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The Holme C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Issue 2 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 4!

Half way to half term and the sun is shining! Another busy week in school with lots going on and some super learning throughout the school and lots to look forward to next week. Your children may well come home talking about 'Toilet Twinning' this weekend. As part of our Harvest festival on Thursday we have asked that children help raise money to provide 'toilets' for parts of the world where people are not lucky enough to have them. A fundraising poster is attached to this newsletter, with details of the challenge we have set the children and how to bring in their donations. Further information can be found using the following website link

www.toilettwinning.org

The children will be walking to the church on Thursday morning for our service. As I said last week our growing numbers mean that we are unable to invite parents, however there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the term to invite you into school.

It was lovely to get together with the FROTH team for the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday (parents will have received the minutes by email and they are available via the school website.) They have definitely had a busy and productive year, despite COVID! I'd like to re-iterate my sincere thanks for all the hard work put in over the last year as well and thank you in advance for all the exciting ventures coming up! I'd also like to welcome new members of the 'team.'

Attendance... just a reminder that attendance is very much on our radar at the moment. Year 4 won our attendance award this week—well done for being attendance HEROes! If your child is poorly then of course they must stay at home and the advice around testing and symptoms of COVID remains the same, however only keep your children at home if they absolutely need to be. Please also let us 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. Holidays need to be taken outside of term time. Any holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised and may incur a penalty notice. We are all aware of how disruptive the last two years have been and we are trying so hard to re-establish consistency and normality to our children's educational journey and we thank you for your support with this. Also, a reminder from last week, if your child has a medical appointment please can you follow up any verbal messages with an email. Thank you.

A reminder for the Ludshott Photographic Society Exhibition this weekend (Saturday 25th September) from 10am to 3pm where 5 of our children's photographs will be exhibited alongside work from the club. As I said last week the photographs really are of an exceptional standard and I would certainly recommend popping along!

Learning wise this week it really has been business as usual with lots of maths investigations, reading activities, superb writing and vocabulary use as well as some amazing art work! I was a little surprised to see some Christmas Art happening in KS1! (I understand it was for the 'Christmas cards that FROTH are organising for our children to make and sell! I was also intrigued by the dissection of a pig's eye this week as part of year 5/6 science!

I have an apology to make regarding Forest Schools. I published the wrong dates for the last few sessions and I am sorry if I caused some confusion. The correct dates are published later in this letter.

I have been asked by one of our neighbours to mention parking considerably again. As I have said before I do understand the frustrations however please can you try not to block people's drives? Many thanks.

To finish, again I have left my usual reminders around uniform and PE kits, all your efforts in sending your children into school in the correct uniform are very much appreciated and we have spare kit and uniform if you need to borrow it. Thank you!

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

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

Friday 26th November, 3rd and 10th December - Year 4 and Year 5

(Year 6 will have their block after their Statutory assessments)

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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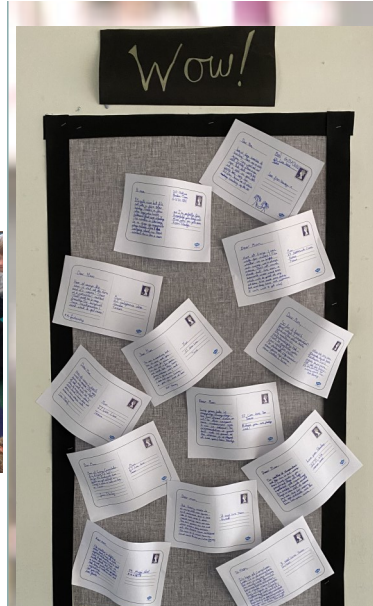
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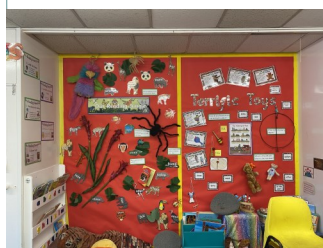
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Legendary Learning



Year 1 topic and maths

Year 5 science and displays around the school



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WE ARE TWINNING OUR TOILETS

**1 in 4 people
worldwide don't
have somewhere
safe, private or
hygienic to go to
the toilet**

WHAT

Complete a water-based challenge for someone in your family. This could be washing up, washing the car, helping with the laundry or watering the greenhouse for example. Ask them to give you a donation towards our Toilet Twinning Appeal.

WHEN

You can do this challenge any time between Friday 24th September and Sunday 3rd October. Send us a photo on Dojo or Tapestry!

WHERE

We will be setting up a pretend toilet to collect your donations so that you can actually throw your money down the toilet! This will be in the foyer of the school, by the office. You can bring your money into the classroom (in an envelope or bag) and your class teacher will organise for you to take it put it with all the other donations in the toilet!

**Please help us raise money
so people have access to a
safe loo, clean water and
hygiene education**



toilettwinning.org

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HC3S School Newsletter Content

Term 1 – Autumn

September	Content
	A reminder that school lunches are FREE to all children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme. Otherwise, they are £2.50 each day. Children eat a two-course lunch and can have freshly-baked bread and salad too.
	If families receive certain benefits, they can apply for 'Free School Meals' and if their child is entitled to them, this gives additional benefits to your child. If you think you are eligible, please visit Education catering Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk) for how to apply. If you're successful, we receive pupil premium of £1,320 from the government for each child registered as eligible for free school meals. Pupil premium supports the learning and wellbeing of children and is used to buy resources, subsidise school trips, provide training for staff and fund support.
	For parents with children in years 1-6, the deadline for applying for a medical special diet menu is 30 September. Special diets Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)
	School meals choices are found on our website, add the following link to your favourites Primary school menu Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk) and HC3S' Facebook page @hc3seducation
	We are holding theme day lunches this term on the following dates so please add these to your calendars. Fun theme days help children discover new flavours, events and cultures happening in the world. We hope to see as many children as possible eating lunch together. School Action - Insert dates and theme events
	We are celebrating Harvest Festival and HC3S, our award-winning school caterer, are serving a special theme day menu. Perhaps this would be an excellent occasion to introduce your child to a school lunch in a fun environment. The menu includes seasonal ingredients children enjoy and handmade wheatsheaf bread, freshly prepared by our school kitchen team. School Action - Include theme day poster image
October	Is your child a fussy eater? You may find that by having school meals your child will try foods that they wouldn't necessarily have at home. HC3S, our caterer, have a helpful guide on their website. https://bit.ly/2Wr3Eu7

	October is Vegetarian Month so why not encourage your child to choose more veggie, non-meat options from our school menu. They may even discover some new tastes.
From 4 October Only applicable for schools following the standard classics menu	Our award-winning caterer, HC3S have published their new primary school menu that starts after the half term break. To view the new menu and download the new three-week cycle menu resources, visit their website. Look out for new dishes and those staples that are firm favourites with pupils. https://bit.ly/3gvRwPs
	They'll be no tricks, only treats at our Halloween themed lunch next XX. HC3S' monster burgers and meatball mummies are on the menu with 'fa-boo-lous' mashed potatoes ghosts! It'll be love at first bite!
November	Our award-winning caterer, HC3S, have launched a new primary school menu. Take a look at their three-week cycle and look out for their new dishes and those staples that are firm favourites with pupils. https://bit.ly/3gvRwPs
	Remember, remember the 5 November! We're 'de-lighted' to announce our Bonfire Night themed menu is now available. Our special theme day menu is so good, pupils won't be able to wait to pick up their 'fawks' and dive in! School Action - Include menu poster with date.
	As the weather has turned cold, a hot school lunch can really help children stay warm and give them fuel to concentrate.
	Join us in celebrating National School Meals Week. We're asking children to tell us their favourite school meal. Ask them to draw it at home and bring it in.
December	On XX our catering team will be serving a Christmas menu for your child's school lunch. We hope your child can join us for what promises to be a fun-filled festive event with traditional dishes and desserts on the menu.
Your school kitchen team vacancies	Are you looking for term time only employment? Our school caterer, the award-winning HC3S, are looking for an enthusiastic, customer orientated person to join their team here at XX. Find out more by visiting their work with us page Work with us Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)