



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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**WELCOME  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL**

## 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 fabulous 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!

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will take place on Wednesday 20th 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 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.



## YEAR 3 HARVEST ASSEMBLY PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED!

Families of all pupils are warmly invited to join us for our Year 3 Harvest assembly on

**Tuesday 10th October at 9.10am.**

We are inviting families to make a tin or food donation to be distributed to local people in Sneyd Green and families in need throughout Stoke-on-Trent via the Food Bank at Wesley Hall. If you would like to support us, we would be very grateful if you would send your tins or food items into school between now and the assembly on 10th October.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



**Food  
Collection**



## WELCOME TO BUG CLUB

This term, we are really excited to be starting a new reading programme called Bug Club to support the development of reading and promote reading for pleasure.

This is a fantastic reading scheme which ensures that children can find books at exactly the right level for them.

In addition, there are online versions for every printed book that you can access at home. Inside every printed book, there are useful notes to help you make the most of reading with your child.

A letter providing all the key information that you need to know was sent out on Thursday along with the login details for your child.

We really hope that you and your child will love our new books and enjoy reading them at home.

If you have any further questions or require our help, please let us know.



## 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 12th SEPTEMBER at 9.10am**

**RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ~ WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER at 9.10am**

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

Our attendance for last half term was 93%.

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

**DOORS ARE OPEN FROM 8.45AM!**

# School Uniform

## SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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.

## WARNING!

For safety reasons  
this play equipment  
can only be used under  
School staff supervision

## 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.

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum newsletters for each class will be sent home next week.

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.

## 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.

UPDATE YOUR  
DETAILS



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

## GARDEN PARTY

Families are warmly invited to the Garden Party and Village Show in the City at Saint Andrew's Church this Saturday from 3pm to 5pm. Entry is free of charge and there will be a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy including games, performances, crafts and food.

The church will also be hosting a village show with a range of categories for children to enter including the biggest sunflower, heaviest radish, most peas in a pod, funniest Mr Potato, best decorated egg and many more.

For more information, please contact Saint Andrew's Church.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs will begin from

**Monday 11th 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 ~ ENCOUNTER

Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 are warmly invited to experience 'Encounter' at Saint Andrew's Church. The sessions cost £1 and take place on Fridays from 6pm to 7.15pm.

They include crafts, games, activities, interactive talks, outings and a tuck shop.

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 11th September ~ After school clubs begin
- ◆ Tuesday 12th September ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Wednesday 13th September ~ Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Wednesday 20th September ~ School photographs for individual pupils
- ◆ Tuesday 10th October ~ Year 3 Harvest Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Thursday 26th October ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-Uniform Day
- ◆ Thursday 26th October ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Friday 27th October ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
- ◆ Monday 6th November ~ School opens for pupils after Half Term

