

## Principal's Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Happy Friday!

I want to send a huge congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 4 girls who represented our school in the Preston Hedges football tournament this week. The team came 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a massive achievement for our girls and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them in their success. They certainly demonstrated our school values and I am extremely proud of all the children who have represented Holne Chase in all the football tournaments this half term.

### Attendance

Below are the attendance figures for each class for the half term so far. I have also included detail of the attendance difference between last half term and this half term so far.

RMT	1SSB	2EC	3LM	4CB	5AW	5/6EH	6FH	Whole School	Target
93%	95%	96%	92%	91%	93%	93%	96%	94%	95%
-4	-2	0	-4	-5	-1	+3	+1	-1	

### Family in Partnership Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the Families in Partnership meeting last Monday. During the meeting, Paul Watson discussed Trust updates whilst I shared updates from a school perspective. It was lovely to receive some positive feedback from parents, particularly with regards to the communication you are receiving as parents. We always appreciate feedback from parents so we can celebrate what is working well whilst making positive changes to our school. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** at 3:30pm.

### Supporting our Families

We are continuing to investigate different support we can provide to our families who are feeling impacted by the current cost-of-living crisis. As a school, we are fully committed to supporting all our families have contacted a range of agencies and charities who are able to support. If you are finding things difficult and would like some further advice or support, please contact the school office and request to speak to myself or Sarah McConnell. We currently have potential options to support by providing meals, Christmas hampers and toy boxes so please get in touch.



### Books Over Breakfast

A reminder that our next Books Over Breakfast event will take place next Friday from 8am. Please come through the normal entrance and head towards the hall where you will be treated to teas, coffees, a range of pastries and of course stories. It was great to see so many families during the last event so we look forward to see more families next week.

### Christmas at Holne Chase

For the Christmas performances, we are asking that the Year 1-6 children wear a Christmas outfit. Please can the children bring their Christmas outfit into school on the day of their performance. A reminder of the dates and information about securing tickets for the performances are below. In Early Years you will be allocated 4 tickets. Year 1 and 2 will be allocated 2 tickets per performance.

Phone: 01908 373640 Email: [office@holnechase.org](mailto:office@holnechase.org)

Website: [www.holnechase.com](http://www.holnechase.com)

Principal: Mr. David Killick

Performance	Date	Time	Booking Instructions
Early Years	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Collect from the office from Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	
Year 3 – Year 6	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4:30pm	No need to book as during the Christmas Fayre

As the Key Stage Two performance is during our Christmas Fayre, we will ring a bell at about 4:20pm for the children to come into the hall. We kindly ask that parents attend the Christmas Fayre so that the children can take part in the Christmas Carol performance. We will then invite parents to come into the hall to watch the children sing their Christmas songs. Following the performance, you can then continue to attend the Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre will take place from 3pm – 6pm on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** on the main school playground. You will be able to collect your child from the normal locations apart from 5/6EH and 6FH who will come out the door in-between Mr. Morgan's and Miss Bonson's classrooms. This will be an amazing opportunity for you to support raising money, which will be used to create an outdoor learning garden which was designed by pupils last year.

### Dates for your Diary

Below includes some provisional dates for the first half of the Spring term to pencil into your diary. Further details about the specific events will come out nearer the time.

Event	Date	Time
Year 5 Knife Crime workshop at Holne Chase	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9am and 10:30am
Year 1 Holdenby House Trip	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	8:40am – 3:15pm
Year 6 Knife Crime workshop at MK Dons	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	09:00am – 11:45am
Meet Paul Watson (CEO) <i>Opportunity for parents to chat with Paul during morning drop off</i>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30am – 8:50am
Books Over Breakfast	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	8am – 8:35am
EYFS Christmas Singing	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm
KS1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9am
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	All day
Holne Chase Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm – 6pm
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4:30pm
Last Day of Autumn 2	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm / 3:10pm
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January		
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
First Day of Spring 1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	8:40am

**Have a lovely weekend – two weeks (and counting)!**