



# NEWSLETTER

Holmesdale Infant School



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## Dates for your Diary

Pancake Day	28th Feb
English Information Session	28th Feb
Willow to the Woods	1st Mar
World Book Day	2nd Mar
Fairtrade Non-Uniform	8th Mar
Keystings	13th Mar
Book Fair	13th Mar
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**Book Week**  
Monday, 27th February

We will be enjoying a range of reading-themed activities, visitors and events during World Book Week. Don't forget, World Book Day is 2nd March! Your child is encouraged to dress up as a character from a book as part of our Book Week celebrations.

We are also pleased to have the Book People Book Fair in school during the week of 13th March.



Please feel free to come and have a browse around the books with your children either before or after school, starting the afternoon of the 13th.

**English Information Session for Parents**  
Tuesday, 28th February

Parents are invited to attend our English Information Session at 9am to find out about how your children learn to read and write in school. We aim to finish by 10:30 when the children go out to play, at which point tea and coffee will be available. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible into school!

**Willow to the Woods!**  
Wednesday, 1st March

Please ensure that children in Willow class come to school ready for a visit to the woods, wearing appropriate footwear and waterproof outerwear.



**Pancake Day**  
Tuesday, 28th February

As per previous years, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday (the last day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent in the Christian calendar) by making and eating pancakes in school!



**Fairtrade Week**  
6th March

We will be hosting our Fair Trade Week starting 6th March. We will have a stall selling a variety of items including sweets, treats, and crafts every morning and afternoon before and after school. If parents are unable to visit the stall with their children, money can be sent into school in a named envelope for children to use on their own.

On Wednesday, 8th March, we are inviting children to wear blue or green for Fairtrade. We will be holding a cake sale on the same day in support of Fairtrade.



**Grandparents Day**  
Wednesday, 15th March

We would like our pupils to invite their grandparents into school to have a look around, learn what the children do at school, and have lunch with us if desired. Grandparents will have the option of visiting from 9-10am or from 11-12pm and staying for lunch. An invitation will be sent out in advance so that grandparents can RSVP and we can get an idea of numbers for the day.



### Key Strings Monday, 13th March

Keystings are an interactive musical performance, demonstrating a wide range of instruments in a fun and comical presentation. We ask parents to contribute £3 per child in order to support this experience.



### Red Nose Day Friday, 24th March

On this day, children can come to school dressed as they wish, for example wearing red and/or silly clothes. Anything goes! Please bring a donation into school for this worthwhile fundraising event.



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### Science Week 20th March

We will be engaging in a week of science activities covering a range of fields.

We would be grateful for any spare sports bottle tops for use as part of an experiment, like the ones found on fruit shoots and sports bottle. If you have any you can donate, please send them in!



### Non-uniform day for hampers

Thursday, 16th March  
Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform along with a donation for our Friends of Holmesdale Easter hampers. Please send one Easter product or confectionary for the hamper raffle. Thank you.

### Easter Fun Night Thursday, 23rd March

The children are invited to attend our Easter Fun Night from 3:15-5:00pm. The cost of entry is £3.50 to be paid in advance to the school office in a named envelope. Please note, there will be no Archery Club operating that evening.



### Earth Hour Practice Friday, 24th March

We will be switching off as many electrical appliances we can from 10:30-11:30 to support Earth Hour. You could support us by doing the same at home.



### Online Safety Meeting at Fanshawe for Parents

Monday, 20th March at 6pm  
Don't forget that Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School are offering an online safety evening for all parents/carers of primary school children in our local area. Please be sure to return the reply slip if you are interested in attending!

### Ash Class Assembly Tuesday, 28th March

Parents, family, and friends of children in Ash pupils are invited to attend the class assembly at 9:15am. We hope to see you there!



### Easter Assembly Tuesday, 4th April

We will hold our Easter Assembly and Hat Parade at 9:15am. Prizes will be awarded for the most original hat (hats made at home)! Refreshments afterwards will be provided by Friends of Holmesdale, who will also be putting on a raffle.



### Rise and Shine

Many thanks to Mrs Drury and Mrs Toulson for making buns for our children to decorate every week for Rise and Shine. Thanks also to all of our volunteers who give up their time in order to come in on a Friday to support our workshops. Please send in £2 for this term's Rise and Shine Programme in a named envelope as soon as possible.

### Progress Review Meetings

Thursday, 6th April  
Letters will be sent in advance of this term's Progress Review Afternoon so that parents can request meeting slots, which will be held from 1:30-6pm in school. There will be no Archery Club on that Thursday. Thank you.