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September 2019

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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.

Welcome to our new teachers who have started this term: Mrs Wileman and Miss Milner!

Coffee Afternoon for Reception Parents

Parents of children in our Reception classes are invited to attend a coffee afternoon from 2:15-3:15 on Thursday, 3rd 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.



Open Day

We will be having an open day for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2020 on Tuesday 22nd October, from 9:30-11am and 1:30-2:30pm. If you know of anybody whose children are due to start school please pass on this information or ask them to contact school.



Progress Review Meetings

Progress Review Meetings will be held on Monday 21st and Thursday 24th October, from 3:30-6:00PM. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Harvest

We will be holding our annual Harvest Breakfast on Thursday, 10th October. Breakfast will be served from 8:00AM, and the last serving will be at 8:50AM. The breakfast will cost £2.00 per attendee, including the children. A separate letter requesting tickets has been sent.

Our Harvest Assembly will be on Wednesday 16th October, at 2:15. You are invited to join your child in celebrating the harvest. We will be collecting gifts of food, e.g. tins, biscuits, etc for the New Hope Food Bank. 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.



Start of Term Information

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 news-letters. If you see that your child has an assembly, please feel free to come and watch them. Class assemblies begin at 2:15 in the school hall.

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.

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 news-letters, 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

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.

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 <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice>

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 endeavour 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.

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!**