



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE ONE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our children are almost ready to share their Christmas performances and families are warmly invited to join us.

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.

Christmas Performances

WINTER FETE ~ AFTER SCHOOL TODAY!

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in items for the different stalls arranged for our Winter Fete. Please join us after school today for heaps of festive fun and games! We look forward to seeing you all.

WINTER

Fete

KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Families are warmly invited to join us for Christmas songs and carols on **WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER at 9.10am in the school hall.**

We hope that you will join us to celebrate the coming of Christmas. 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.

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YEAR 1 VISIT HANLEY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Year 1 visited Hanley Museum and Art Gallery last week to develop and enrich their history learning. They took part in an exciting workshop to discover more about toys from the past. They explored the types of toys including dolls and teddy bears from over a hundred years ago. They then played with a range of toys including spinning tops and a Jack-in-a box. They were fascinated to discover what they were made from and how they moved. They were then able to make their own toy based on the cup and ball game.

They finished the day with a tour of the rest of the museum and looked at the natural history and local history galleries. They explored a wide range of animals, the Victorian street and the Spitfire exhibit.

Well done to our wonderful Year 1 historians, you are fabulous ambassadors for our school and you have made us very proud.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy a good, old, traditional Christmas pantomime.

The younger children were visited by a theatre company who performed in our school hall. Our Key Stage 2 children, joined other Stoke on Trent schools at the King's Hall in Stoke. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the story of Cinderella and the experience of seeing it performed.

Well done to all of our pupils for their great interest and superb attitudes.



THE RAINFOREST ROADSHOW VISITS YEAR 4

Very well done to our Year 4 biologists, explorers and anthropologists who recently enjoyed a very special visit from Dave from the Rainforest Roadshow to enrich their learning about rainforests. The children were fascinated as the tropical rainforest was brought to life in front of their eyes. They marvelled at the leaf insects, the tarantula called Amelia and the giant millipede. They examined tribal artefacts and found out a wide range of interesting facts about the way of life of the people who make the rainforest their home.

The children learnt to make traditional tribal necklaces and had their faces or arms painted in the tribal patterns of the indigenous tribes of the Amazon. Finally, they tried on necklaces and parrot headdresses (made by the tribes) as Dave used hand whittled instruments to imitate the sounds of the birds who reside there. They found the day utterly fascinating, showed a superb attitude to their learning and were inspired by the real life tales of Dave's travels through the rainforest.

At the end of the day, he congratulated the children on their behaviour, respectfulness and enthusiasm. Well done to our Year 4 ~ we are very proud of your interest and passion for learning!





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.

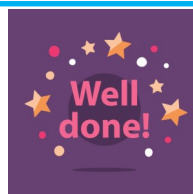
Thank you for your support and cooperation.



TIMES TABLES SUPERSTARS!

A huge well done to our Year 4 pupils who took part in the Alpha Academies Trust Battle of the Schools competition. Out of the 4 primary schools that took part, Holden Lane finished in second place. The three highest scorers were **Shoaib, Krystal and Daniel**. In the England Rocks competition that Key Stage 2 also took part in, the three highest scorers were all from Year 6, very well done to **George, Joe and Callum**.

Huge congratulations to our times tables rockstars in Year 4 and Year 6 and to all the pupils in Key Stage 2 who took part in our times tables competitions. We are very proud of you all!



MOVIE NIGHT

We will be hosting our 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone!



NON-UNIFORM CHARITY FUNDRAISER

We are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform (including Christmas jumpers) on **THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER**.

We would request that each child makes a small donation towards our charity, Save the Children. We look forward to seeing everyone in their winter woollies to celebrate the coming of Christmas and to raise money for less fortunate children all over the world.

Thank you for your continued support.



Save the Children



CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!

Letters will be sent home on Monday containing details of Christmas Party arrangements for **Monday 18th December**.

Children are invited to come to school in their party clothes.

Any queries, please ask your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.



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 - come to school in party clothes
- ◆ 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**

