

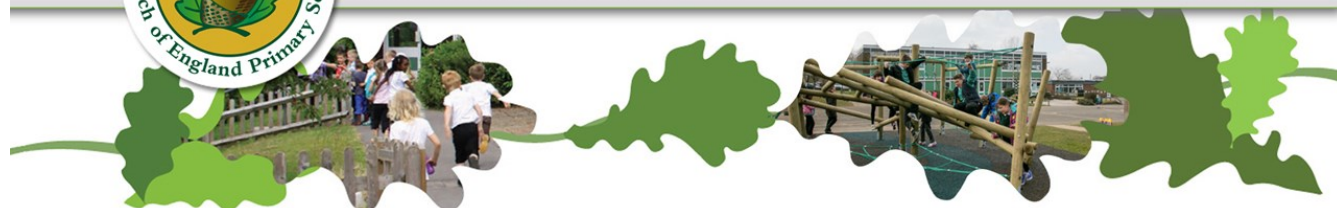


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The Holme C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Issue 1 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

I really don't know where to start this morning and it is looking to be a bumper edition this week! It has been so lovely to welcome your gorgeous children back into school. They look so smart! Thank you! Long may it last.

I'm sure many of you, like myself, will feel saddened by yesterday's news. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be greatly missed by us all, I am sure. We paid our respects this morning during our worship and will continue to keep her, and her family in our thoughts and prayers at school.

It has also been an emotional day in other ways today. We have said goodbye Mrs Statham in our office team. She secured a promotion over the summer holidays and will be joining the HR team at another Multi Academy Trust. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Nikki every success in her new role and in thanking her for her support over the 8 years she has been with the school.

We have also welcomed some new children and staff into our school community. Mrs Roberts has joined Mrs Hoe, teaching in year 5 and Mrs McMillan has joined our team as Home School Link Worker. I have included a welcome from her, and from Mrs Lay our SENCO later on in this newsletter.

Before I move on to celebrating some of the lovely things that have been going on in our school this week, I have a few messages to share with you.

PE Kits! The general feeling among staff here is that we would like the children to become as independent as possible when it comes to remembering kit and changing for games or PE, and as such are looking towards children changing in school from after half term. As you will be aware, we started asking children to come to school in PE kit on their PE days during COVID and that proved successful in time saving and the reduced frequency of 'forgotten' kits. However, we are finding that children are not coming to school wearing the correct PE uniform (dark shorts and sweatshirt etc) and the overall 'look' is untidy! Please let me know if you have any strong thoughts either way. At present Year R and 1 change in school and Years 2 to 6 come in their PE kit, if we move to whole school bringing kits and changing in school, it will be from after half term.

The Headley Fete committee have asked for our support again. The fete is next Saturday 17th September. We have been asked to choose two children from year 1 to 'open' the fete and I will be there as part of the procession with our school banner. If any of your children would like to join me, in their smart Holme school uniform, at about 12.45pm to begin the procession at 1pm, it would be lovely to see you. Please let the school office know.

Talking about communicating with our school office. As I mentioned right at the end of last term, communication was a key area of focus for us following on from our parent survey. We have been exploring ways of improving our procedures and processes and have decided to use our adminoffice@holme.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk as our point of contact. We will slowly be phasing out our use of the letters@ email address so from now on please use the adminoffice@ address instead. I have included 'known dates' for the year ahead in this newsletter and will also try really hard to give you any dates and information as soon as I can going forward!

Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for communicating the odd message about your children's learning to the class teacher and for setting and uploading home learning, however more serious concerns or a matter regarding absence should be raised through email to the school office. Equally the class WhatsApp groups are an extremely useful method of communicating between yourselves, but please can I ask you to use WhatsApp and other social media platforms respectfully. If you have any specific concerns at all about your child's education, please contact the class teacher in the first instance via email and/or arrange meeting.

Having said all of the above, we are interviewing for Nikki's replacement over the next two weeks, so please bear with us, as we will be short staffed until we are able to appoint!

I also mentioned last term that we were updating the website. We have the final version to review next week and hope to have it 'go live' by Monday 19th September. Once we fully migrate, the way newsletters are sent will change slightly. They will continue to be shared on the website, however we will be sending them to you via email instead of through the web provider as we have previously done.

Again keeping the internet and social media in mind, please can I remind you about E-safety and ensuring that your children's use of technology is monitored? There is lots of information available about how you can keep your children safe online. Please ask your teacher if you need any advice.

KEY DATES

- Week beginning 12th September Clubs start
- Meet and Greet sessions Year 5 and 6 Tuesday 13th September, Year 3 and 4 Wednesday 14th September, Year 1 and 2 Thursday 15th September.
- 16th September Forest School year 5 and 2
- 17th September The Headley Fete
- 19th September Year 1 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
- Friday 7th October Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm trip and Year 4 Fishbourne Trip.
- 13th October School photographer in school
- Week Beginning 17th October—Parent consultation evenings (days TBC)
- 20th October Handball Tournament at Oackmoor
- 24th to 28th October—half term break.
- 3rd November—Open morning for 2023-24 intake
- Thursday 6th December – Hockey
- 12th December 1.30pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance
- 13th December 6pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance
- 14th December Carol Services
- 15th December Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinner in school and Christmas party.
- 16th December Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
- 3rd January INSET Day
- 4th January return to school
- Further INSET days—Monday 17th April and Friday 30th June



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Learning wise this week all the children have enjoyed starting their projects. The overall curriculum plan for our school is on the website. I have asked teachers to let me have their individual topic webs as soon as possible and I will ensure they are available for you by the end of next week. I have included some pictures of learning around the school! There definitely is a real buzz around school.

Next week we have our clubs starting, you should now have received an email confirming which clubs your children have been allocated. Also next week we have our parent meet and greet sessions. They will take place straight after school in your child's classroom. Please collect your child as normal, but deliver them either to staff members in the hall if it is raining or the outdoor classroom by the climbing frame if it is dry, along with school age siblings. We will 'sign them in' and look after them for you while you have your meeting. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher, to ask any general questions and to give information for the year ahead.

Times Tables Rock Stars! Mrs Hotchkiss has asked me to share a message about Times Tables Rock Stars. In the summer term of year 4 all children are required by the government to undertake a multiplication check. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. In order to help the children, prepare and be successful we have invested in an online programme to support the children to develop their speed and fluency with multiplication called Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). This platform has successfully supported thousands of children to boost their recall of multiplication facts. To ensure our children get the most out of this excellent resource we will be asking that Years 3 and 4 spend at least 30 minutes a week on TTRS practising as part of their home learning. Mrs Hotchkiss will invite children who have not completed their 30 minutes for the week to a lunchtime catch-up club on a Friday. More information about this will be available at the Years 3 and 4 meet and greet.

A welcome from our Inclusion Lead/SENCo Mrs Lay

I am delighted to be the Holme School Inclusion Lead and I am really looking forward to supporting children across the school. I am also looking forward to meeting the parents and so please feel free to call, email me or approach me in the playground if you would like to discuss any additional needs your child might have.

email: senco@holme.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk

A welcome from our Home School Link Worker

Hi, my name is Vanessa McMillan. I am so pleased to be able to become a part of The Holme School family as the Home School Link Worker (HSLW). I have worked as a teacher for over 20 years with particular focus on Special Educational Needs and pastoral support and have a large family of my own.

I will provide a friendly link between home and school to offer support for children and their families. Sometimes children have to deal with issues that may affect their ability to cope at school. This can affect attendance as well as progress, achievement and friendship groups. As a school, we are best able to help children when we are fully aware of what a family might be going through.

You are welcome to make contact via your class teacher, telephoning the school or directly via email
hslw@holme.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk

I think that is about all for the time being! Have a lovely weekend, thank you again for all your support and see you all on Monday.

Sarah Stevenson,

Headteacher

PE INFORMATION

- Monday—Nightingales and Owls
- Tuesday—Woodpeckers, Falcons and Robins
- Wednesday Falcons, Robins, Nightingales and Hawks
- Thursday—Woodpeckers.
- Friday—Hawks and Owls

FROTH DATES

- 23rd September - Camp Out
- 14th October - Quiz Night
- 4th November - Bags2School
- 4th November - Firework Theme Disco
- 27th November Christmas Fair
- 10th February - Valentine Theme Disco
- 24th February - Bags2School
- 9th June - Bags2School
- 16th June - Summer Beach Disco

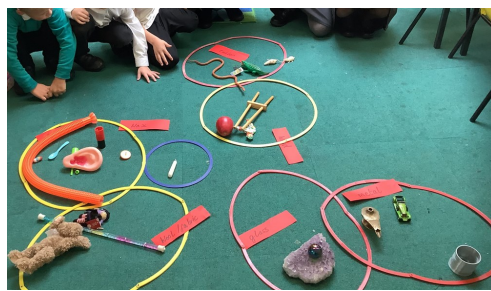


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*Year 1
Science
and Maths*

*Year 2
Maths and
Space Day*



*Year 3 and 4 Stone Age Day,
Roman Day and Mosaics*



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FROTH's Big Family Camp Out – Friday 23rd September 2022

FROTH is having a Big Family Camp Out at school! The idea is pretty simple. Come to school on Friday evening and **pitch your tent or bring your camper van on the upper field between 4.30-6pm**. Then we will have a BBQ, campfire and some activities going on.

We then bed down for the night, to wake up in the morning to bacon butties! Clearing out of school by 10am at the latest on the Saturday morning. (Don't worry about toilets, we will use the two outside accessible toilets in the school building.)

If you want to come for the evening, but not the camping, you are very welcome, but we ask that you leave by 9pm(ish). BBQ will start at approx. 6.30pm.

Non Campers: £1 per person (marshmallows* and drinks included)

Campers: £3.50 per adult, £2 per child (Marshmallows* and drinks included)

Food: Evening option – Burgers (£3/£3.50) Hotdogs (£2.50) and Vegan/ Veggie option (£3)

Morning only - Bacon Butty £2.50

Please can **all those** planning to attend complete the booking/food ordering sheet. You will then be sent a **payment link** or can pop the cash in **the black post box in school reception** by **16th September 2022** with the correct money in an envelope marked **FROTH CAMP OUT, clearly named**.

[CAMP OUT 2022 BOOKING FORM](#)

You will need to **check in** and **collect food vouchers** when you arrive on the Friday evening.

Please bring your own bottles for water, and a travel mug with a lid for hot drinks (to avoid hot spillages). You are welcome to bring other cold food and nibbles or accompaniments that you might like, and drinks, but please, no alcohol as this is a family event. Please do not bring any cooking stoves or fires. Cold foods only.

Children are allowed to bring bikes and scooters, preferably with helmets and **lights are a requirement** (as this event is getting busier, please read the information sheet on arrive regarding areas for riding bikes/scooters).

Your children will remain your sole responsibility for the duration of the event. All under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult.

All that's left to do is get your 'camping' gear together and get ready for an evening of fun!

Can't wait to see as many of you as possible. Bring on the fun!!!!

The FROTH Team

*Marshmallows available whilst stocks last!