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The Holme C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Issue 2 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 2!

Again it has been so lovely seeing everyone back in school this week, particularly our reception children who joined us for part of the week this week. They seemed to settle in incredibly well and we are so looking forward to having them join us as a full class form next week.

I understand from a couple of parents that morning drop offs are still causing some concern. Just to clarify the morning routine, gates open at 8.25am, children go into the classrooms ready to learn at 8.30, registers close at 8.40am. We ask, please that you arrive as near 8.25am times as possible and to avoid queuing. We also ask that you bear with us for the time being, as I am sure things will settle down once the term progresses. On a positive note, having our key stage 2 children arriving independently appears to be working very well, as does our exit gate, which has really helped reduce congestion!

Learning wise this week, again it has been lovely to see how settled the children are. I have seen some fantastic English across the school from extended sentences using adjectives in year 1, predicting text in year 2, diary writing and inference in year years 3 and 4 and writing in character in years 5 and 6. All the topics are under way as well which is all very exciting!

Talking of topics, for years 1 to 6 more information on our topic areas and curriculum will be shared with you during our 'meet the teacher' sessions next week. As I mentioned in my email earlier this week these will be happening in your child's classroom from 3.15pm on your allocated day. If your child usually travels to and from school by minibus please make sure you let us know if they are going home as normal or staying at school while you attend the meeting. Many thanks. Year R will have a similar meeting on the evening of Wednesday 22nd.

Year 1 enjoyed their first Forest School session of this academic year today! I have included the Forest School schedule for the rest of the term and some information later on in this newsletter. As our weather seems to be fairly unpredictable at the moment please can you ensure your children are dressed appropriately.

We have our Harvest festival on 30th September. We intend to go to the church as a whole school on that morning. Unfortunately, because we now have nearly 200 children at our school, we are unable to invite parents as we have in previous years. We will however be 'planning in' class assemblies at various points throughout the term, to give you plenty of opportunities to come into school.

Attendance... just a reminder that we need to know by 9am if your child is not in school and we will continue to try to get hold of you if we don't hear from you. Thank you for your support in our attendance 'Heros' (Here Everyday Ready and On time!) we will be celebrating class attendance in our celebration assembly every Friday. I have kept in the link about attendance from last term for your information.

We will also be celebrating children's achievements both inside and outside of school each week during celebration assembly. We had 6 proud recipients of School Values Certificates this week as well as a superstar in Year 1 who showed us a rather fantastic ruby trophy!

Just to finish I have a couple more little reminders. Thank you again for ensuring your children are in correct school uniform, including sensible school shoes (not trainers!) but please make sure everything is clearly named! (It is very difficult to find owners for 30 green sweatshirts, when they are not named and all look exactly the same!) Please can I also mention PE kit. As you know, we are continuing to ask children to come into school on PE days in PE uniform (plain dark jogging bottoms or shorts, PE t-shirt and plain dark sweatshirt.) We have spare kit in school which we will lend to children if they arrive in incorrect kit and we can help you find kit if you would like us to. Thank you again for your support!

I think that is about it for this week. Have a lovely weekend and see you all again on Monday!

Sarah Stevenson,

Headteacher

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

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- YR - Thursday afternoons (to bring own kit in named kit bag)
- Y1 - Monday and Thursday
- Y2 - Monday and Wednesday
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Forest school information!

Mr Milam will be leading this with the class teacher and the lessons will relate to the class topic based around Please see below for the dates for each year

Friday 17th and 24th September - Year 1

Friday 1st, 8th and 10th October - Year 2

Friday 5th, 12th and 19th November - Year 3

Friday 26th November, 3rd and 10th December - Year 5 and Year 6

Ideally the children should wear the following as a minimum:

- Vest
- Short or long sleeved tee shirt
- Jumper or fleece (1 or 2 thinner ones work well)
- A hat which will fit under a hood
- Gloves or mittens which may be worn when required
- 2 pairs of socks
- Jogging bottoms

These lessons will start at 09.00am till 12.00pm. As we are in the Autumn/Winter months and the forest can be very cold and wet, please ensure that your child has several layers of clothing on with a change of socks. The children should come to

school in their forest school clothes and can stay in them for the whole day. Please make sure though that they do have a change of socks and dry shoes or boots. If you have your own waterproofs from home then please do wear them however the school have a supply for you to wear!



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HERE'S HEADLEY!

Headley Village Green

10.30am to 4.30pm

Saturday 18th September 2021

From Art to Youth Groups
Come and see what there is to do
in Headley

FREE ENTRY

Ring 01428 712892 for info