



Holmer Lake Primary Newsletter

Summer 2, 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

We come to the end of another academic year where we have had lots of successes and most importantly, fun times!

You will have received your child's pupil report, if you would like to discuss this further then please make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

We are very excited to be welcoming Miss. Hughes to the Holmer Lake team from September; Miss. Hughes will be our class 3H teacher. We bid farewell to Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Nightingale and Miss. Cureton; we wish them all the best for the future.

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Wednesday 4th September 2024.**

Mrs Kumar

Parent Governor Vacancy



An exciting opportunity has become available at Holmer Lake Primary School. We are looking to appoint a parent governor!

Governors play an important role in the strategic development of the school. We are looking for a parent governor who:

- Will attend governor meetings.
- Work closely with the senior leaders and subject leaders in school to develop the curriculum.
 - Be an active member of the school community.
- Work collaboratively with the Chair of Governors, Vice Chair of Governors, and remainder of the governing body.

For more information about Holmer Lake's governors, please visit our website: <http://www.holmerlakeprimary.org/governors/meet-the-governors>

For further information about this vacancy or to express your interest please contact the school office on 01952 387580 or a2153@taw.org.uk and speak to Mrs Kumar.

Jewellery

Just a polite reminder that pupils should adhere to the below when wearing jewellery to school. For more information, please see our uniform and appearance policy on the school website

Jewellery

The following list the items of jewellery that are permitted:

Acceptable Jewellery	Unacceptable Jewellery
1 wristwatch (silent)	Any earrings that 'dangle' or hang below the ear lobe (sleepers/hoops etc.)
1 pair of single plain stud earrings (girls)	Necklaces
Key religious or medical items which may appear to be items of jewellery – in all case permission of the Headteacher must be sought	Bracelets
	Rings (including toe rings)
	Other visible piercings

Attendance

Here are our class attendance figures for summer term 1:

Congratulations to **5J** and **6M** for achieving above the target!

Class	Target	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
RMW	96.5	91.45	94.99	95.66	95.93	96.32
1P	96.5	96.80	94.94	95.43	95.66	95.68
2W	96.5	94.63	94.06	93.33	93.90	94.41
3N	96.5	93.82	94.52	93.86	93.80	93.65
4L	96.5	97.28	96.20	95.39	95.09	95.53
5J	96.5	97.65	96.68	96.52	96.59	96.70
56W	96.5	91.33	91.87	91.73	91.64	92.19
6M	96.5	96.01	97.36	97.35	97.41	97.46

Changes to After School Pick Up.

If there is a change to your child's normal pick up, this includes children who have permission to walk home alone, please email a2153@taw.org.uk by 2pm on the day. Any changes after 2pm on the day must be emailed **and** a phone call to school must be made to confirm that school have received your request.

Arthog—September 2024

Please find below information about subsequent instalment dates:

Instalment 1: £100 due by 1st May 2024.

Instalment 2: £100 due by 28th June 2024.

Instalment 3: £50 due by 12th July 2024.

Instalment 4: £100 due by 9th September 2024.

If you have completed the previous form advising that you are in receipt of free school meals, you are able to have a reduction of 25% from the total balance of £320.00, which means that you will need to pay £240.00.

This half term's successes.

In the second half of the summer term..

- Parents were invited to OPAL stay and play.
- Class 4L enjoyed weekly lessons in our Forest school.
- We continued to raise funds for our OPAL climbing frame fundraiser from a Film Night, Disco and Summer Fayre.
- Year 5 children competed and won their Our World Debate against another school.
- We had a successful transition afternoon for all children.
- Year 6 attended their secondary school transition days.
- We welcomed our new Reception children and parents to school for an introductory meeting, lunch and stay and play.
- Year 3 children competed against other schools in a Multi-Skills competition.
- Class 3N and 4L visited Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.
- Children from KS2 completed their Bike ability course.
- Year 6 children attended Crucial Crew.
- Year 5 children visited the Dorothy Clive Gardens.
- Year 6 children enjoyed a range of celebratory events to end their final year at Holmer Lake - Performance, Leaver Assembly, Trip to AIRea 51 and Water Fight.
- Pupil of the Year awards.
- All children competed in Sports Days.
- We celebrated a French Olympics Day with a French Breakfast and Olympic field sports.
- Parents were invited to our Musical Showcase
- Parents were invited to our Art Exhibition.
- Three schools came to visit and see our award winning OPAL playtimes
- Children from RMW and our Safeguarding Board visited our neighbours at the Care Home to read and sing for them.
- We had a successful safeguarding audit from the local authority.
- Our whole school attendance improved.
- We shared best practice in Maths and Writing with other local schools.

Wow! Another busy half term!

Keeping Children Safe Online



Part 1



Part 2



Part 3



What is E-Safety?



The safe use of information systems and electronic communications, including the internet, mobile phones and games consoles.

None of these APPS should be being used by Primary aged children due to their age restrictions.

For more information about how to keep your child safe online go to

[E Safety | Holmer Lake Primary](#)

Please ensure you are monitoring your children online. We are seeing more incidents of cyber-bullying and negative online relationships out of school which is causing anxiety in children and friendship issues both in and out of school.



School Gates

Please can parents ensure they don't enter school grounds until the gates are opened at 8:35am and 3.15pm.

On arrival to the main school gates, all parents and visitors please announce who they are, along with the reason to enter.

This is a safeguarding requirement.

Please do not block access to the care home.

School Absence

If your child is not attending school, please report your child's absence to the school office. You can call us on 01952 387580.

Measles Update

What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the routine childhood vaccinations, so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus. Here, we explain everything you need to know about the rise in measles cases:

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#)

Nut Allergy

We are having more and more reports of children in school being allergic to nuts. Therefore, to ensure the safety of these children, please can we request that nut products are not sent to school for snack and lunch.

If you would like to discuss this further then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

ParentPay

We are seeing increasing numbers in breakfast and afterschool club, please complete your booking form to secure your child's place.

- Can you please ensure that all debts for school meals/afterschool club/breakfast club are paid via ParentPay.
- All clubs need to be paid for in advance and require pre booking to secure your place in the provision. Please contact the school office if you require a booking form.

Please activate your ParentPay account to ensure you receive all important news and events about your child. If you require an activation letter please contact the school office.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority at Holmer Lake.

We have a duty of care to all staff, pupils and their families. The safety and protection of all children is of paramount importance to all those involved in education. We are committed to inter-agency working to keep children safe.

If you have concerns about a child or family or need some advice of your own please contact the school on: 01952 387580 or Family Connect on 01952 385385 (Out of Hours – 01952 676500).

For further information, please read our child protection policy on our school website.

Inhalers

Does your child need to use an inhaler/have asthma? If so, please make sure that our school records are up to date by informing us of this.

Raising Queries or Concerns

If you would like to raise a query or concern linked to your child's learning,

behaviour or school life then this can be done by:

Speaking to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

If you are not satisfied or are still concerned after your discussions with the class teacher then you can speak to:

The Assistant Headteachers, Miss. Baylis or Mrs. Watson.

Any further concerns can be discussed with:

The Headteacher, Mrs. Kumar.

Any safeguarding concerns can be raised or discussed with:

The Parent Support Advisor, Mrs. Davies.

or

Miss. Baylis, Mrs. Watson or Mrs. Kumar.

Designated Safeguarding Leads in school -

- o Mrs Kumar
- o Mrs Watson
- o Miss Baylis
- o Mrs Davies
- o Mrs Hogg (breakfast and after school club)

Dates for your diary...

Autumn Term 2024

PD day (staff only)	Monday 2 nd September 2024 and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
School starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
PD day (staff only)	Friday 25 th October 2024
Half-term holiday	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November 2024
School starts	Monday 4 th November 2024
Christmas holidays	Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025

Spring Term 2025

PD day (staff only)	Monday 6 th January 2025
School starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half-term holiday	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025
School starts	Monday 24 th February 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

School starts	Monday 28 th April 2025
Bank holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half-term holiday	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
School starts	Monday 2nd June 2025
End of school	Friday 18 th July 2025
PD day (staff only)	Monday 21 st July 2025

School Dinners, Toast, Breakfast & After School Cub

School dinners will be £2.50.

We will continue to provide highly nutritional and tasty meals for the children.



BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All bookings to be made on ParentPay.

Bookings for **breakfast club** need to be made by
2pm the day before.

Bookings for **after school club** need to be made by **2pm**
on the day.

TOAST

Please use ParentPay to pay for your children's toast.



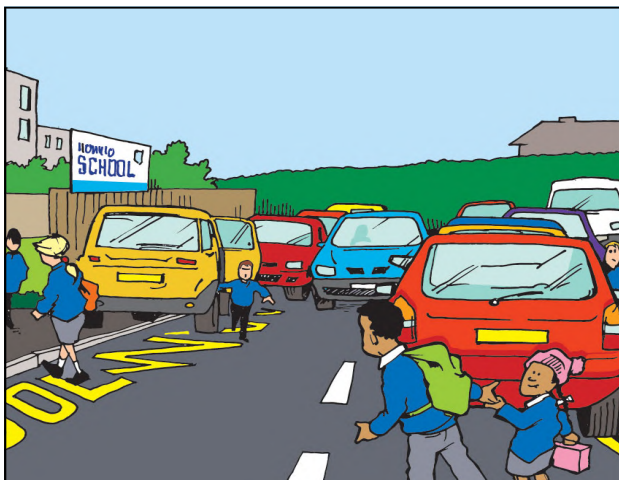
Please click the link below to show you how to
book

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/1544686667777-ParentPay-Clubs-Booking-as-a-payer>

Collecting Children from School.

May we please ask all parents and carers, who drive to the school to drop off and collect the children, to be more aware when they are parking.

The Mallard Pub has kindly allowed us to park in their car park. It is a short walk from the car park to the school. It will also help prevent accidents from happening, as children have been seen to walk out onto the road in-between cars that are parked on the road.



Parking



Please can parents/visitors NOT park on the Care Home car park or block anybody's drive on Lake End Drive, If you continue to park in this area, we have been notified by the Care Home that your car will be clamped. Parents have permission to park at the Mallard Pub and walk up to school.

Please use the Mallard Car Park.



Scan me to find out more on our school website!



Thank to all the parents and carers that joined us for our COME AND PLAY session in June. It was a fabulous way to celebrate the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY



As we have finally had some dry and sunny weather the children have been enjoying OPAL play on the field using the large loose parts to build dens and climbing structure.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR

OPAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Film Night

Summer Fayre

Summer Disco







HARRY SAYS,



“BE A
HERO!”



HERE



EVERY DAY



READY



On TIME