



Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



October 2023

Dear Parents

What a great half-term we have had! The children have been very busy with their learning, enjoying OPAL play and taking part in trips and visits.

OPAL Play

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended our OPAL play session, it was great to see you all! The children were very excited about your visit! We will be planning lots more linked to OPAL play in the coming months. For more information about OPAL play, please click on this link: <https://www.holmerlakeprimary.org/learning/opal>

Trips and Visits

Please remember that there is an option of paying for trips and visits in instalments of £5 per half term on ParentPay. Please speak to the admin team for more details.

Platinum Award

Platinum awards are rewarded to all pupils who have consistently demonstrated excellent behaviour each half term. At the request of the children, our platinum award this half term is a visit from the Animal Man! For more information about our behaviour policy, please click on this link: <https://www.holmerlakeprimary.org/key-information/policies>

Swimming is Coming to Holmer Lake Primary!

We will have a temporary, heated swimming pool on site between Mon 6th Nov—Fri 24th Nov. See more information later on in this newsletter.

Children will finish for the October half-term holidays on Friday 27th October. Wishing you all a lovely half-term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 6th November at 8:40am.**

Mrs. Kumar

School Grounds

We have had some concerns raised about inappropriate language being used on the school site by some of our parents. For the comfort of all pupils, parents and staff, please can I request that all adults are mindful of the language that they use on the school grounds, especially no swearing. Remember that there are little ears that will be listening!

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.

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 and speak to Mrs Kumar.

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 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023
School starts	8.40am Wednesday 6th September 2023
Half-term holiday	Monday 30 th October 2023-Friday 3 rd November 2023
School starts	8.40am Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 th December 2023-Monday 8 th January 2023

Spring 2024

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

Summer Term 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 8 th April 2024
School starts	8.40am Tuesday 9th April 2024
Bank holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half-term holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 - Friday 31 st May 2024
School starts	8.40am Monday 3rd June 2024
End of school	3.20pm Friday 19 th July 2024
PD day (staff only)	Monday 22 nd 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
AUT 2	08.11.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop POSTPONED TILL JAN 17		5J
	13.11.23		Toy Workshop (History)	£3.50 per child – please see parent pay	1P / 12W
	14.11.23	9am	RWI session with parents	Parent Invites sent	RMW
	15.11.23	9am	RWI session with parents	Parent Invites sent	RMW
	18.11.23		Children in Need	Details to follow	Whole School
	22.11.23		Friendship Day – wear ODD SOCKS	Details to follow	Whole School
	23.11.23		Bully 4 U Loudmouth Workshop		3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	28.11.23	TBC	Parents Evening	Details to follow	Whole School
	29.11.23	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	4L
	05.11.23		Helping Hands Loudmouth Workshop		Year 5
	01.12.23		NON UNIFORM DAY – bring chocs or sweets for Christmas Fair.	Details to follow	Whole School
	13.12.23	TBC	Film night	Details to follow	Whole School
	15.12.23	9.15am	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Details to follow	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	15.12.23	2.45pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Details to follow	3N, 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
	19.12.23	9.30am	KS1 Nativity	Details to follow	RMW, 1P, 2W
	19.12.23	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity	Details to follow	RMW, 1P, 2W
20.12.23		Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Lunch and Parties)	Details to follow	Whole School	
	21.12.23	3.30pm	Christmas Fair	Details to follow	Whole School
Spring 1	17.01.24	9am	E-Safety Workshop	Details to follow	5J
	18.01.24	Lunch	Themed Lunch and Dress Up Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	24.01.24	9am	E-Safety Class Workshop	Details to follow	3N
	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	TBC	Arthog Meeting	Details to follow	Year 5 and Year 6
	06.02.24		Safer Internet Day	Details to follow	Whole School
	07.02.24		Hobbies Day (Children's Mental Health Week)	Details to follow	Whole School

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.

Swimming at Holmer Lake!

We will have a heated pool on the school site from Monday 6th November—Friday 24th November. All children will have the opportunity to access the swimming pool. These sessions will be led by a qualified swimming instructor and lifeguard. More details to follow.

Embrace Swimming

Our 'Pools to Schools' programme is now accessible throughout Shropshire



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.

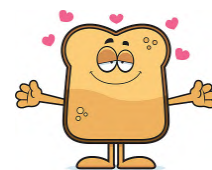
All bookings to be made on ParentPay.

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.**



Please click link below to show you how to book your children onto clubs and toast.

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/1544686667777-ParentPay-Clubs-Booking-as-a-payer>






HATE CRIME



WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

Hate crime is any criminal offence where the victim or, any other person, believes that they are doing it because the other person is different in their eyes.

The motivation is hostility, prejudice or hatred towards that person because of their:

-  **Disability:** physical, hearing and visual impairments, mental ill health and learning disabilities.
-  **Race:** nationality, ethnic background, skin colour or heritage.
-  **Faith:** religion or beliefs.
-  **Sexual orientation:** people who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or heterosexual.
-  **Gender identity:** people who identify as 'trans', including transgender and transexual people.

Anyone can be affected by hate crime, and it can be a very frightening and traumatic experience. It can feel particularly personal as someone has targeted you because of who they think you are.

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

It can be any sort of crime - this could include:

- stealing
- hitting
- graffiti
- bullying
- harassment
- name calling
- rude telephone calls
- property damage
- threats
- physical assault
- online abuse



THE PERSON COMMITTING THE CRIME (THE OFFENDER) CAN BE ANY AGE OR GENDER.

How does it affect someone?

1. They get affected by the same way as anyone does when they are a victim of crime.
2. It affects the person more because it makes them feel different. It can make them feel conscious of who they are.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

It may stop you from getting a job. This could include being:

- A footballer
- A vet
- A teacher
- In the Royal Navy
- Doctor
- Actor
- Builder



It can stop you from being able to travel to other countries:

- USA
- Australia
- Argentina
- Africa
- Japan
- Canada
- China
- Cuba



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Is my behaviour right or wrong?

Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Being kind never goes out of style.

REPORT

REPORTING A HATE CRIME

If you did want to report a hate crime, you can do so in the following ways:

- Report directly to the police (101)
- Report anonymously on the internet

www.report-it.org.uk



If you are a victim or witness of hate, reporting it when it happens will help the police to deal with it and may prevent these incidents from happening to someone else.



HARRY SAYS,



“BE A HERO!”



HERE



EVERY DAY



READY



ON TIME



We have had some kind donations from our local community. Tesco Madeley and Co-Op Stirchley have donated crates buckets and craft materials for our OPAL play. Thank you to Mrs Beddow and Mrs

Scan me to find out more on our school website!



It was great to see so many parents and carers come to our recent OPAL play session.

The children love sharing their playtimes with you.



WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS..

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