



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome our children and families back to school as the new school year begins. The children have returned to school looking exceptionally smart in their uniforms. They are all full of enthusiasm, eager to learn and ready for the new learning challenges ahead.

We feel incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into their new classes. We would also like to warmly welcome our new staff to our school team. Our new staff have been delighted to meet the children and are already having a very positive impact across the school.

We wish an extremely happy and successful new school year to everyone at Holden Lane Primary!

WELCOME BACK!

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

We would like to thank our parents and carers for their exceptional support in promoting our school uniform as we start the new term. It has been absolutely wonderful to see the children looking so fabulously smart and feeling incredibly proud in their uniforms.

Our school uniform is a purple knitted jumper or cardigan with a grey trim, white shirt, purple and grey stripe tie, purple and grey check skirt with pleats or purple and grey check pinafore, grey trousers and sensible black shoes.

Our Year 6 uniform includes a blazer and plain purple tie, making the class easily recognisable as the most mature class of the school in preparation for high school next year. At Holden Lane we have very high expectations and we believe very, very strongly in the importance of promoting our school uniform and dressing smartly for school. We would be most grateful if you would ensure that your child attends school in the correct school uniform to enable each and every child to feel extremely proud to be part of Holden Lane Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support.



**National
Schoolwear Centres**



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**School photographs will take place on
Wednesday 14th September.**

Family group photographs with younger children or family members who do not attend school will begin at 8.30am in the Learning Street. Please enter the Learning Street by the courtyard door where Mrs Pellington will be available to assist you.

These will be followed by family group photographs of children with brothers or sisters in school and individual photographs throughout the school day.

We look forward to seeing all our children looking their very best on Wednesday, in their uniform, ready for their photograph.

**BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE RUNNING
AS USUAL.**

Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

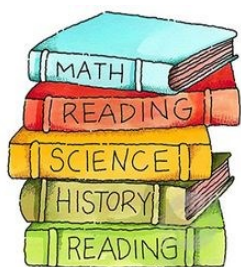


CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum newsletters for each class have been sent home today. They contain important information about topic areas and how you can support your child's learning at home.

The newsletters can also be found on our website under the 'Our Curriculum' section. We hope that you find them useful and informative.

Thank you for your continued support.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the attendance success of our children. We will be awarding our attendance badges and certificates for the last Half Term before the holidays and would be delighted if families would come along to share this special assembly.

KEY STAGE TWO ~ TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER at 9.10am

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ~ WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER at 9.10am

Please enter the school through the main entrance by the school office.

Our attendance for last half term was **94%**.

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 by 10 minutes to 9 to ensure that they are in class by 9 o'clock ready for their learning.

DOORS ARE OPEN FROM 8.45AM!



FEDERATION STATUS WITH ALPHA ACADEMIES TRUST

This school year, Holden Lane is extremely excited to be joining Alpha Academies Trust as a federated member. This is a first step in order to experience everything that the trust has to offer our school before making the decision to explore conversion to academy status. Alpha Academies Trust is a network of primary and secondary academies based in Stoke on Trent. Its purpose is to deliver first-class education for every child and to overcome inequality. We believe that Holden Lane has many shared values with the trust and we are very much looking forward to the mutual opportunities that the partnership will bring.

PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS!

The concerns regarding car parking outside school at the start and end of the day continue.

As you are aware, cars driving on and off the pavement place our children and families at risk. 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.



SAFETY ON OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

We politely request that parents and carers discourage their children from using the outdoor play equipment on the school playgrounds before and after school.

We also request that children are discouraged from walking along the stone edging of our school path or on the grass or field. Please encourage your child to use the pathway to avoid trip hazards and damage to the trees.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping keep everyone safe at Holden Lane.



CONTACT NUMBERS

It is very important that contact details are kept updated to ensure that our school records are accurate. Please inform the school office of any changes to your contact details. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



PLANS FOR THE WORKING MEN'S CLUB LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Please find a letter from Joanne Powell-Beckett, our Chair of Governors, enclosed with this week's newsletter.

The letter is to inform parents and carers of the current plans for the Working Men's Club and how this may impact on parking arrangements at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!



IMPORTANT NOTICE



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs will begin from Monday 12th September.

We hope that the children will thoroughly enjoy getting fully involved once again in the wide range of extra-curricular clubs that we offer.



SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH ~ GLORIOUSLY MESSY

Families are warmly invited to 'Gloriously Messy', a fun event for all the family, led by Saint Andrew's Church at the INDI Club, Ralph Drive. From 4.30pm to 6pm on 11th September, 2nd October, 20th November and 11th December, there will be crafts, games, activities, songs and interactive talks, concluding with a meal.

For more information email: sarah@standrewssneydgreen.com or telephone 07888669233.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Monday 12th September ~ After school clubs begin
- ♦ Wednesday 14th September ~ School photographs
- ♦ Tuesday 20th September ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Wednesday 21st September ~ Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Thursday 20th October ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-Uniform Day
- ♦ Thursday 20th October ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Friday 21st October ~ **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ♦ Monday 31st October ~ School opens for pupils after Half Term

