

# Newsletter

Holmesdale Infant School



## Dates for your diary:

- 10th January: Y2 Fire Safety Talk
- 12th January: Rise and Shine begins
- 15th January: Deadline for school places applications
- 1st February: Fun Night
- 6th February: Safer Internet Day
- 14th February: Friendship Day
- 15th February: Chinese New Year
- 19-23 February: Half Term
- 1st March: World Book Day
- 26 March-7 April: Easter Holidays

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday! The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm, and we have plenty of exciting activities and events planned for 2018.

### Fire Safety Talk—Y2

Wednesday, 10th January

Derbyshire Fire Service will deliver a Fire Safety Talk to Y2 children. Please be aware that children may come home with questions about the topics they discuss on the day.



### Rise and Shine

Friday, 12th January



We will resume our Friday afternoon programme of Rise and Shine Workshops on 12th January. A letter with details of the workshops has been sent out to parents separately via the parent hub or paper copies from the office.

Parents are asked for a voluntary donation of £2 to help fund materials and supplies. Please send money to the office in an envelope marked 'Rise and shine Donation'.

### Fun Night

Thursday, 1st February

The children are invited to attend our February Fun Night from 3:15 to 5:00pm. Entry is £3.50 to be paid in advance to the class teacher or directly to the school office in a named envelope.



### World Book Day

Thursday, 1st March 2018



Though it is a long way off, we wanted to give parents plenty of notice regarding World Book Day, when we will again be inviting children to dress up as a character from a book. Start planning your costumes now!

### Don't forget to apply for School Places!

Monday, 15th January

The deadline is next Monday, 15th January, at midnight. If you have a child due to start Reception or Y3 next September, make sure you have applied for their infant or junior place on time in order to have the best chance of securing your first choice school!

### Woods Visits this Term

Classes will be visiting the woods on the following dates:

- Willow: Monday, 22nd January, in the morning
- Maple: Wednesday, 7th February, in the morning
- Oak: Friday, 16th February, in the morning
- Ash: Friday, 9th February, in the morning
- Chestnut: Monday, 12th February, in the morning

## CALLING ALL PIANISTS!

Please come and see us if you are able and willing to play the piano once in a while! We need someone for concerts, not necessarily on a weekly basis.

## Superhero Day!

Don't forget Superhero Day this Thursday, 11th January! We ask that the children come dressed as superheroes. They could wear a costume they already have, or could make up one of their own, with their own super powers. There are no limits, and there is no need to buy a costume if you don't already have one.

All we ask is that the children bring coats and sensible footwear to go out to play, as usual. Many thanks for your ongoing support and creativity!

### Safer Internet Day Tuesday, 6th February

On 6th February it is Safer Internet Day. We teach all children in school about how to stay safe online—make sure you do the same at home too! For support don't forget there is an online safety meeting for parents at DHFS on Monday, 5th February.

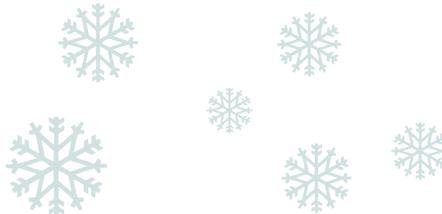
### Friendship Day and Chinese New Year 14th and 15th February

This half term we will be celebrating Friendship Day and Chinese New Year. Further information will follow. You may have already seen on ParentHub that Derbyshire County Council Catering Services are hosting a Chinese themed lunch for children. If your child is usually sandwiches and wishes to have a lunch on this date please let Mrs Freeland know by Friday 12th January. Thank you.

### ParentHub

We will now be communicating with parents exclusively through ParentHub, which is free for schools to use. We regularly post to the newsfeed and send direct messages rather than emailing or sending text messages. We have had to buy a bundle of text messages in order to ensure we are able to communicate with the very small number of parents that have not yet joined the hub. We urge you to download the app and verify that you are a parent if you have not already done so. If you have any difficulties getting started with ParentHub, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you.

ParentHub 



## 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 the website, 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 school website, 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. 