



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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**WELCOME  
BACK  
to  
School**

## A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It has been a pleasure to welcome our children back to school as the new year begins.

The children have returned to school full of smiles and enthusiasm for their learning.

We are looking forward to all the new learning that 2024 will bring and we wish a very happy and successful new year to everyone at Holden Lane Primary.

Wishing all our families, children, staff, friends and governors a very happy 2024!



## ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the attendance success of our children.

Next week, we will be awarding our attendance badges and certificates for the last Half Term and would be delighted if families would come along to share this special assembly.

**KEY STAGE TWO ~ TUESDAY 16th JANUARY at 9.10am**

**NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ~ WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY at 9.10am**

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

Our attendance for last half term was **95%**.

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!**

## PARENT CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2024

Parent Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 21st February from 3.30pm to 7pm.

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to discuss your child's progress and their future targets for development. Letters will be sent out later this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parent  
Consultation  
Evenings



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out today. They provide important information about the topics that the children are learning this term. They also provide guidance on how parents can support their child's learning at home. We hope that you find them useful and informative. They can also be viewed on our school website under the Our Curriculum section.

Thank you for your continued support.

**CURRICULUM  
Newsletter**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2024

We would like to thank our parents and carers for their support in promoting our school uniform. Our school uniform is a purple knitted jumper or cardigan with a grey trim, white shirt, purple and grey striped tie, purple and grey check skirt with pleats, 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. 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. This includes coming to school in their tie and sensible black shoes, to enable each and every child to feel extremely proud to be part of Holden Lane Primary School.

Please note that polo shirts and trainers are not part of our school uniform. Thank you for your continued support.



### SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY OUR THANKS

Well done to all the children who took part in our Christmas Jumper non-uniform day at the end of term to raise money for Save the Children. We have raised a super total of **£59.30**. Thank you all for supporting this special charity and thinking of others. Everyone looked fabulous in their wonderful Christmas outfits! Thank you for your continued support!

# Thank you



### JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

In order to keep our children safe and prevent loss or damage of items, we ask that jewellery is not worn on school days. Children with pierced ears should wear small studs only and we would be most grateful if these are removed on PE days. Necklaces, rings, hoop earrings and bracelets should not be worn in school under any circumstances.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



### PLAY EQUIPMENT ~ REMINDER

We politely request that parents and carers discourage their children or younger siblings from using the outdoor play equipment before or after school as staff supervision is required as part of our risk assessment procedures. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping keep everyone safe at Holden Lane.

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY



### NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 9th February. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation to our chosen charity. This term, our School Council has chosen to support the City Dogs Home.

Thank you for your support in helping others.



### WINTER WEATHER ~ ICE

In the event of ice, it is our policy to ensure that pathways into school are gritted to help keep everyone safe. Please ensure that you keep to the gritted paths that lead from the gate to the doors in which the children enter school. The health and safety of the children and their families remains our priority at all times. Thank you for your continued support.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Tuesday 16th January ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Wednesday 17th January ~ Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Tuesday 6th February ~ Safer Internet Day 2024
- ◆ Friday 9th February ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Friday 9th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 19th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Wednesday 21st February ~ Parent Consultation Evening
- ◆ Monday 26th February ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Wednesday 28th February ~ Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Thursday 7th March ~ World Book Day 2024
- ◆ Friday 15th March ~ Red Nose Day Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Friday 22nd March ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ◆ 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**

