesdays for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places).

- *Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*
  - 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
  - £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £10.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

**Dance club** with Top Hat on Wednesdays for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places). See separate letter sent out.

- *Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.*
  - 3:20pm – 4:20pm.
  - £3.00 per session.
- Total payment of £15.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

**Art club** on Thursdays for Years 1, 2 and 3 (12 places).

- *Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.*
  - 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
  - £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £10.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

# Changes to After School Pick Up.

If there is a change to your child's normal pick up, this includes children who have permission to walk home alone, please email [a2153@taw.org.uk](mailto:a2153@taw.org.uk) by 2pm on the day. Any changes after 2pm on the day must be emailed **and** a phone call to school must be made to confirm that school have received your request.

## 1P Storytime Sessions.

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1P's Storytime sessions will continue every Tuesday from 3:10pm.  
Come and join us!

## RMW Play and Stay Sessions.

These sessions will continue in the new year, join your children in class every Friday 8:40-9am.

## Arthog - Feb 2023

Please find below information about subsequent instalment dates:

Instalment 1: £60.00 due by 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Instalment 2: £60.00 due by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Instalment 3: £60.00 due by 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Instalment 4: £60.00 due by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

If you have completed the previous form advising that you are in receipt of free school meals, you are able to have a reduction of 25% from the total balance of £320.00, which means that you will need to pay £240.00.

# Keeping Children Safe Online



Part 1



Part 2



Part 3

**BE SMART ONLINE**

**S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**BE SMART WITH A HEART** Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

[WWW.CHILDNET.COM](http://WWW.CHILDNET.COM)

## What is E-Safety?



The safe use of information systems and electronic communications, including the internet, mobile phones and games consoles.

Please ensure you are monitoring your children online. We are seeing more incidents of cyber-bullying and negative online relationships out of school which is causing anxiety in children and friendship issues both in and out of school.

None of these APPS should be being used by Primary aged children due to their age restrictions.

For more information about how to keep your child safe online go to

[E Safety | Holmer Lake Primary](#)

<p><b>13+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Twitter</li> <li> Facebook and Messenger</li> <li> Viber</li> <li> WeChat</li> <li> Monkey</li> <li> Yubo</li> <li> Dubsmash</li> <li> Instagram</li> </ul>	<p><b>16+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> TikTok</li> <li> Skype</li> <li> Google Hangouts</li> <li> Reddit</li> <li> Snapchat</li> <li> Pinterest</li> </ul>	<p><b>16+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> WhatsApp</li> <li> Telegram Messenger</li> <li> Tumblr</li> </ul>
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# Attendance

Attendance figures for autumn 1 show that all classes are achieving at least 90% - keep it up!

Congratulations to class 1P, 4L and 5J who are all above our target of 96.5%.

Parents, please support us to improve the attendance for your child(ren)'s class by ensuring they are in school every day, on time.

Class	Target	Autumn 1
RMW	96.5%	91.45%
1P	96.5%	96.80 %
2W	96.5%	94.63 %
3N	96.5%	93.82 %
4L	96.5%	97.28 %
5J	96.5%	97.65 %
56W	96.5%	91.33 %
6M	96.5%	96.01 %

# 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.***

# School Absence

If your child is not attending school, please report your child's absence to the school office. You can call us on 01952 387580.



# 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 Mrs Hogg (breakfast and after school club)

# 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 8th January 2023

## Spring 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 8th January 2024
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Tuesday 9th January 2024</b>
Half-term holiday	Monday 12th 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 8th April 2024
<b>School starts</b>	<b>8.40am Tuesday 9th April 2024</b>
Bank holiday	Monday 6th 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 3rd June 2024</b>
End of school	3.20pm Friday 19th July 2024
PD day (staff only)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024





# Dates for your diary...



## Dates for 2023 – 2024

	School Fundraising
	Parents Invited

Half-Term	Dates	Time	Workshops, Events, Trips and Fundraising	Comments	Classes / Year Group
	10.01.24	From 3.30pm	Parent's Evening for Class 1P only	Information has been sent to parents	1P
Spring 1	11.01.24		Forest School sessions start for Class 1P – every Thursday this half term	Information has been sent to parents	1P
	11.01.24	12noon 8pm	Safeguarding parent workshops via TEAMS	Details to follow	Whole School
	16.01.24	pm	6M Library Visit	Details to follow	6M
	17.01.24	9am	E-Safety Workshop	Details to follow	5J
	17.01.24	pm	Snap Chat Theatre show	Details to follow	Year 5 and Year 6
	18.01.24	Lunch	Themed Lunch and Dress Up Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	19.01.24	pm	5J Library Visit	Details to follow	5J
	23.10.24	TBC	Class RMW Road Safety Workshop and Pedestrian Training	Details to follow	RMW
	24.01.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	3N
	25.01.24	pm	4L Library Visit	Details to follow	4L
	26.01.24	pm	1P Library Visit	Details to follow	1P
	30.01.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	2W
	31.01.24		Non-Uniform Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	31.01.24	2pm	OPAL Play Afternoon	Details to follow	Whole School
	31.01.24	3.30pm	Arthog Meeting for parents of children attending Arthog residential	Details to follow	Year 5 and Year 6
	06.02.24		Safer Internet Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	06.02.24	TBC	Class 1P Road Safety Workshop and Pedestrian Training	Details to follow	
07.02.24		Hobbies Day (Children's Mental Health Week)	Details to follow	Whole School	
Spring 2	19.02.24 – 23.02.24		Arthog Residential	Information has been sent to parents	Year 6 and Year 5
	21.02.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	2W
	22.02.24		Forest School sessions start for Class 3N – every Thursday this half term	Details to follow	3N
	26.02.24	All day	1P Trip to Stafford Castle	Details to follow	1P
	28.02.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	1P
		All day	2W Trip to Stafford Castle	Details to follow	2W
	07.03.24		World Book Day – Dress to Express!	Details to follow	Whole School
	11.03.24	TBC	Parents Evening	Details to follow	Whole School
	15.03.24		Red Nose Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	19.03.24		Skills for STEM afternoon	Details to follow	Whole School
	20.03.24	TBC	Film night	Details to follow	Whole School
21.03.24	TBC	Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade	Details to follow	RMW	

# School Dinners, Toast, Breakfast & After

## School Cub

School dinners will be £2.50.

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



## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

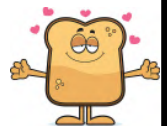
All bookings to be made on ParentPay.

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

Please use ParentPay to pay for your children's toast.

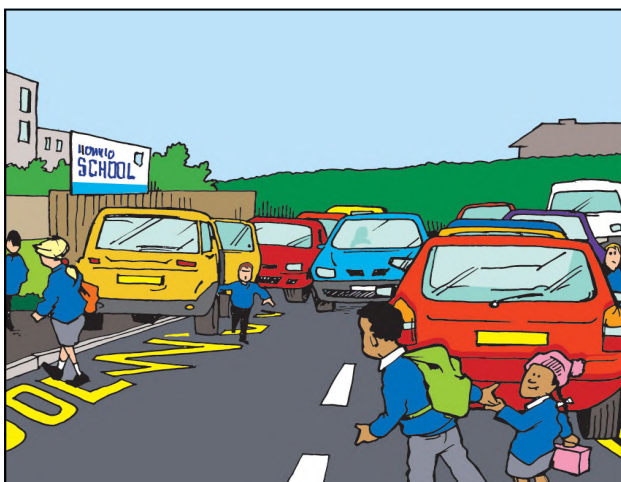


Please click the link below to show you how to  
**book**

# Collecting Children from School.

May we please ask all parents and carers, who drive to the school to drop off and collect the children, to be more aware when they are parking.

The Mallard Pub has kindly allowed us to park in their car park. It is a short walk from the car park to the school. It will also help prevent accidents from happening, as children have been seen to walk out onto the road in-between cars that are parked on the road.



## 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.

**Please use the Mallard Car Park.**





Scan me to find out more on our school website!

Our next OPAL parent stay and play afternoon will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 2.00pm. Come and join us !















**WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS..**

<b>POTS AND PANS</b> 	<b>SCOOTERS</b> 
<b>DRESSING UP CLOTHES</b>  Hats, scarfs, shirts, jackets. Character costumes	<b>WHEELY SUITCASES</b> 
<b>BUCKETS AND SPADES</b> 	<b>PRAMS AND PUSHCHAIRS</b> 



The children are really enjoy anything on wheels during OPAL playtimes. Scooters, trolleys, chairs are all great fun!

# Christmas Wordsearch

 Santa  
 star  
 angel  
 elf  
 mistletoe  
 candy cane  
 holly  
 reindeer  
 bell  
 stocking  
 candle  
 fireplace  
 wreath  
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HARRY SAYS,



“BE A HERO!”



**H**ERE



**E**VERY DAY



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**O**N TIME