

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday, 29th September, from 8:45-10:45.

Feel free to join us for a coffee and a cake to raise money towards a fantastic cause.

Also, if you are able to provide us with any cakes to sell, please bring them to school on Friday morning. We know there are some star bakers out there!

Wear Orange for Children's Cancer

We are supporting the Children's Cancer charity this year and invite all pupils and staff to participate on 19th October by wearing orange and bringing £1 or more to donate.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Holmesdale Infant School! We hope that you had a fantastic summer break and that you have returned to school energised and ready for a brilliant school year.

Our new Reception children have got off to a flying start: they are being very cheerful, brave, and enthusiastic as they embark on their school journey.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Sylvia Holloway, who has played piano to for the children at Holmesdale for 23 years and is now retiring. We are extremely grateful for her long service and wish her the best for the future.

Jeans for Genes

On Friday, 22nd September, we will be participating in the Jeans for Genes Day to raise money for children with life-altering genetic disorders. Pupils are invited to wear jeans and bring a £1 contribution (or more if desired).

Disco

Our first disco will be held on Thursday, 12th October, from 6-7:30pm. Parents are required to attend. Entry fee is 50p on the door. Refreshments, hotdogs, and snacks will be available to purchase on the night.



Progress Review Meetings

Progress Review Meetings will be held on **Thursday, 19th October** from 2-6:30pm. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Coffee Morning for Reception Parents

Parents of children in our Reception classes are invited to attend a coffee morning from 9-10am on Thursday, 5th October. This will be an opportunity for you to meet and chat with other parents as well as the staff that work with your children.



Reading Presentation

Mrs Robinson will be delivering a presentation on how children learn to read and what parents can do to help at home on Wednesday, 27th September at 9am. The presentation will be held in the hall and is likely to last around 30 minutes and anyone is invited to attend including parents, carers, grandparents and anyone else who is likely to have an influence on your child's reading. Mrs Robinson will be posting the power point slides from the presentation on the school website for any parents who cannot attend on the day.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

We will be participating in this appeal again this year and information leaflets will go out shortly. All shoeboxes must be returned to school by Monday, 6th of November.

Harvest

We will be holding our annual **Harvest Breakfast** on Monday, 2nd October. Breakfast will be served from 8am until the last person is served. The breakfast will cost £2 per per attendee, including the children. A separate letter requesting tickets was sent last week.

Our **Harvest Assembly** will be on Tuesday, 17th October, at 9:15. You are invited to join your child in celebrating the harvest (due to fire regulations, only one adult per child can be admitted). We will be collecting gifts of food, e.g. tins, biscuits, etc for the food bank at the library. Please could we ask you to check the sell by/use by date so that the items given out have plenty of time to be consumed. Please bring these on the morning of the assembly.



Open Day

We will be having an open day for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2018 on Thursday, 12th October, from 9:30-11am and 1:30-2:30pm. If you know of anybody whose children are due to start school please pass on this information or ask them to contact school.

**Welcome To Our School**

Start of Term Notices

Labels!

PLEASE remember to write your child's name on **EVERYTHING** that comes to school. This will enable staff to return items to rightful owners and hopefully alleviate the stress of parents constantly missing uniform, lunch boxes, etc.

Class Assemblies

Throughout the year each class has their own assembly where they show their topic work to the other children. All parents are invited to see their child's class assembly. Specific letters are not sent out but all class assembly dates will appear on newsletters. If you see that your child has an assembly, please feel free to come and watch them. Class assemblies begin at 9.15 in the school hall.

Head Lice

To prevent the spread of head lice, please check your child's hair regularly and if found, treat the whole family! Often, a second application is needed to eliminate them all. Combs can be purchased from the office for £1. Further advice on how to check for/treat head lice can be found on <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice>



School to Home Communication

Communications between school and home are very important; it is imperative to keep all contact details up to date. Please notify school immediately if your home, mobile, or work numbers change or if you move house. We rely on this information to contact you in the case of an emergency!

Emails will be used to send newsletters, letters that do not require a reply, reminders and other useful information.

A text message will be sent in cases of urgent notice such as school closures, cancellation of after school clubs or last minute reminders.

We also use our app, Parent Hub, to distribute information.

1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter @HolmesdaleInfants

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 9am) please report direct to the office and not the classroom so that the register can be marked accordingly and a dinner can be ordered for your child.

Charity

As some of you will know, Holmesdale Infant School likes to support various charities throughout the school year and raise much needed funds for school resources. We will endeavor to keep you informed of what we are fundraising for, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

There will also be times when you are asked to contribute towards the cost for such activities as school trips, but we will try to keep these costs to a minimum.

PE

Please ensure that your child has an adequate PE kit in school. A suitable kit includes shorts, t-shirt and pumps. If your child wears earrings, they need to be removed on PE day, or if this is not possible, a plaster covering the earrings should be put on before school. Members of staff are not allowed to remove earrings or place plasters over them.



Dates

22nd September

25th September

27th September

29th September

2nd October

5th October

12th October

12th October

17th October

19th October

19th October

20th October

23-27 October

30th October

2nd November

6th November

Jeans for Genes

Friends of Holmesdale Meeting @ 9am

Reading Presentation

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Harvest Breakfast

Coffee Morning for Reception parents

Open day for 2017 Reception children

Disco

Harvest Assembly

Wear Orange for Children's Cancer

Progress Review Meetings

INSET DAY—NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Half term holiday

Back in School

Individual Photos

Shoeboxes due in for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal