



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 VISIT STANDON BOWERS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Very well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who spent three sunny days at Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre. They left school on Wednesday and returned on Friday after an action packed visit, full of exciting adventures in the great outdoors.

The children enjoyed a wide range of activities including archery, bushcraft, bouldering, walking in nature, ground maps and working as a team. They had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills whilst being active and having fun. We would like to congratulate them all, especially for their enthusiasm when trying new activities and experiences.

Many thanks to Mrs Reece, Mrs Lovatt and Mrs Miceli for giving of their time so generously to support the visit, their commitment is greatly appreciated by us all.

We look forward to more exciting residential visits next year.



HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

School closes today for the Easter holiday. We would like to congratulate the children for their excellent attitude to learning throughout the school year so far. They have been very busy learners and have enjoyed exploring and taking part in a wide range of activities and events.

They have also looked immaculate in their school uniform which always receives positive comments whenever the children represent the school at events, take part in educational visits or welcome visitors to the school. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **MONDAY 25th APRIL** for the start of the Summer Term 2022.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy break. Thank you for your continued support for our school.



YEAR 6 VISIT THE MITCHELL MEMORIAL THEATRE

A **HUGE** well done to our Year 6 class who visited the Mitchell Memorial theatre last week to enhance their science learning. They thoroughly enjoyed the puppet show delivered by the STEM Sisters which explored the work of female scientists and the important contributions they have made to the wonderful world of science.

They found out many interesting facts and returned to school full of enthusiasm for their learning.

In preparation for the visit, Year 6 were visited by Riha Choudhury to promote the work of female scientists.

The children took part in a workshop which involved some exciting science investigations. During the workshop, the children impressed our visiting scientist with their excellent knowledge and understanding of light, solids, liquids and gases.

VERY WELL DONE TO OUR YEAR 6 SCIENTISTS, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL!



FOUNDATION STAGE EASTER EXTRAVAGNZA

A **HUGE** well done to our wonderful Nursery and Reception children who shared an afternoon of Easter celebrations with their families on Wednesday. The children were so excited to welcome their families into school to share their songs about spring and enjoy hot cross buns and refreshments.

The children (and some of our parents) looked absolutely fabulous in their Easter bonnets and a wonderful time was had by everyone.

The Easter bonnet parade was a joy to see and we would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their amazing support in creating the bonnets and supporting the event.

Well done Nursery and Reception ~ as always you have made us all 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 views 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.

SPORTS4ALL FESTIVAL

Very well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who attended the Sports4AllFestival last Friday afternoon at the Excel Academy.

They joined children from other local primary schools to take part in a range of activities organised by Mr Edwards and the Excel Academy Sports Leaders. The activities included boccia, new-age curling, sitting volleyball, body ball, badminton and athletics.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and they all displayed excellent sportsmanship and conduct. They demonstrated outstanding teamwork and were keen to try out new and inclusive sports.

Very well done to all the pupils involved for representing Holden Lane with pride and making us all very proud.



MAY BANK HOLIDAY—MONDAY 2nd MAY 2022

School is closed on **MONDAY 2nd MAY** for the Bank Holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **TUESDAY 3rd MAY**.



YEAR SIX SATS TESTS

Our Year 6 children are working extremely hard in all aspects of their learning in order to prepare for their SATs tests which will take place in the week beginning **Monday 9th May**.

We would like to thank you for all your support in helping the children prepare for this important week. Keep working hard Year 6 and continue with your revision. We know that you will do your very best and make us very proud!



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.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER ~ OUR THANKS

A **HUGE** well done to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day to raise funds for the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity who provide emotional and practical support to families who have a child with a serious illness. We raised a wonderful £112.48.

Very well done to everyone for taking part in order to help helping others through our school charity fundraising.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Friday 8th April ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2022
- ◆ Monday 25th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2022
- ◆ Monday 2nd May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Monday 9th May 2022 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ◆ 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**

