



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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YEAR 6 VISIT THE KNIFE ANGEL SCULPTURE

A HUGE well done to our Year 6 class who visited the Knife Angel sculpture in Smithfield, Hanley last week. The sculpture was visiting Stoke on Trent as part of its national Anti-violence Tour. The Knife Angel is a stunning, contemporary 27 foot, 3.5 ton, sculpture of an angel made out of 100,00 confiscated knives received from 43 police forces across the UK. It is on tour of towns and cities around Britain to raise awareness of the issues of knife crime and all forms of violence and aggression.

The Knife Angel encourages the surrender of knives and 1800 of the knives used in the sculpture were provided from amnesties in Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire.

The children completed a study of the sculpture and found out many interesting facts. They reflected on the Knife Angel's message and how it made them feel.

As always, Year 6 represented Holden Lane with great pride and were an absolute credit to the school.

Very well done to Year 6, you made us very proud!



A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome all of our children back to school as the Summer Term begins. The children have returned to school eager to learn, full of enthusiasm and looking super smart in their uniforms.

We are all very much looking forward to a happy and successful Summer Term at Holden Lane.

Thank you for your continued support.

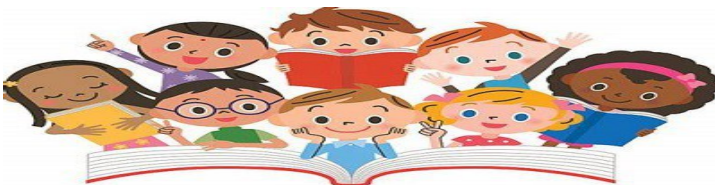


PARENT PARTNERSHIP READING PROJECT ~ WELL DONE!

Many thanks to the parents and carers of our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who have been taking part in our Parent Partnership Reading Project. The aim of the project is to challenge pupils and their families to read every day for 5 weeks at home in order to measure the power of daily reading and to promote a love of books. The children also read every day at school. Each child was assessed at the start and end of the 5 weeks to measure their progress.

Families of each class are warmly invited to a special celebration assembly on **Thursday 26th May at 9.10am** during which we will present a range of awards to all the participants.

Thank you for your continued support.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Children and families are warmly invited to take part in our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the week beginning Monday 23rd May. On 6th February this year, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary,

there will be a wide range of activities taking place throughout the week.

On Wednesday 25th May, we will be throwing a party for the Queen and children are invited to come into school dressed in their party clothes. There will be fun, food and party games.

On Friday 27th May, families are invited to join the children at 1.45pm for an afternoon of celebrations. This special event will include a range of performances by the children including music, singing and dancing.

Families are invited to meet on the school field (weather permitting).

Please bring your own picnic blankets and chairs.

To celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne, everyone is invited to wear red, white and blue.

We hope that everyone will get involved in sharing this special event and we very much look forward to seeing all the children, families and staff wearing red, white and blue and waving their flags in honour of our Queen.

More details to follow on the next newsletter.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

The attendance success of our children will be celebrated in our classrooms next week. We will be awarding our attendance badges and certificates for the last half term.

Our attendance for last half term was **94.5%**.

The target for all Stoke-on-Trent schools is 96%.

We need to keep working really hard to reach our target, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

Please support us by making sure that the children arrive at school on time to ensure that they are in class by 9 o'clock ready for their learning. Doors open at 8.45am.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

Please park away from the school and walk to the school gates in order to keep our families safe.

As always, the safety of our children and families remains our highest priority.

Please park and drive responsibly to keep the journey to and from school safe for everyone!

Please note that we are relying on the cooperation of parents and carers to drive responsibly in order to keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum newsletters were sent out last week. They provide important information about the topics that the children are learning this term. They also provide guidance on how parents can support their child's learning at home. We hope that you find them useful and informative. They can also be viewed on our school website under the Our Curriculum section.

Thank you for your continued support.



YEAR SIX SATS TESTS

Our Year 6 children continue to work extremely hard in all aspects of their learning in order to prepare for their SATs tests which take place next week. We would like to thank you for all your support in helping the children prepare for this important week.

Keep working hard Year 6, we know that you will make us very proud!



VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy coming up for a Parent Governor to join our school Governing Body. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to get involved in school and have a say in decision making and planning in order to help improve and develop the school for our children.

The role provides opportunities to become involved in all aspects of school life. It includes coming along to meetings each half term to offer your ideas, share your expertise and represent the view of our parents and carers.

We have a committed and dedicated Governing Body working very hard for our school and we would be delighted if we could appoint another parent to join our team.

If you have the time and energy to join us, we would love to hear from you! Please ask at the office or see Miss Thomas or Joanne Powell-Beckett (Chair of Governors) to find out more.

The closing date for expressions of interest is **Monday 9th May 2022**.

Thank you for your continued support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- ♦ **Monday 9th May 2022 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ♦ **Wednesday 25th May ~ Children's Queen's Jubilee Party Day** (party clothes)
- ♦ **Thursday 26th May ~ Parent Partnership Reading Celebration assembly** at 9.10am
- ♦ **Friday 27th May ~ Queen's Jubilee Family Celebration** at 1.30pm for 1.45pm start (wear red, white and blue)
- ♦ **Friday 27th May ~ School closes for Half Term**
- ♦ **Monday 6th June ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ♦ **Tuesday 7th June ~ School opens for pupils**
- ♦ **Tuesday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2022**
- ♦ **Wednesday 20th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

