



# Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter



## Spring 2024

Dear Parents

Well, we are two thirds through this academic year, doesn't time fly when you are having fun!

### Awards

We have been awarded the Silver Award in Mental Health and the Platinum Award in Opal play this half-term. Thank you to Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Watson for all their hard work towards this award.

### Uniform Survey

You may have seen the uniform survey that we have sent out, just a reminder that the survey will close on the 8th April 2024. Have your say—get voting!

Just a reminder that we have a PD day on Monday 8th April, children will return to school on Tuesday 9th April at 8:40am.

Have a lovely Easter break!

Regards  
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.

# Jewellery

Just a polite reminder that pupils should adhere to the below when wearing jewellery to school. For more information, please see our uniform and appearance policy on the school website

## Jewellery

The following list the items of jewellery that are permitted:

Acceptable Jewellery	Unacceptable Jewellery
1 wristwatch (silent)	Any earrings that 'dangle' or hang below the ear lobe (sleepers/hoops etc.)
1 pair of single plain stud earrings (girls)	Necklaces
Key religious or medical items which may appear to be items of jewellery – in all case permission of the Headteacher must be sought	Bracelets
	Rings (including toe rings)
	Other visible piercings

# Attendance

Congratulations to **5J** and **6M** for achieving above the target!

Class	Target	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
RMW	96.5	91.45	94.99
1P	96.5	96.80	94.94
2W	96.5	94.63	94.06
3N	96.5	93.82	94.52
4L	96.5	97.28	96.20
5J	96.5	97.65	96.68
56W	96.5	91.33	91.87
6M	96.5	96.01	97.36

Well done to **5J** and **6M** for achieving the attendance target!

# 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.

# RMW Play and Stay Sessions.

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

# Arthog—September 2024

Please find below information about subsequent instalment dates:

Instalment 1: £100 due by 1st May 2024.

Instalment 2: £100 due by 28th June 2024.

Instalment 3: £50 due by 12th July 2024.

Instalment 4: £100 due by 9th September 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.

# This half term's successes.

## In the second half of the spring term...

- ◆ 4 classes enjoyed cricket coaching lessons with the Chance to Shine Cricket Coach.
- ◆ We were awarded a PLATINUM award for our OPAL playtimes.
- ◆ Children from several classes worked with an artist to create a new aspirations display board.
- ◆ We celebrated World Book Day.
- ◆ We hosted a visit from the Mayor of Telford.
- ◆ Children in 2W enjoyed weekly Forest School lessons with EKO learning.
- ◆ Our new Sand pit was opened and featured in the Shropshire Star.
- ◆ Many Year 6 and Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic week at Arthog.
- ◆ Parents from 1P and 2W attended E Safety Workshops.
- ◆ We were awarded the Silver Award for Mental Health.
- ◆ Some children in Years 3,4 and 5 completed a bikeability course.
- ◆ We celebrated Red Nose Day and raised £181.50
- ◆ Many children enjoyed a Film Night with all monies raised going to improve OPAL play.
- ◆ We hosted a OPAL network event for teachers from schools from across Shropshire and the West Midlands.
- ◆ All children enjoyed a STEM afternoon linked to our whole school WORK driver.
- ◆ We welcomed parents into school for a face to face parent's evening.
- ◆ Class 1P completed a Road Safety workshop and pedestrian training.
- ◆ Classes 1P and 2W enjoyed a fantastic trip to Stafford Castle.
- ◆ Year 1 parents and carers attended a Y1 Phonics workshop.
- ◆ Boys and Girls from Years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in football competitions against local schools.
- ◆ RMW enjoyed a Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt.
- ◆ Our Stay and Play mornings continued every Tuesday for pre-schoolers and every Friday for Reception children.
- ◆ We hosted a Coffee Morning for parents and carers.
- ◆ The Children's Safeguarding board introduced a Wishing Well for children to use.



# 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) **THINK UK NOW KNOW**

**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.

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](#)

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.

<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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# 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.

# Measles Update

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#)

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the routine childhood vaccinations, so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus. Here, we explain everything you need to know about the rise in measles cases:

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#)

# Nut Allergy

We are having more and more reports of children in school being allergic to nuts. Therefore, to ensure the safety of these children, please can we request that nut products are not sent to school for snack and lunch.

If you would like to discuss this further then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

# 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)



# Clubs



"Nurturing, Growing and Inspiring"

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Football club on Tuesdays and Art club on Thursdays will continue after the February half-term holidays, if your child already attends these clubs no further payment is required. If your child does not currently attend and would like to attend these clubs then please book them in using ParentPay.

Boxing club will also continue on Mondays. Payments for this club have been made until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February only. If your child would like to attend this club after the February half-term holidays, then please book them in using ParentPay.

Boxing club on Mondays for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places)

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:20pm.
- £3.00 per session.
- Total payment of £12.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

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

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
- £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £5.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

Cricket club Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (15 places).

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
- £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £5.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

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

- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**
- 3:20pm – 4:15pm.
- £1.00 per session.
- Total payment of £5.00 to be paid via ParentPay.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. H. Kumar

Headteacher

# 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...

	School Fundraising
	Parents Invited

HALF-TERM	Dates	Time	Workshops, Events, Trips and Fundraising	Comments	Classes / Year Group
Summer 1	18.03.24	PM	2W Local walk around Holmer Lake	More information to follow	2W
	22.04.24		Earth Day	More information to follow.	Whole School
	25.03.24	PM	1P Local walk around Holmer Lake	More information to follow	1P
	03.05.24	9.00am	E-Safety Workshop	More information to follow.	RMW
	13.05.24 – 16.05.24		KS2 SATS		
	16.05.23	Lunch	Themed Lunch	More information to follow.	Whole School
	20.05.24 – 24.05.24		Outdoor Learning Week		Whole School
	21.05.24	All day	RMW Trip to Attingham Farm	See Parent Pay	RMW
	22.05.24		Non-Uniform Day	£1	Whole School
	22.05.24	2pm	OPAL Play Afternoon	More information to follow	Whole School
	Summer 2	06.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 Visit to Telford Minster	More information to follow
12.06.24		TBC	Film night	More information to follow	Whole School
13.06.24			3N Local walk around Holmer Lake	More information to follow	3N
19.06.24		9am	Sex Education Consultation for parents	Face to face in school	Y1 – Y6 parents
19.06.24		4pm	Sex Education Consultation for parents	On TEAMS	Y1 – Y6 parents
20.06.24		PM	4L Local walk around Holmer Lake	More information to follow	4L
24.06.24		All day	3N and 4L Trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre	See Parent Pay	3N and 4L
26.06.24		10.30am	Meeting for parents and children starting in Reception Sept 24.	More information to follow	
02.07.24		PM	Transition Day – children meet new teachers		Whole School
03.07.24		TBC	School Summer Disco		Whole School
04.07.24			French Olympics Day		Whole School
05.07.24		9.15am	Sports Day for RMW, 1P, 2W and 3N		RMW, 1P, 2W, 3N
09.07.24		9.30am	Year 6 End of Year Performance		Whole School
09.07.24		2pm	Year 6 End of Year Performance		Whole School
10.07.24		TBC	Summer Fair		Whole School
12.07.24		9.15am	Sports Day for 4L, 5J, 56W, 6M		4L, 5J, 56W, 6M
18.07.24		9.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly		Year 6
18.07.24	2.30pm	Year 6 Water Battle		Year 6	

# 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.



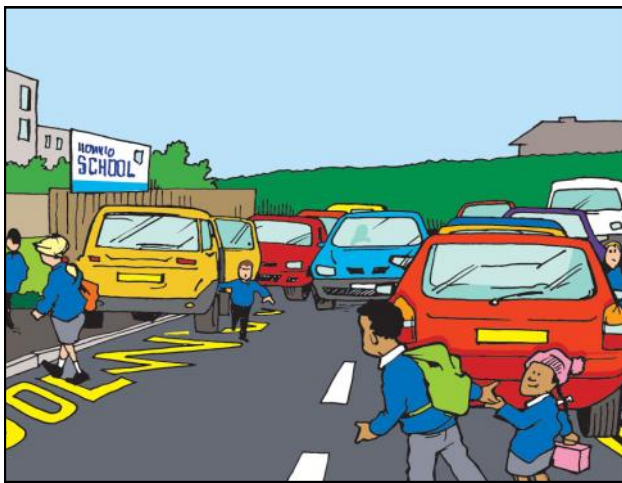
Please click the link below to show you how to  
**book**



# 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!



We were delighted to receive an OPAL Platinum Award for outstanding playtimes at Holmer Lake. We are the first school in Telford to receive such an award.

Not only that ... we are the 5<sup>th</sup> school in the West Midlands to reach this level and now in the top 1% of schools in the UK for their play provision.



We also opened our sandpit and tyre dragon which was so brilliantly built by Vistry Group.

News of this kind donation to Holmer Lake reached the Shropshire Star .

**New sandpit and dragon bring joy for Telford pupils**







HARRY SAYS,



“BE A  
HERO!”



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