

Principal's Newsletter – Friday 18th November 2022

Happy Friday!

Well done to Remi, Logan, Jahziah, Mya, Santana, Ahmad, Flynn and Vivian who were the Golden Pupils across school this week.

Attendance

Below are the attendance figures for each class for the half term so far. Attendance has dropped in some year groups this half term due to sickness bugs going around school over the last few weeks. When your child is feeling ill, it is important that you make an assessment on whether you think they will be fine once at school.

We have all been in that situation where we wake up feeling poorly but are fine once we are up and about. If your child has a slight cold, which a dose of Calpol will solve, please bring them into school and inform your child's teacher who will monitor them throughout the day. If they worsen through the day, then we will contact you to collect. Your child's attendance is paramount to their academic and social progress and so only keep your child off if they are too poorly to learn. You know your child the best, so we will always trust your judgement.

Well done to 6FH who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Celebration Assembly this week for the highest attendance of the week at 96.3%%.

RMT	1SSB	2EC	3LM	4CB	5AW	5/6EH	6FH	Whole School	Target
93%	97%	97%	91%	88%	95%	92%	98%	94%	95%

Family in Partnership Meeting

The next Families in Partnership will take place on **Monday 21st November** at 6:30pm in the school hall (please enter through the front entrance). On the agenda for this meeting will be an update from the Trust about the priorities and an update from myself about the priorities in school. This meeting will also allow you to ask any questions or offer suggestions about further support you need as a wider school community. I urge as many of you to attend the meeting to support the continuing development of the school.

Breakfast and After School Club

We currently have spaces both for breakfast club and after school club, available to all children across school. Breakfast Club begins at 7:30am for £5.50 a session, which includes a range of breakfasts throughout the week including Fry-Up Fridays. After School Club runs from 3pm – 6pm for £8 a session, which includes biscuits, a delicious healthy snack and a range of activities.

If you need to book consistent sessions each week or even a one-off session to allow you to go Christmas shopping, go to the gym or just to have some well-deserved 'me time', please contact the school office to book your place.

Holne Chase Hitting The Headlines...

[Milton Keynes school benefits from new outdoor learning area thanks to £350k investment | Milton Keynes Citizen](#)

Some of you may have seen that Holne Chase appeared in local online news this week sharing the developments that are taking place around school. The article in the MK Citizen can be found by following the link above. We also have a brand new [Facebook Page](#) which we urge you to follow and share with your friends.

We are also currently advertising for parents to book tours for any children set to join us in September 2023. If you know any parents who are looking for school places, please encourage them to contact the school office to book a tour.

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Reading Update

There is huge excitement round school with the completion of our school library this week. All we need now are the finishing touches! To help develop our library, if you have any children's books at home, that you no longer want, please donate them to our school library. Please ensure that they are of a good quality, have no missing pages and are suitable for our children. Please bring them to the school office who will store them until the library is complete.

Over the next few weeks, staff will be reviewing the current level of the children's reading books to assess whether they feel they are ready to move to the next level. Please continue to support your child with their reading development by reading at home and accessing Reading Buddy. If you haven't done so already, please complete our [Reading Feedback Survey](#) to evaluate the implementation of the new reading scheme so far.

A reminder also that our next Books Over Breakfast event will be held on **Friday 9th December** from 8am.



Christmas at Holne Chase



The children are currently busy practising their singing for their Christmas performances. The week beginning 12th will be when the performances take place (see dates and times below) and will take place in the hall.

The Friends of Holne Chase Christmas Fayre will take place on **Wednesday 14th December** from 3pm where you can collect your child and explore the wonderful range of stalls that have been organised. This will be a great opportunity for the whole school and local community to support our school. Please invite wider friends and family to attend as it will be an afternoon out for the whole family.

At 4:30pm, Year 3-6 children will be called in the hall to get ready for their Christmas singalong performance where you be invited in to watch your child singing. Following the performance, you can then continue to explore the stalls and enjoy the fayre up to 6pm. If you would like to help to set up the stalls or during the Christmas Fayre, please contact the school office.



Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Y3 and Y4 Boys Football Tournament	Thursday 24 th November	12pm
Families in Partnership Meeting	Monday 21 st November	6:30pm
Individual / Sibling Photos	Wednesday 23 rd November	<i>Further details to follow</i>
Meet Paul Watson (CEO) <i>Opportunity for parents to chat with Paul during morning drop off</i>	Friday 25 th November	8:30am – 8:50am
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 Wednesday 14 th December	2pm 9am
Holne Chase Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 14 th December	3pm – 6pm
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Wednesday 14 th December	4:30pm
Last Day of Autumn 2	Friday 16 th December	3pm / 3:10pm