

Principal's Newsletter – Friday 6th January 2023

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday and are back in the swing of normality. We have had a lovely first week back and enjoyed the start of 2023 with the children. After the craziness of the Christmas term, it is certainly nice to get back to some normality and routine.

Reading

This week, the children have been given their new reading level for this term. Some of the children may have moved up and others may have remained on the same level; both are fine. We continue to use teacher assessments to make judgements as well as their progress on Reading Buddy to make our judgements.

In Early Years and Key Stage One, the children will continue to work on developing their phonics and their books have been matched to the sounds they have learnt. Interventions will take place for those children who are falling behind. In Key Stage Two, there will be an increased focus on analysing texts and a range of comprehension skills using different texts in school.

Therefore, it is increasingly important that your child reads their reading book at home for at least 10 minutes a day during the week. The children will also be using our brand-new library, in which they will come home with a book that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Below are the days in which your child will be visiting the library so please ensure they bring their library book to be changed on that day. Please record any reading completed at home in your child's reading record so we can continue to monitor this at school.

RMT	1SSB	2EC	3LM	4CB	5AW	56EH	6FH
Friday	Wednesday	Monday	Friday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday

Chinese New Year Reminder

On **Thursday 19th January**, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in school with a range of activities and events to celebrate the day, including a dance workshop for all the children.

Our school catering company, ABM, are also offering a Chinese themed lunch on this day, which should now be available to select. Please log in to ParentPay to book your child's lunch for this special occasion. EYFS and KS1 meals are free and for KS2 children the meal will cost £2.50 (unless eligible for free school meals) Children are invited to come to school either dressed as an animal from the Chinese Zodiac or in red. Any child who does not wish to dress up, can come in their school uniform as normal.



Y2 and Y6 SATs Information Evening

In May 2023, both Year 2 and Year 6 will complete their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs), which are used to make end of year assessments of your child. We will be holding an information evening for Year 2 and Year 6 parents to find out how the assessments work, how they are administered and what you can do to support your child at home. The sessions should last no longer than an hour.

Year 6 Information Evening – Monday 23rd January 2023 @ 6pm

Year 2 Information Evening – Monday 30th January 2023 @ 6pm

Ice Hockey

This week, we had some exciting visitors from the MK Lightening Ice Hockey team. The children enjoyed learning about ice hockey and tips about healthy living from professional athletes during their assembly.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the MK Lightening Ice Hockey game on **Sunday 5th February** at a discounted price, please contact the school office on office@holnechase.org



Friends of Holne Chase Movie Night

Friends of Holne Chase continue to organise fundraising events for the children and our school community to participate in. This money will be great for our school and help towards creating the learning garden for the children, which will be developed in the next few months.

Please find attached the poster for the next Friends of Holne Chase event, tickets will be on sale on Monday and Tuesday under the canopy.

Attendance

RMT	1SSB	2EC	3LM	4CB	5AW	5/6EH	6FH	Whole School	Target
97%	100%	99%	94%	99%	99%	95%	99%	98%	95%

Goodbye to Mrs Stuart-Buttle

Sadly, I need to end this letter by saying a farewell to Mrs Stuart-Buttle who will be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue her career as a Senco. She has been a huge support to our families and wider community for several years and in particular supporting our families of children with additional needs. I would like to thank Mrs Stuart-Buttle for all her hard work and dedication, and I know you will join me in wishing her every possible success for her future.

Dates for your Diary – Spring 1

Event	Date	Time
Friends of Holne Chase Movie Night	Friday 13 th January	5:15pm
Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 16 th January – Wednesday 18 th January	Throughout the school day
Chinese New Year Celebration	Thursday 19 th January	Please see newsletter dated 9.12.22 for more information
Y6 SATs Information Evening	Monday 23 rd January	6pm
Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournament	Wednesday 25 th January	Details to follow for specific children
Y2 SATs Information Evening	Monday 30 th January	6pm
Y5 Shakespeare Performance @ Royal Derngate Theatre, Northampton	Wednesday 1 st February	7pm
Books Over Breakfast	Friday 3 rd February	8am – 8:40am
Children's Mental Health Day	Friday 10 th February	Details to follow
Last Day of Spring 1	Friday 10 th February	3pm / 3:10pm