

Newsletter Holmesdale Infant School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

12th - Last day of term!

13th-21st - Half term

22nd—Return to school

Easter holidays (2021)

31st March - Last day of term!

1st-18th April Easter Holidays

School is now closed to all but Vulnerable and Critical keyworkers- however we have almost 50% of school in and school feels very full. The latest guidance from the DFE about critical keyworkers states, 'Parents and carers (who are critical keyworkers) should keep their children at home if they can'.

Please remember the less families that mix the less the virus spreads and the better we protect our NHS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021



Message from all of us

We want to say a big THANK YOU to you all. You have all had to deal with a significant change in circumstances in a very short space of time, and we think that you've all done an amazing job. We cannot thank you all enough for your understanding, patience and cooperation with the school in such testing times. This is certainly not the start to the New Year that we had planned here at school and we cannot begin to explain to you all how disappointed we are that we are all in this position again. However, what we do know is that together we are stronger, and we know that by working together we can all get through this.

Please keep sharing the children's wonderful work through Evidence Me, we love to see what they have been learning and this will also help the teachers be able to give feedback to the children about their learning. Please look after each other, take care and stay safe.



COVID-19 Winter Grants

The second set of COVID winter shopping vouchers are due to be sent in mid February. The money to pay for these vouchers has come from the government through its COVID-19 winter grant scheme which is over and above the other support schemes already provided by Derbyshire County Council. If you received vouchers in December and your circumstances haven't changed then you should be eligible for vouchers in February. The amount each voucher is worth will depend on the number of children in the region who qualify at that time. These will be sent automatically using text or email by Derbyshire County Council using the contact details held by school. Please ensure the contact details we hold for you are up to date and correct. You must do this before 29 January 21. For full details of the scheme or to see what help and support is available, please visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/winter If your financial circumstances have changed since December you may be eligible to apply for free school meals at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or free childcare for 2-year-olds at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freechildcaretwo If you are successful in your application, you will be added to the February voucher distribution.



CORONAVIRUS
STAY HOME
PROTECT THE NHS
SAVE LIVES

Procedures 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 Parent Hub app and radio stations to communicate any changes/ closures.

·Please do not ring school to enquire re: status—we are open unless the web, app or radio says not. In the event of an early closure we will use our app.

·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 communicate via the Parent Hub app this information. If it is unsafe for you to bring your child to school please phone the school office to inform us.



COVID-19 Advice

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If ANYONE in your household has any of the above symptoms you should self-isolate and get a test. Your children should not attend school even if you are a keyworker or your child is vulnerable. You should only leave your house to get a test.

Winter weather clothing

Children in school need to wear warm clothing, layers. Classrooms are well ventilated and can become quite cold at times. The children will also continue to spend time outside, please make sure they have appropriate footwear and waterproof warm coats.

Devices and 4G

Please contact school if you feel you need support with devices or internet access. We have limited resources in school and are waiting for more support from the DFE.

Informing School of an Absence

If your child is currently attending school, please inform the school office of any illness or medical appointments by 9:30am on the first day of absence as usual.

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.

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.

Remote learning

All remote learning is being sent out via Evidence Me.

Please contact us if you are not able to access this.

Collins Ebooks

For any issues with accessing Collins ebooks at home, please contact:

b.pilkington@holmesdale.derbyshire.sch.uk

Here to help!

We are here to help in any way we can. You can contact your class teacher through Evidence Me. You can contact school either by calling 01246 413284 or emailing info@holmesdale.derbyshire.sch.uk