



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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SCOOTER SAFETY AT HOLDEN LANE

Very well done to our super Year 2 and Year 4 pupils who recently took part in scooter safety sessions delivered by Bee Active. Each class spent a morning learning all about how to ride and look after a scooter safely. They learnt how to cross the road safely by looking both ways, they found out about the importance of wearing a helmet and bright clothes to help to be seen by others and they learnt how to check the scooter to make sure it is safe to ride by checking the wheels, brakes and handles. They also found out how to be polite to other road users and learnt the important safety message of 'look, hear and think'. The pupils all participated with huge amounts of enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. As always, they were great ambassadors and an absolute credit to the school. Very well done to our scooter experts in Year 2 and Year 4!

BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Throughout last week, Key Stage 2 pupils were very busy working on their bicycle riding skills. Children from Year 4 started their Learn to Ride Bikeability Level 1 training. Our experienced riders from Year 5 and Year 6 completed Bikeability Level 2 which builds on their experience from last year. The training is a national scheme funded by the Department for Transport and provided to schools through Stoke on Trent City Council. All of our children took part sensibly and showed an excellent attitude throughout the training. They worked very hard to ride their bikes safely and to demonstrate their new skills. The children who successfully completed the programme were awarded Bikeability badges and certificates. Very well done to all our super Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 cyclists ~ we are very proud of you!



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER HELP FOR HEROES

Very well done to all the children who took part in our Help for Heroes non-uniform fundraising day to raise money to provide support for British Armed Forces service personnel and their families. Children were invited to come to school dressed as their very own superhero in exchange for a small donation to the charity. We raised a super total of **£128**. Thank you all for supporting this special charity and thinking of others. Everyone looked fabulous in their superhero outfits! Thank you for your continued support!

**THANK YOU
FOR BEING A
HERO FOR
OUR HEROES**

**THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US!**

FAMILY LEARNING

A huge thank you to all the families that joined our Nursery and Reception children for our recent family learning session. The session was based on the book 'A squash and a squeeze', by Julia Donaldson. The children explored the brilliantly funny story and its important moral about being grateful for what we have. The lively rhyming and repetitive text gave the children a fantastic opportunity to develop their speech and language skills. We hope that everyone enjoyed the session and we look forward to more family learning in the future. Thank you for your continued support.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, the whole school celebrated Safer Internet Day. Each class was 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'** explored respect and relationships online.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school. The children took great interest in celebrating Safer Internet Day to re-emphasise the online safety messages that we deliver throughout the year. They took part in a wide range of activities to reinforce the key messages of how to stay safe online.

Very well done to everyone for taking part and showing such a positive attitude to online safety.

What do you use the Internet for?



watching TV shows



watching online videos



playing games



The internet can be loads of fun!



talking to friends



homework



finding out things

WORLD BOOK DAY

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Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or in their pyjamas ready for story time for our annual World Book Day celebration on Thursday 2nd March. There will be a wide range of activities taking place throughout the day to promote reading for pleasure and a love of books, including a special story time with milk and cookies. We hope that everyone will get involved in sharing this special and exciting event and very much look forward to seeing all the children (and staff) in their pyjamas or World Book Day costumes! More details to follow after half term.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

Our After School Care Club, led by Mrs Kent, provides care from 3pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday. The cost of the care is £3 per session with a drink and snack provided. If you would like to book a place, more information can be found on the school website located under the 'parent' section or by contacting the school office.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 17th February. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation to our chosen charity. This term, our School Council has chosen to support the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Thank you for your support in helping others.

NON UNIFORM DAY



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.



**Please
Keep To The
Paths**



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 future targets for development. Letters will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent
Consultation
Evenings



February Half Term

HALF TERM BREAK

School closes on **Friday 17th February** for the Half Term break. We wish all the children a very happy Half Term and look forward to seeing them all when school re-opens on **Monday 27th February**. Doors will be open from 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is in school bright and early so that they can start their learning at 9am prompt.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ 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 ~ 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**

