

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday, 28th 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!

Jeans for Genes

On Friday, 21st 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).

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 were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Sharratt at the end of last term but we would like to welcome Mr Sharples who is temporarily covering Chestnut class together with Mrs Best.

Food Fair / Opening of Forest School area

On 25th September we will be hosting a food fair; the forest schools area in our grounds will be officially opened by a member of the Rotary Club. The celebration and food fair will start at 2.00pm.

Woods Visits

Chestnut class—2nd October
Oak class—10th October
Willow class—15th October
Ash class—16th October
Maple class—24th October

All visits will take place in the afternoon

Progress Review Meetings

Progress Review Meetings will be held on Thursday, 25th October from 1.15 -6:15pm. 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, 4th 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 Thursday, 27th September at 9.05am. 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 ParentHub 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 Friday, 9th of November.

Harvest

We will be holding our annual Harvest Breakfast on Tuesday 9th October. Breakfast will be served from 8am until the last person is served. The breakfast will cost £2 per attendee, including the children. A separate letter requesting tickets will be sent later this week.

Our Harvest Assembly will be on Tuesday, 23rd 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 Week

We will be having an open week for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2019 w/c 8th October. People can drop in at anytime during the school day. If you know of anybody whose children are due to start school please pass on this information or ask them to contact school. There is also an open evening on 11th October, 6pm-8pm.

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!

We will use ParentHub to send newsletters, letters that do not require a reply, reminders and other useful 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

Remember to check your child's book bag regularly. Please ensure that anything that is returned to school needs to be taken out of your child's book bag—staff do not regularly check these.

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

21st September

25th September

27th September

28th September

4th October

8th October—12th October

11th October

9th October

12th October

18th October

22nd October

23rd October

25th October

26th October

29th October—2nd November

5th November

9th November

Jeans for Genes

Food fair / official opening of Forest School area

Reading Presentation

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Coffee Morning for Reception parents

Open Week for New Parents (September 2019)

Open night for new parents (September 2019)

Harvest Breakfast

Flu Immunisations

Gardening afternoon

Individual School Photographs

Harvest Assembly

Progress Review Meetings

INSET DAY—NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Half term holiday

Back in School

Shoebboxes due in for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal