

Newsletter

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Photos!

Our photographers will be in school on Thursday, **2nd November**, to take individual photos of our pupils. They will return on Monday, **13th November**, when we will be hosting our Family Photo Night. Pupils are invited to bring parents, grandparents, siblings, and even the family pet. Appointments can be made via the School Interviews website, as they were with parents evening.

The website address is www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

The event code **47ah4**

Open Events at Junior Schools

The local junior schools are offering opportunities for parents and children to visit ahead of applications, which open on **13th November**. The dates and times of the open events are as follows:

Stonelow: **16th Nov** 6:30pm or **17th Nov** 1:30pm

Northfield: **9th Nov** 6:30pm or **10th Nov** 9:30am

Dads Reading Event

Dads, grandads, uncles, and brothers are invited to attend a reading evening at school on **Thursday, 16th November**. The event begins at 6:00pm and ends at 7:30pm. Further information to follow.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is Saturday, **11th November**. As part of the Poppy Appeal, we are selling a variety of items for the Royal British Legion, including slap rulers, friendship bracelets, and wristbands. Items range between 50p and £1 and are available in the office on a first-come-first-served basis.

Panto!

We will be hosting a Sleeping Beauty pantomime by Lada Productions at school on **Friday, 24th November** at 1.20pm. The cost for this performance is £4 per child, which will include a drink and a snack!

Disco

We will be hosting our next Disco on **30th November**, at a new time from **straight after school until 5pm**. The cost of the Disco is £5 and is for **children only**. They will receive a drink, hotdog (or other suitable snack) as part of their entry fee.



Procedures in the event of Adverse Weather

We aim to open as usual every day. In the event of adverse weather conditions we will follow our usual procedures. Please be aware that:

- Weather conditions are monitored on an on-going basis, and the school site is checked regularly.
- We use text and/or emails and radio stations to communicate any changes/closures.
- Please do not ring school to enquire re: status—we are open unless the web, text, email or radio says not. In the event of an early closure we will use our text and/or emails.
- Please be aware that in some instances it is not always possible to open the gate from Holmesdale Road; health and safety of students, parents and all that enter the school site are our priority. If this is the case we will endeavour to email this information. If it is unsafe for you to bring your child to school please phone the school office to inform us.



Friends of Holmesdale

Our PTA meets on the first Monday of every month in the staff room and new members are welcome to attend. Some dates for this half term include the following:

24th November

- ◆ **Non-uniform day** in return for Christmas Hamper donations. **Christmas Fair is 1st December, 3:15-5pm**

19th Dec

- ◆ Christmassy refreshments available to buy after Songs Around the Tree.

Concert

The dates for the Christmas Concert this year are:

6 December at 9:30am

7 and 8 Dec at 2pm.

Tickets will be available to purchase for £1.50 each and will be limited to two per family. Fire regulations restrict the number of people we can have in the Hall at one time. Tickets will need to be booked via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk. The event code will be sent out in the next week or two. Please note tickets will not be issued if we do not receive payment in full within one week of booking tickets. Bookings will be cancelled if they are not paid on time so that another family can have the opportunity to access tickets.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers!

All children will be invited to join us for Christmas Dinner on **13th December**, including those who normally have sandwiches. We will ask parents to let us know whether their child will NOT be having a Christmas Dinner closer to the time. Vegetarian options will be available.

Children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on **13th December**, or, if they do not have a Christmas jumper, any non-uniform. Please send a £1 donation for Save the Children.

Christingle Service

We will be attending a Christingle Service at St Philips Church. The service begins at 2pm on **11th December** and parents are welcome to meet us at the church if they wish to join in.

Dates

2 Nov - Individual Photos

9 Nov Northfield Open Evening
6:30pm

10 Nov Northfield Open Morning
9:30am

11 Nov - Remembrance Day

13 Nov - Family Photo Night

*Applications open for junior school

16 Nov - Dad's Reading Event

16 Nov Stonelow Open Evening
6:30pm

17 Nov - Stonelow Open Afternoon
1:30pm

24 Nov - Panto in school

24 Nov - Non uniform day

30 Nov - Disco 3.15-5pm

1 Dec - Christmas Fair

6 Dec - Christmas Concert 9:30am

7&8 Dec - Christmas Concert 2pm

11 Dec - Christingle Service

13 Dec - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19 Dec - Songs Around the Tree and Class Parties

Songs Around the Tree

This will be our last event of the Christmas season, which will take place on the last day of the term, **19th December**. One ticket per family will be issued for this event in keeping with fire regulations. Please send your child in party clothes. A party lunch will be provided by school: please let us know of any vegetarian or dietary requirements.

