

Principal's Newsletter – Friday 4th November 2022

Good afternoon,

Welcome back; I hope you all enjoyed the half term holiday! The children have had a great first week back and have been involved in some brilliant learning this week. This week we had one of the Trustees visit the school who...

'appreciated greatly the opportunity to see first-hand how the school has moved forward in the past few months. A calm and purposeful ethos is in evidence, with routines, consistency and positive learning habits now well established.'

I continue to be extremely proud of the children and the staff and all they are achieving this academic year. As a school, we also appreciate your continued support. It was great to welcome so many of you into school for Parents Evening this week and I hope you are proud of the progress your children are making.

Celebrations Assembly

Well done to Amy, Olivia, Bella, Georgia, Lewis, Isla and Anna who were the Golden Pupils across school this week.

These are the attendance figures for each class this week. Well done to Year 2 who were awarded the Attendance Trophy in Celebration Assembly this week for the highest attendance of the week so far.

RMT	1SSB	2EC	3LM	4CB	5AW	5/6EH	6FH	Whole School	Target
96%	95%	99%	98%	90%	93%	89%	97%	94.5%	95%

Friends of Holne Chase – Halloween Fundraising

Thank you to the Friends of Holne Chase who organised a fun day on Monday. The children looked awesome in their costumes and combining your voluntary donations to the money raised at the Halloween Tombola, the day raised £229.33. Thank you to all parents who supported this fundraising. A reminder that if you would like to join the Friends of Holne Chase team, please contact the school office for more details.



Football Tournament

The first of the Preston Hedges' Football Tournament occurred this week with the Year 5 & 6 Girls Football team representing Holne Chase outstandingly on Tuesday. After an amazing set of matches, Team 1 for Holne Chase came 2nd out of 7 teams. We are so extremely proud of all the girls who represented Holne Chase and demonstrated our values and brilliant sportswomanship throughout the whole tournament. Well done!

School Dinners

If you would like your child to have one of our delicious hot meals, these can be booked on ParentPay for £2.50, which can be booked up to 9am on the day. The Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 13th December, if you would like your child to have a hot Christmas dinner, please book this meal by Friday 11th November so that the catering team can order the food for this special event.

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Year 5 Shakespeare Performance

This year, we are working with the Silhouette drama company who are working with all five schools across the Preston Hedges Trust to put on a Year 5 Shakespeare performance of *The Tempest* later in the year. This week, Year 5 children who wanted to participate begun rehearsals to develop their acting, dance and singing skills, including writing their own songs. More information about the final performance will come out later in the year.

Class Emails

We now have year group emails for when you need to contact one of the class teachers directly of the year group your child is in. This point of contact is for non-urgent communication. Teachers will only respond to these emails during the working day when they are not teaching. The emails are the year group followed by holnechase.org (e.g reception@holnechase.org / year1@holnechase.org etc.)

Charities

This month, we will be discussing the importance of remembrance as we remember war heroes from across history. As part of this, we have a selection of items for purchase through the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like one of the items, please bring in a donation of £1, which they will bring to the office to choose an item (whilst stocks last). For a paper poppy, a minimum donation of 20p is accepted.



We will also be celebrating Children in Need where your child is invited to wear something spotty on Friday 18th November. We appreciate there have been lots of times where requests for donations have been made this year so for this charity we will not be requesting donations to us directly, however, should you wish to donate, you can do so directly through the [Children in Need](https://www.childreninneed.org.uk) website.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Key Stage Two Football Tournaments	Y5 & Y6 Boys Tuesday 8 th November	<i>Parents of children involved have received individual letters confirming information</i>
	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	<i>Further details to follow</i>
Meet Paul Watson (CEO) <i>Opportunity for parents to catch up with Paul on the playground 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	2pm
	Wednesday 14 th December	9am
Friends of 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