

Newsletter

Holmesdale Infant School



Autumn 2021

Welcome back

Welcome back to our year 1's and 2's and a big warm welcome to all of our new reception children! They have settled in amazingly over the last couple of weeks.

We hope that you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for a brilliant (and hopefully "normal") year ahead.

We aim to send a newsletter on a half termly basis. This will give you an overview of what is happening in school. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher / teaching assistant in the first instance.

Fundraising

Thank you to everybody that has already donated to Jeans for Genes and Macmillan. You helped us raise:

Jeans for Genes £117

Macmillan £236

On the last day of every half term we invite the children to come to school in non-uniform and pay £1 that goes to school fund. We use this money to purchase extra resources for the children as well as using it to contribute to bigger purchases. Our next non-uniform day is Thursday 21st October. You can send £1 into school on the day or pay online at <https://pay.collectiv.com/rnd-of-term-non-uniform-day-57257>

Qualitas Sporting Events

The children will have the opportunity to take part in various competitive events run by Qualitas. These events will take place at Graves Leisure Centre. Oak class are taking part on 29th September and Chestnut will take part on 8th October (further information will be sent closer to the event date).

Diary dates.....

Ash woods – 29th Sept

Oak @ Graves – 29th Sept

Chestnut woods – 6th Oct

Chestnut @ Graves – 8th Oct

Gardening morning – 12th Oct

Maple woods – 13th Oct

School photos – 14th Oct

Harvest – 18th Oct

Willow woods – 20th Oct

Non-uniform day – 21st Oct

LAST DAY – 21st Oct

Return to school – 1st Nov

Virtual Parent's mtg – 4th Nov

Flu immunisations – 5th Nov

Family Photo Night – 8th Nov

Virtual Parent's mtg – 9th Nov

Open day (Sept 2022) – 10th Nov

Open day (Sept 2022) – 12th Nov

Children in Need – 19th Nov

Gardening Morning

We are calling on all of you green fingered people, Mums and Dads, Grandparents, Aunties / Uncles to come and help get our grounds / raised beds ready for the winter. On Tuesday 12th October we are inviting you in to do some gardening with us. This will include our raised beds, sensory garden and general grounds. If you are interested in attending please complete the form at the link below so that we have an idea of the number of people coming. You can come anytime between 9.15am – 11.00am. We would kindly ask that you bring your own tools.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8Z8621swuP>

For further information please see Mrs J Radford who can be found in Ash classroom.

School Photographs

The school photographer is coming to school to take individual photographs of the children. They will be visiting us on 14th October. If you have a sibling (that does not attend Holmesdale Infant School) that you wish to have photographed with your child you can arrive at school from 8.30am. If you have more than one child in school we will arrange for them to have a joint photograph during the school day.

Please note that we will be holding a family portrait session (evening) on 8th November – all orders will be ready for Christmas – further information regarding booking will follow shortly.

Harvest Festival

Although restrictions are easing and we are able to have a number of people in school at any one time, we still feel that to have all parents in at once is too much. For this reason we have again decided to have a celebration in school for the children only. We will be having a collection of non-perishable food that we can donate to the New Hope Food Bank. Please send your donations to school (long use by dates) on Monday 18th October.

Parents Evening

We will continue to do our teacher / parent meetings virtually for the time being. You will be able to book these during the next few weeks – further information will be sent with instructions on how to book. Please note that these are via Schoolcloud (video) and **not** telephone consultations. All appointments will last for no longer than 10 minutes. Appointments will be available to book for either Thursday 4th November or Tuesday 9th November between 3.45pm – 6.15pm.

We are hoping to hold face to face meetings later in the academic year.

Flu Immunisations (spray)

Flu immunisations will be given in school on 5th November. Please ensure that you fill the form in below stating whether or not you give consent to the immunisation using school code **DD112680**

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-19-years/school-age-immunisations>

Open Day – 2022 Admission

We are opening school up to prospective parents / carers of children who are due to start school in September 2022. Please let your family / friends know if they have a child who is due to start. We will be holding the open days on Wednesday 10th November and Friday 12th November. Sessions will be 9.30am-10.30am and 2.00pm-3.00pm. To book please contact Mrs Freeland – 01246 413284

Informing school of an Absence

Please inform the school office of any illness or medical appointments by 9.30am on the first day of absence. This can be a telephone call on 01246 413284 or email to info@holmesdale.derbyshire.sch.uk

If your child is late for school (after 9.00am) please report direct to the office and not the classroom so that the register can be marked accordingly and a dinner can be arranged.

Academic Year 2021/22

Term	Start	Finish
1	Monday 6 th September 2021	Thursday 21st October 2021
2	Monday 1 st November 2021	Tuesday 21 st December 2021
3	Monday 10 th January 2022	Friday 18 th February 2022
4	Monday 28 th February 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022
5	Monday 25 th April 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022
6	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022

INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Thursday 23rd December 2021 (in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday)

Monday 6th June 2022

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day - Monday 27th December 2021

Boxing Day - Tuesday 28th December 2021

New Year - Monday 3rd January 2022

Good Friday - Friday 15th April 2022

Easter Monday - Monday 18th April 2022

May Day - Monday 2nd May 2022

Spring Bank - Thursday 2nd June 2022

Platinum Jubilee - Friday 3rd June 2022

August Bank Holiday - Monday 29th August 2022