



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

**"Working Together, Learning for Life"**



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## **ANTI-BULLYING QUALITY MARK GOLD AWARD**

We are absolutely delighted to have received the Anti-bullying Quality Mark Gold Award for our school, the very first school in England to have achieved this prestigious award! The ABQM assessor said,

*The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark is a national scheme which endorses how good schools are at preventing bullying. It challenges them to establish effective, sustainable anti-bullying policies and strategies.*

*Holden Lane Primary School is the first school in England to achieve the ABQM-UK Gold Award because staff, students, families and*

*Governors demonstrated that anti-bullying has had a significant impact on the community.*

*The pupils and staff have worked really hard to build a safe and supportive environment for expressing their feelings and managing their behaviour. This means that pupils are far less likely to get involved in bullying behaviour. They have also built a culture of respect and understanding which means that trusting friendships and adult-pupil relationships can thrive.*

*We would like to congratulate Sharon Reece for her resilience and dedication to securing this really impressive achievement for the Holden Lane community, as well as her colleagues, governors, pupils and parents/carers for their commitment to anti-bullying. We hope that the Gold Award recognises their efforts and inspires them to continue to strengthen their anti-bullying policy and practice for the benefit of the local community.*

Huge congratulations to Mrs Reece, our children, staff, governors and parents for their hard work in supporting our commitment to anti-bullying at Holden Lane. We are extremely proud to have our work recognised by the first ever Gold award in England and feel very much inspired and motivated to continue strengthening our anti-bullying policy and practice to sustain this excellent practice moving forward.

**ABQM-UK GOLD - WELL DONE TO EVERYONE AT HOLDEN LANE!**



## **YEAR 6 VISIT SWYNNERTON PARK**

A HUGE well done to our Year 6 class who visited Swynnerton Park. Their day was entitled, 'Countryside Learning working with Estate Owners and Farmers to Educate, Inform and Inspire'. The visit provided an opportunity to learn how important the countryside is to all of us and

how we need to look after it. The children took part in a wide range of activities which included meeting with Lord Stafford and exploring the kitchen garden. The children planted strawberry plants and were able to bring one home. They met a working sheep farmer, his sheep and two-week-old lambs. They watched one of the adult sheep having their yearly shear. Then they learned how the fleece is processed by hand, spun and turned into wool to create various products including clothing, rope and nets. They met a local dairy farmer and made their own butter from full-fat cream. They also met with the estate gamekeepers and learned how the estate controls pests across the land. Finally, they spent time with a local beekeeper, some of their swarm and were able to bring away some of the local honey to sample. To end a wonderful day, the children met the 'hunt' horses and friendly foxhounds.

The children enjoyed an extremely busy and informative day. As always, they were a credit to the school and made us extremely proud. Very well done Year 6, what a fabulous day out in the countryside.



## **GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU**

As the Summer term draws to an end, we are saying goodbye, good luck and thank you to Mrs Bould, Mrs Bustos-Herran and Mrs Parker who are leaving Holden Lane for pastures new.

On behalf of everyone at Holden Lane, we would like to wish them all the very best for the future and sincerely thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school.

**GOOD LUCK FOR THE FUTURE  
FROM US ALL!**



## **ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION 2023 — OUR THANKS**

Thank you to all the parents and families that joined us for our very special Awards Presentations this week. We were delighted to welcome you all into school to celebrate the outstanding success and achievements of our children.

We are extremely proud of all our children and look forward to more super learning and excellent achievements next year.

Thank you for your continued support and very well done to everyone at Holden Lane!

**Congratulations to our award winners, you made our teachers and families extremely proud!**



## **SUPER SCIENCE WEEK 2023**

Well done to everyone for their incredible interest and enthusiasm during Science Week. We thoroughly enjoyed exploring the wonderful world of science to increase our knowledge and understanding of all things scientific.

Many thanks to Mrs Condliffe for her excellent leadership and organisation. Many thanks also to the families that came along to our Science afternoon. It was absolutely fabulous to see so many of you in school. We hope that you found the afternoon informative and enjoyed taking part in the learning activities alongside the our Science Ambassadors.

Well done again to all the Holden Lane Super Scientists - you have made us very proud!



## Fabulous FUNdraising

### HOLDEN LANE ENTERPRISE GALA 2023

A **MASSIVE** thank you to everyone who joined us for our Enterprise Gala after school last week. We would like to thank the children and staff for their tremendous hard work in organising the stalls. Each class made their own items to sell whilst learning about the world of business and the skills needed to become an entrepreneur.

We raised an **AMAZING £291.00** - what an achievement!

Money raised will be used for the development of our school. Thank you again to everyone who made the afternoon such a great success, your support for our school is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Mrs Reece who continues to be the driving force in coordinating and organising our fundraising events. We are extremely grateful for her dedication and enthusiasm in working for the benefit of our school community.

### SINGING AT WESLEY HALL

Congratulations to our **FABULOUS** school choir who visited Wesley Hall on Tuesday to sing to the Tuesday Luncheon Club. The choir were given a very warm welcome, they sang a selection of songs and then enjoyed refreshments whilst talking to the senior citizens and telling them all about our school.

Their singing went down a storm and everyone had a wonderful time. We look forward to more exciting concerts for our choir next year.

Well done to our wonderful Holden Lane singers—you made us very proud!



### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/2024

School will open for children after the summer break on

**TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2023.**

A school calendar is enclosed with your newsletter for your information.

Please note that term dates are also available on the school website.



### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Families of our Year 6 children are warmly invited to join us to share their last class assembly on

**THURSDAY 20th JULY**

at 9.10am.

We hope that you will come along and join us.



### NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 21st JULY

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 21st July to raise money for Cheadle Animal Welfare. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation to our charity. We hope that everyone will get involved.

Thank you for your continued support.



### BURSLEM ASSOCIATION GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Many congratulations to our Year 6 girls' football superstars from our after school football club who made it to the finals of the Burslem Sports Association Girls' Football tournament which took place at Northwood Stadium. The girls played three matches and made it to the semi-finals. They participated with great enthusiasm and showed great teamwork.

Well done, girls, what a fantastic achievement for Holden Lane Primary School!

Many congratulations for demonstrating such fabulous sporting talent.



### INCREASE IN SCHOOL DINNER CHARGES

We have been informed by City Catering that due to food inflation, there will be an increase in the price of school dinners from September 2023.

The price of a Nursery school dinner will increase from £2.12 to **£2.50**. The price of a dinner for children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will increase from £2.60 to **£3.30**.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

**- NOTIFICATION -  
PRICE INCREASE**

### 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 Sunday 16th July. 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:

- ◆ Friday 14th July ~ Reports sent home
- ◆ Friday 14th July ~ Bring and Buy Uniform Sale at 3pm
- ◆ Wednesday 19th July ~ Parent Consultation Evening from 3pm to 7pm
- ◆ Thursday 20th July ~ Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Thursday 20th July ~ Year 6 Prom at 5.30pm
- ◆ Friday 21st July ~ Non-uniform Charity Fundraiser
- ◆ 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**
- ◆ Monday 4th September ~ School closed for staff training
- ◆ Tuesday 5th September ~ Autumn Term 2023 begins for pupils

