



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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Alpha

Academies Trust

ALPHA ACADEMIES TRUST

Last September, Holden Lane joined Alpha Academies Trust as a federated member. This was a first step in order to experience everything that the trust has to offer our school before making the decision to explore conversion to academy status.

Since becoming a federated member, we have been working in partnership to further improve our school, and as a result of this positive experience, governors have now applied for the school to convert to an academy as part of the trust.

Alpha Academies Trust is a network of primary and secondary academies based in Stoke on Trent. Its purpose is to deliver first-class education for every child and to overcome inequality. We believe that Holden Lane has many shared values with the trust and we are very much looking forward to the mutual opportunities and benefits that officially joining the trust will bring. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the school office.

NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Thursday 26th October.

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation to our charity. Our newly appointed School Council will now consult with the rest of the school to agree this term's chosen charity. We will let you know as a decision is reached.

Thank you for your support in helping others.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

HALF TERM BREAK

School closes on **Thursday 26th October** for the Half Term break. We wish all the children and their families a very happy Half Term and look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on **Monday 6th November**. 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.

Please note that school is closed on FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER for staff training.

HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM!

FAMILIES LUNCH INVITATION!

We would like to invite families to join us once again to try a school meal and eat lunch with their child.

The next "Stay for Lunch" days are:

Wednesday 25th October for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 26th October for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We look forward to sharing lunch with you!



YEAR 3 HARVEST ASSEMBLY VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Harvest celebration assembly last week.

We would like to congratulate our Year 3 children for creating and performing such a fantastic assembly and sharing their important messages so very well. They sang beautifully, worked as a team and made everyone proud!

Well done Year 3, you are a credit to our school and we are very proud of you all!

We would like to sincerely thank all of the children and families that have supported us by bringing food items into school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the food collected will be distributed to local people and families in need.

The Food Bank thank everyone for their kindness. We are very proud that the children of Holden Lane Primary School continue to be part of this very worthwhile community project. Thank you for your continued support.



YEAR 6 VISIT PARK HALL AND POTTERIES MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

A HUGE well done to our Year 6 class who visited Park Hall Country Park and Hanley Museum last week. They started the day with a mini-beast hunt in the quarry and carried out pond dipping, classifying the creatures that they found. They learnt about the history of the site from when it was a quarry and how, over time, humans have allowed nature to take over the site.

At the museum, the children learnt about food chains, which involved mapping out food chains and food webs. They saw the food chains as they were made up using the stuffed animals from the museum's displays and were able to get up close to look at and touch the animals (including a fox, rabbit, hawk and blackbird). They used magnifying glasses to study the different parts of beetles and looked for similarities between different species of beetles. Finally they discussed the impact that humans have had over time on the landscape and nature of the local area (both positively and negatively).

The children enjoyed an extremely busy and informative day, despite the heavy rain.

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 both the countryside and when studying at the museum.



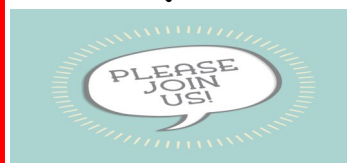
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING ~ OUR THANKS

Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us for our Parent Consultation Evening last week. We were so pleased to see you and welcome you into school to discuss your child's progress and areas for future development. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's teacher, who will be very happy to arrange a suitable alternative appointment time. Many thanks also to all the parents that completed our school questionnaire. We very much value your thoughts on how to continue to develop and improve our school. Thank you for your continued support.



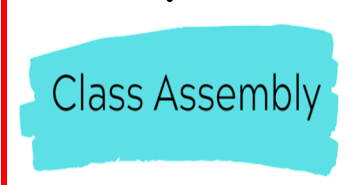
YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us for our Year 4 Class Assembly on **Tuesday 24th October at 9.10am.** We hope that you will come and join us.



YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us for our Year 5 Class Assembly on **Tuesday 14th November at 9.10am.** We hope that you will come and join us.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the attendance success of our children. We will be awarding our attendance awards and certificates for this Half Term and would be delighted if families would come along to share our special assembly.

KEY STAGE TWO ~

TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER at 9.10am
NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ~
WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER at 9.10am

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

Our attendance for this half term stands at 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 by 10 minutes to 9 to ensure that they are in class by 9 o'clock ready for their learning.

DOORS ARE OPEN FROM 8.45AM!



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER
CHILDREN IN NEED

We are holding our annual non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 17th November to raise money for Children in Need. Children are 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 hope that everyone will get involved to help less fortunate children and their families. Thank you for your continued support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Tuesday 24th October ~ Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Wednesday 25th October ~ Stay for Lunch for Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2
- ♦ Thursday 26th October ~ Stay for Lunch for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Tuesday 7th November ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Wednesday 8th November ~ Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Wednesday 14th November ~ Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need Non-uniform Day
- ♦ Tuesday 21st November ~ Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ♦ Thursday 21st December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 8th January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2024
- ♦ Friday 9th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 19th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 22nd March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2024
- ♦ Monday 8th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2024
- ♦ Monday 6th May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ♦ **Monday 13th May 2024 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ♦ Friday 24th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ **Monday 3rd June ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ♦ Tuesday 4th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2024
- ♦ **Monday 22nd July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**



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