

Principal's Newsletter – Friday 21st October 2022

Good afternoon,

What a half term! Since September, the children have been involved in a range of brilliant learning and it has been a great start to this academic year. On Wednesday, we had a visit from a member of the School Improvement Team who was so impressed with the teaching and learning across school and couldn't believe the improvements that have been made to the school this half term. I wish to formally thank the staff for all their hard work to ensuring the best opportunities for all the children. I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you after the break.

Reading @ Holne Chase



Reading has been at the focus of this half term, with the new reading scheme being implemented across school. Thank you to all the parents who have provided positive feedback about reading at home using the physical books and accessing the e-books via Reading Buddy.

Reading at home is key to ensuring your child makes progress. Therefore, we continue to encourage you to hear your child read for at least 10 minutes every day.

We continue to welcome feedback about the positives of the reading scheme and what support you need moving forward. To provide feedback, please follow the link and complete the online [Reading Feedback](#) form.

School Library

Next half term, our new library will be created! We are really excited for this to be completed and for the children to start using it as the heart of our reading culture.

Keep an eye out for updates and we will let you know the opening date where you will be invited to come and visit our new Jungle Library.

We hope the library becomes an integral part of the school that is used by the whole community and we are planning ideas for how you can use it with your children in the future.



Books Over Breakfast



What a turnout! Our first Books Over Breakfast was a real success and it was lovely to see so many families attend to enjoy teas, coffees, juice, pastries and most importantly... stories! There was a lovely vibe in the hall and the feedback was really positive. Our next Books Over Breakfast event will be on Friday 9th December at 8am.

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Attendance

These are the attendance figures for this half term. You can access your child's individual attendance figure via the Arbor App. Any parent whose child's attendance is beginning to cause a concern, will receive an individual letter. If you need any support or advice to support increasing your child's attendance, please contact the office to arrange a meeting.

RMT	1SSB	2EC	3LM	4CB	5AW	5/6EH	6FH	Whole School	Target
97%	97%	96%	96%	96%	94%	90%	95%	95%	95%

Friends of Holne Chase

As you are aware, the Friends of Holne Chase have planned a range of events throughout the year to raise money for our school. If you would like to be a part of the Friends of Holne Chase committee, please contact the school office so we can pass on your details; this is a great opportunity should you wish to get involved to help raise money for Holne Chase.

A reminder that the Halloween Extravaganza will take place on Monday 31st October. Your child is invited to come to school in Halloween Fancy Dress for a voluntary contribution of £1, which will then be followed by a Halloween Tombola at 3:15pm. Any child who does not wish to dress up should come in to school in their normal school uniform.



Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Time
First Day of Term (Halloween Fancy Dress)	Monday 31 st October	8:40am Halloween Tombola @ 3:15pm
Parents Evening	Tuesday 1 st November Wednesday 2 nd November	3:30pm – 7:30pm 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Key Stage Two Football Tournaments	Y5 & Y6 Girls Tuesday 1 st November	Parents of children involved have received individual letters confirming information
	Y5 & Y6 Boys Tuesday 8 th November	
	Y3 & Y4 Girls Tuesday 15 th November	
	Y3 & Y4 Boys Thursday 24 th November	
Wear Spots for Children in Need	Friday 18 th November 2022	All day
Families in Partnership Meeting	Monday 21 st November	6:30pm
Individual / Sibling Photos	Wednesday 23 rd November	Further details to follow
Year 1 Holdenby House Trip	Thursday 8 th December	8:40am – 3:15pm
Books Over Breakfast	Friday 9 th December	8am – 8:35am
EYFS Christmas Singing	Monday 12 th December	2pm
KS1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 13 th December	2pm
	Wednesday 14 th December	9am
Friends of Holne Chase Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 14 th December	3pm – 5pm
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Wednesday 14 th December	4:30pm
Last Day of Autumn 2	Friday 16 th December	3pm / 3:10pm