



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022

Very well done to all of our children for their interest and enthusiasm when taking part in Anti-bullying Week last week. Every class was fully involved in activities to promote working together to prevent bullying in our school.

We believe very strongly in promoting positive relationships and our aim is to spread the anti-bullying message throughout school and the local community.

This year's theme - **Reach Out** - aimed to empower children, staff and families to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

A huge well done to the children and staff who came to school wearing odd socks to mark the start of the week. This gesture helped us to remember and celebrate that we are all unique and equally special in our school.

Many thanks also to the families that joined us to take part in our Anti-bullying workshop afternoon. It was fabulous to see so many of you joining in with the different activities to show that if we all work together, we can show that bullying behaviour will not be tolerated at our school.

The children, as always, were delighted to share their learning with their families. We are very proud to have achieved the silver level ABQM (Anti-bullying Quality Mark) status for our school and we are now working towards achieving the gold award.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Anti-bullying Week 2022 in our school!

Our school Anti-bullying Policy is available from the school office.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT BULLYING BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT HOLDEN LANE!

SPORT4ALL FESTIVAL

Well done to the pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 who represented Holden Lane at the Sport4All Festival at Excel Academy last Friday. The children joined other local schools to take part in a range of exciting sports activities including boccia, new age kurling, seated volleyball, adapted athletics, adapted badminton and goalball.

All the activities helped to raise awareness of inclusive sports and demonstrated that sport can be enjoyed by everyone. The children participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed developing their skills.

They represented Holden Lane with pride and were a credit to the school.

VERY WELL DONE TO OUR SPORTING SUPERSTARS!



WELCOME TO MR SHERRATT

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Mr Sherratt to our school team. Mr Sherratt is our new Premises Manager who will be looking after our school building and our premises. Please look out for him around the school and say hello to warmly welcome him to Holden Lane!



YEAR 6 VISIT HANLEY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Year 6 visited Hanley Museum and Art Gallery this week to develop and enrich their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning. They took part in an exciting workshop delivered by the Royal Air Force. The activities included building a communication tower that met a set of given criteria and building and programming a Lego robot. They also built gliders to learn about the principles of flight which are thrust, drag, weight and lift. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed great enthusiasm for their learning.

They were commended by the RAF staff for their outstanding conduct and attitudes to learning, their resilience and their excellent teamwork.

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 class, you are fabulous ambassadors for our school and you have made us all extremely proud.



YEAR 3 CLASS ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY ~ VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Year 3 class assembly last Wednesday.

We would like to congratulate our Year 3 pupils for creating such an informative and entertaining assembly to promote anti-bullying as part of our special week of events.

The children all performed with confidence as they shared the message that bullying will not be tolerated, gave advice on how to get help, helped us to understand the 'Reach Out' theme and sang their songs with great enthusiasm.

Well done Year 3, you are our anti-bullying experts and we are very proud of you all!



FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE ONE

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year, we are once again delighted to announce that our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One will each be performing their very own Christmas production.

In order to enable more children to be actively involved and to ensure that families can be seated comfortably in the hall, there will be two separate productions.

Our children have started to rehearse their Christmas performances and families are warmly invited to join us at this special time.

Nursery and Reception will perform 'Our Christmas Story' on Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am.

Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform "The Innkeeper's Breakfast" on Wednesday 7th December at 9.15am.

Please note that there will be a collection for School Fund after the performance. All money raised will be used for providing additional resources for the children of our school. Thank you for your continued support.

WESLEY HALL METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Families are warmly invited to the Christingle Service on Sunday 4th December at Wesley Hall Methodist Church. Wesley Hall look forward to seeing you!



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 2nd December.

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation.

All money raised will go towards resources for the school. We thank you for your continued support.

WINTER FETE ~ FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER

We are holding our annual Winter Fete on Friday 9th December at 3.15pm.

Please come along and join the festive fun! We look forward to seeing you all.



CHRISTMAS DINNER COME AND JOIN US!

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 15th December 2022.

Children who normally bring sandwiches are invited to join the school dinner children to celebrate the coming of Christmas with a traditional Christmas dinner. Vegetarian options are available.

Letters with all the details were sent out on Monday.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER — CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our annual non-uniform fundraising day to raise money for Children in Need. Children were invited to come to school in their own clothes, in spotty clothes or dressed as Pudsey Bear in exchange for a small donation to the charity. We raised a wonderful £178.00 to help less fortunate children and their families.

Thank you for your generosity, kindness and continued support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Friday 2nd December ~ Non-uniform Day
- ♦ Tuesday 6th December ~ Nursery and Reception Nativity at 9.15am
- ♦ Wednesday 7th December ~ Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance at 9.15am
- ♦ Friday 9th December ~ Winter Fete after school at 3.15pm
- ♦ Monday 12th December ~ Christmas Party Day
- ♦ Tuesday 13th December ~ PE Enrichment Day - Glow Dodgeball
- ♦ Wednesday 14th December ~ Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration at 9.15am
- ♦ Thursday 15th December ~ Christmas Dinner Day
- ♦ Thursday 15th December ~ Non-uniform Charity Fundraiser
- ♦ Thursday 15th December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2022
- ♦ Tuesday 3rd January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2023
- ♦ Friday 17th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 27th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 31st March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 17th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 1st May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ♦ **Monday 8th May 2023 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ♦ Friday 26th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 5th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 21st July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2023
- ♦ **Monday 24th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ♦ **Tuesday 25th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

