



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023

Very well done to all of our children for their interest and enthusiasm when taking part in Anti-bullying Week last week. Every class was fully involved in activities to promote working together to prevent bullying in our school.

We believe very strongly in promoting positive relationships and our aim is to spread the anti-bullying message throughout school and the local community.

This year's theme - **Make a noise about bullying** - aimed to empower children, staff and families to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

A huge well done to the children and staff who came to school wearing odd socks to mark the start of the week. This gesture helped us to remember and celebrate that we are all unique and equally special in our school. Many thanks also to the families that joined us to take part in our Anti-bullying workshop afternoon. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you taking part in the different activities to show that if we all work together, we can demonstrate that bullying behaviour will not be tolerated at our school.

The children, as always, were delighted to share their learning with their families.

We remain extremely proud to be the first school in England to have achieved the gold level ABQM (Anti-bullying Quality Mark) status which shows that our work to prevent bullying has been recognised and celebrated.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Anti-bullying Week 2023!

Our school Anti-bullying Policy is available from the school office.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT BULLYING BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT HOLDEN LANE!



YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Year 6 class assembly. We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for performing such an informative assembly all about the importance of working together. They worked as a team to show that when we work together, we can achieve anything!

Well done Year 6, you are a credit to our school and we are proud of you all!



YEAR 5 ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Year 5 class assembly last week. We would like to congratulate our Year 5 pupils for creating such a super assembly to promote anti-bullying as part of our special week of events. The children all performed with confidence as they shared the message that bullying will not be tolerated, gave advice on how to get help and sang their songs with great enthusiasm.

Well done Year 5, you are our excellent anti-bullying experts and we are very proud of you!



THE LITTLE LIBRARY VAN VISITS NURSERY

Our Nursery children were delighted to welcome the Little Library Van to school. The children were really excited to share a range of stories, rhymes and songs.

A huge thank you to the families that came along to join their children for this special visit. It was wonderful to see the children developing their reading skills and a love of books. Well done to our super Nursery children, we are very proud of you all.

Families may wish to visit the 'gallery' section of our website to see more fabulous photographs of this special visit.



SPORT4ALL FESTIVAL

Well done to the pupils from Year 5 who represented Holden Lane at the Sport4All Festival at Excel Academy last Friday. The children joined other local schools to take part in a range of exciting sports activities including boccia, new age kurling, seated volleyball, adapted athletics, adapted badminton and goalball. All the activities helped to raise awareness of inclusive sports and demonstrated that sport can be enjoyed by everyone. The children, instructed by Year 7 sports leaders, participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed developing their skills. They also demonstrated many of the School Games Values including determination, self-belief and team work. They represented Holden Lane with pride and were a credit to the school.

VERY WELL DONE TO OUR SPORTING SUPERSTARS!



BURSLEM SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Over the last two Friday evenings, our Year 5 and Year 6 football squad have competed alongside 5 other local primary schools in the Year 5 and Year 6 Burslem Sports Association football competition. Battling through some fierce fixtures, the pupils played extremely well, producing a fantastic set of results, including 3 wins and 3 draws. This concluded with an amazing **THIRD** place finish in the league standings.

The team played with great enthusiasm, showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. They demonstrated fantastic resilience and showed positive support for each other as well as impressive individual football skills.

The children represented Holden Lane with pride and were a credit to the school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EXCELLENT FOOTBALLERS!



FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE ONE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year, we are once again delighted to announce that our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One will each be performing their very own Christmas production.

In order to enable more children to be actively involved and to ensure that families can be seated comfortably in the hall, there will be two separate productions.

Our children have started to rehearse their Christmas performances and families are warmly invited to join us at this special time.

**Nursery and Reception will perform 'Our Christmas Story' on
Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am.**

**Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform "Angel Express" on
Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am.**

Please note that there will be a collection for School Fund after the performance.
All money raised will be used for providing additional resources for the children of our school.
Thank you for your continued support.



**HAVE A
PUDSEY
HIGH FIVE**

NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our annual non-uniform fundraising day to raise money for Children in Need. Children were 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 raised a wonderful £129.25 to help less fortunate children and their families. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and continued support.

PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL-IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

The concerns regarding traffic outside school at the start and end of the day continue. Recent complaints include school traffic blocking resident driveways and mounting the pavement. 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.



CHRISTMAS DINNER ~ COME AND JOIN US!

Christmas dinner will be served on
Thursday 21st December 2023.

Children who normally bring sandwiches are invited to join the school dinner children to celebrate the coming of Christmas with a traditional Christmas dinner.

Vegetarian options are available.

Letters with all the details were sent out this week.

CARS AND KIDS DON'T MIX

Please park away
from our school

SCHOOL - KEEP - CLEAR
THANK YOU



WINTER FETE FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

We are holding our annual
Winter Fete on Friday 8th
December at 3.15pm in the
school hall.

Please come along and join the
festive fun!



MOVIE NIGHT

We will be hosting our next Movie Night on
Monday 11th December.

We will be showing Abominable (2019 U rated) in our school hall from the end of school until 5pm.

The cost is £3 which includes a drink and a snack.

Letters were sent out this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Friday 8th December ~ Winter Fete after school at 3.15pm
- ◆ Monday 11th December ~ Film Club after school
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December ~ Nursery and Reception Nativity at 9.15am
- ◆ Wednesday 13th December ~ Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance at 9.15am
- ◆ Monday 18th December ~ Christmas Party Day
- ◆ Wednesday 20th December ~ Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration at 9.15am
- ◆ Thursday 21st December ~ Non-uniform Charity Fundraiser
- ◆ Thursday 21st December ~ Christmas Dinner Day
- ◆ 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**

