



JULY 20TH 2018

Dear Parents

Year R had a super trip to the beach on Monday. It was very hot and tiring but the children had so much fun and enjoyed sandcastle building, paddling and ice-cream eating! Thank you very much to all the adults who accompanied the children, but especially to Mrs Fox for organising and leading the trip.

We've enjoyed lots of 'Feeling Good Week' activities this week. Prayer Spaces started us off on Monday for some quieter, reflective time. We had a super Sports Day on Wednesday – with lots of lovely help from Mill Chase. In between these events, the children read Only One You and have been thinking about what makes us all different and special but how we then embrace and respect our differences. Each child has created their own stone and once they are varnished we'll create a pathway in the pond area that will grow as new children join the school.

Year 4 had a cookery lesson at Mill Chase on Tuesday, learning how to make crumble and sampling different fruits. It was a great experience for them to be in a food technology classroom and to have that 'secondary school' time.

Year 6 have said their goodbyes and will be very much missed. We had a lovely BBQ, rounders match and awards last night, followed by camp in school. I'm pleased to say the adults won the rounders again! Thank you to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Francis for organising the BBQ and to Mrs Cooper for spending yet another night with the children.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, whether you are away or staying home. We look forward to hearing all your news when we come back to school.

Best wishes

Ruth Worswick



STARS OF THE WEEK

Year R - Everyone for showing all their values at the beach.

Year 1 - George for his super resilience and great sportsmanship.

Year 2 - Emilia S for her effort and enthusiasm for her learning.

Year 3 - Frazer for his enthusiasm and happiness in everything we do.

Year 4/5 - Charlie for being so positive and so kind.

Year 6 - Alfie for always giving his full effort and being so kind to others.



DIARY DATES

Monday July 30th - freshening up the library

Monday/Tuesday September 3rd/4th - INSET days

Wednesday September 5th - Children back to school

Friday September 14th - School Camp

Saturday September 15th - Headley Fair

Monday January 7th - INSET day

Thursday/Friday June 27th/28th - INSET days

Monday July 1st - INSET day

GARDENING

Thank you to the people who've volunteered to help water the trees, vegetable patch and planters over the holidays. I'll leave watering cans in the entrance way, so feel free to pop in at any time when you see the gates open.

A big thank you to Mr Coutts who has made sure all the vegetables have been harvested and eaten or sold. The money raised will go towards the next lots of seeds/ plants for our next crops. We hope you enjoyed eating them as much as the children have enjoyed growing them!

Letters/emails home this week:

Mill Chase Academy Update
Whole School – Attendance Letter

LIBRARY

We're very grateful to everyone who's offered to help in the school library over the summer. We'll start at about 10am on July 30th and see how we get on. Do contact me over Facebook if you'd like to join us and I'll write on there how we get on and what each day's plans are.



EXTREME READ

We would like some new displays up in the library and thought it would be fun to try the 'Extreme Read' over the summer. The idea is to take a photo of your child reading in an unusual or funny place/way. Miss Maclaughlan took one a couple of years ago of her reading under the sea! You can Google to see ideas of what others have done – it can be at home, in the garden or away. Please bring your photos in during the first week of term and we'll put them on display. If you could also email them in, we can use them in assembly and share them with everyone more easily.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

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Dear Parents

As you know, improving attendance is an Ofsted action and our figures have to improve. We are aware that many of you now make sure your child is registered before popping out to doctor appointments etc and that is a great help, thank you. However, there are a number of children whose attendance is still very poor, which combined with the large number of family holidays that have been taken this year has meant our overall attendance figures are still poor. Therefore, I am writing to let you know that the governors have approved a new Attendance Policy and there are some changes you should be aware of.

Firstly, we have adjusted the time by which we need to be informed of a child's absence to 8.50am. This is so that it is in line with the time that registers close. Please note that you need to contact the office directly as only they can add this to the registers. Please don't tell a sibling's teacher as it is too easy for messages to be forgotten.

Secondly, if your child has 3 or more days of holiday, no other absences will be authorised in the 100 day period either side of the holiday.

Other changes to the policy are only to add clarity to existing procedures, eg emphasising the need for documentation to be brought in if a child is to be absent for a hospital appointment, external exam etc. Such absences are not authorised without this documentation. We have also raised the profile of attendance being a safeguarding issue in light of a recent serious case review. On that note, we are also now requiring that we have at least 3 separate emergency contacts for each child from September.

The new policy is on the website, on our Policies page (<http://theholme.schooljotter2.com/our-school/policies>).

Best wishes

Ruth Worswick



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Dear Parent/Carer

New School Buildings Update

As you know in September 2019, we will be moving into our brand new £30million school on Budds Lane. We are creating a fantastic learning environment for the young people in our town which will include:

- Cutting edge science and technology laboratories
- State of the art technology across the site
- Performing Arts Centre
- Dance studio
- 340 seat theatre
- 4G astro turf pitch
- 6 court Sports Hall
- Multi-use games area
- Forest school learning centre

If you have travelled along Budds Lane recently, you will see that significant progress has been made with the construction of our new school and we remain very much on track to open in September 2019.

I have been approached by a few members of our community who have heard rumours that our catchment area may change. May I assure you that this is not the case. We will continue to be the link secondary school for The Holme and look forward to welcoming every young person from the school through the gates when they reach Year 7.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hemmings
Principal