



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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This **#SaferInternetDay** I want to talk about...

SAFER INTERNET DAY ~ TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2023

Safer Internet Day takes place on **Tuesday 7th February**. The whole school will be involved in activities to promote the safe and responsible use of technology.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally to promote the safe and responsible use of technology for children and young people. It calls on everyone to join together in helping to create a better internet.

This year's theme - **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversation about life online'** explores respect and relationships online.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to re-emphasise the online safety messages that we deliver throughout the year.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE.

A letter from Mrs Bould containing further information is included with this week's newsletter.

The letter contains information about the learning that will be taking place in each class and top tips for parent and carers to help you to support your child with online safety at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

HELP FOR HEROES DAY

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 3rd February to raise money for the charity Help for Heroes which provide support for British Armed Forces service personnel and their families.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their very own superhero in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

At the end of the day, every pupil will receive a special wristband as a thank you for their support.

We hope that everyone will get involved and we look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their very own superhero.

Thank you for your continued support.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the families that came along to share our Attendance assemblies last week. We awarded our special pencils and certificates for last half term and were delighted that you were able to join us.

We need to keep working really hard to reach our target of **96%**, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

Many congratulations to all our wonderful Attendance Award winners!

Use your new pencil with pride!



JONATHAN GULLIS MP

Last Friday, we welcomed Jonathan Gullis MP to Holden Lane. He was delighted to visit our school and was very pleased to meet the children and staff.

Following a lovely lunch with the children in the school hall, we held a question time discussion with our Head Boys, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and our Year 6 School Council. The children prepared an excellent range of questions covering topics such as the cost of living crisis, homelessness, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse, what the government is doing to improve Stoke on Trent and the country and whether all primary school pupils should be entitled to free school meals.

Jonathan was extremely impressed by our pupils and their interest in the world of politics. He commented on his social media, 'After having lunch with the pupils, I was grilled in an excellent Q&A session where I was asked some insightful questions on a range of topics about both what I do as an MP and key current affairs. Then the students took me around their school to see all the classes and showed off some of their brilliant work, including their very neat handwriting! It was great to see how much pride the pupils and staff have in their school and I look forward to highlighting their good work in the House of Commons very soon.'

It is always a pleasure to show visitors around our fabulous school and introduce them to our children. As always, all of our children provided a very warm welcome. They were a credit to the school and made us all very proud.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP READING

Very well done to all of the children in Year 2 and Year 6 who are currently taking part in our Parent Partnership Reading Project. This is a project that is organised every year to boost progress and promote the pleasure and importance of reading both at school and at home. Every child that takes part reads daily at school and then at home for 5 weeks. Progress in reading is then measured and every child that participates is awarded a special book of their choice.

The pupil who makes most progress out of each class will receive an electronic reader!

We are very excited to see how much progress has been made!

Well done and thank you to everyone who has taken part.



PARENT CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 2023

Parent Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 8th March from 3.30pm to 7pm.

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to discuss your child's progress and their future targets for development. Letters will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent
Consultation
Evenings



NEW AND IMPROVED LUNCH MENUS

Last term, we consulted with the children to explore ways that we could improve our lunch menus.

Following feedback from the children, we discussed the possibility of designing our very own lunchtime menu.

We were then delighted that City Catering agreed that the children could come up with their own menu choices in order to make the meals more appealing and to reduce the amount of food that is wasted each day.

Last term, each class worked on devising a menu and put forward their thoughts and ideas. The result is that we now have a new menu that has been totally designed by the children for the children.

The new menus will be in place from Monday 30th January. Please take a look on our school website to see the new and improved menus and to find out more.

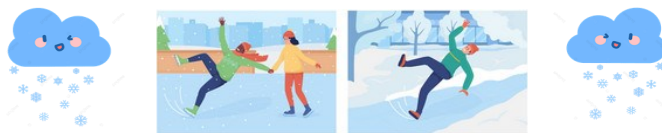


WINTER WEATHER ~ ICE AND SNOW

In the event of ice or snow, it is our policy to ensure that pathways into school are gritted to help keep everyone safe. Please ensure that you keep to the gritted paths that lead from the gate to the doors in which the children enter school.

The health and safety of the children and their families remains our priority at all times.

Thank you for your continued support.



DEMOLITION OF THE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

On Monday 16th January, the demolition work began on the site of the Working Men's Club. We have been assured that every step will be taken to minimise any disruption to residents and that safety will be maintained. However, due to the work, the parking area is not available for the next 6 weeks whilst the demolition is in progress. It is therefore essential that parents and carers drive and park safely and responsibly at the start and end of the day.

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Friday 3rd February ~ Help for Heroes Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Tuesday 7th February ~ Safer Internet Day 2023
- ◆ Friday 17th February ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Friday 17th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 27th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Thursday 2nd March ~ World Book Day 2023
- ◆ Wednesday 8th March ~ Parent Consultation Evening
- ◆ Friday 17th March ~ Red Nose Day Non-uniform Day
- ◆ 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 ~ School closed for BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Tuesday 9th 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**

