

Holmesdale Infant School

Newsletter

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.

We know that returning to school after such a long period of time has been an unusual situation, but all the children have been amazing as they've settled in to the new year with smiles and excitement.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children in a few weeks, and for all our children to enjoy a fantastic Autumn term.

Harvest Festival

Our school harvest festival will be different this year: we shall have a celebration in school for the children only to ensure everyone's safety.

We will also be doing a collection for our local food banks, and more details on this will follow in the coming weeks.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Week of 12th October: To try and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, our children will be doing some baking in school with their classes. We will also be asking them to wear green one day during this week.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will be available in school on 6th November.

Please fill the form in below stating whether or not you give consent to the immunisation using school code **DD112680**:

<https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms>

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For more information, visit

<http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations>

Term Dates

October

Week beginning 12th: Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning

22nd: Last day of term

23rd: INSET Day

November

2nd: Return to school

Wood Visits

Oak: 23rd Sept

Ash: 30th Sept

Chestnut: 7th Oct

Maple: 14th Oct

Willow: 21st Oct

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! The ParentHub app 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. Please remember to verify your account once setup to allow school to contact you directly via the app.

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

Start of Term Reminders

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.

Head lice

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

Nut Free School

We are a nut free school: please make sure that no nut products are brought onto the premises. Thank you.

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 the class drop off time) please report direct to the office and not the classroom so that the register can be marked accordingly and a dinner can be arranged.

PE

Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kits on the appropriate days. If the weather remains warm they can wear black shorts and a white t-shirt. As the weather gets colder they will need some dark coloured joggers or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, school sweatshirt or a dark coloured hoodie and trainers.

The children will stay in these clothes all day.

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 cannot remove earrings or put a plaster over them.

Ash – Monday & Thursday

Chestnut – Monday, Wednesday (only Year 1,) Thursday

Maple – Tuesday & Thursday

Oak – Tuesday, Thursday (additional PE for half a term with a sports coach), Friday

Willow – Monday & Wednesday

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings a named water bottle to school with them each day. This will come home with your child to be cleaned and refilled daily.

Drop off and Pick Up Reminders

Please do not bring dogs onto the school premises.

Please do not play on/touch the equipment outside: this has been cleaned and sanitised ready for the children and assigned to different bubbles.

Enter through the top gate and exit through the main entrance.

Please do not use the site as a short cut to other places.

Please do not sit on any equipment. Please

do not bring book bags to school.

Please arrive at school at the correct time for your child's drop off and pick up, and leave immediately following this. This is to help with social distancing.

Please can only one person drop each child off and collect them at the end of the school day.

Please put sun cream on before school-staff cannot help with this.

Please bring a change of clothes to leave in school in a named bag.

We know that this all seems very strict but all these measures are to keep the whole school community safe.