



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS



**"Working Together, Learning for Life"**

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## A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome our children back to school following the January lockdown.

The children have returned to school happy, smiling and full of enthusiasm for their learning.

They are 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 class bubbles and how they continue to follow our routines as part of our Covid-19 risk assessment. We would like to sincerely thank our parents and carers for their tremendous support over the last half term. The children have worked so hard on their remote learning and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

We are now looking forward to the new learning that the rest of the term will bring.

## WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS

Holden Lane has started working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This is an award that supports the school to promote emotional wellbeing and positive mental health for both pupils and staff. It is a supportive and developmental process with a focus on 'impact and actions' to help the school demonstrate specific and wider impacts of school policies and interventions in order to ensure that there is effective provision and practice.

We would be delighted to involve parents and carers in this project and your thoughts and ideas would be warmly welcomed. Mrs Reece will be sending out a parent questionnaire and we will keep you updated with our progress towards the award.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact Mrs Reece.



## KEEPING SAFE AT HOLDEN LANE ~ COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

We would be most grateful if families would continue to social distance to help minimise contact with others outside each household, on the way to and from school and also on our school site.

Please use the space available to maintain social distancing and respect the boxes outside each classroom to avoid direct contact with the school staff. We also ask that only one family at a time enter the school reception area for essential visits only and that face coverings are worn.

**In order to keep our school community safe it is our expectation that only one adult from each family drop off and collect their children at the start and end of the school day.**

**We also request that high school students do not join parents and carers collecting younger siblings on the school premises.**

Thank you for your understanding in supporting the school to protect all members of our school community. Minimising contact and mixing between people reduces transmission of Covid-19.

Please continue to look out for symptoms of the virus. These are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and, loss of, or change in your normal sense of taste and smell. **Do not send your child to school if they show symptoms or someone in the household has symptoms.**

If you have any concerns or require any further guidance, please contact Mrs Reece or Miss Thomas.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

# COVID-19

## Coronavirus



## SANTA'S PONY VISIT HOLDEN LANE ~ OUR THANKS

We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Joanne Powell-Beckett, Ward Councillor for Sneyd Green, for kindly funding our Christmas visit from Santa's special pony on the last day of the Autumn Term. The children were thrilled to meet the Christmas pony and we are very grateful for this generous gesture.



## CONSULTATION ON CONVERSION TO ACADEMY STATUS WITH SAINT CHAD'S ACADEMIES TRUST

A letter was sent out on Monday 22nd February to inform parents and carers that our school governors have proposed to convert to academy status with Saint Chad's Academies Trust. As part of this process, we are consulting with parents and carers.

If you have any questions, or if you wish to comment on the proposal, please return the slip that was provided with the letter to school using the box at the office entrance. A member of staff will then get back to you.

We are also planning a meeting for parents, carers and stakeholders once it is possible to do so.

Representatives from St Chad's Multi Academy Trust will attend the meeting, alongside members of the Governing Body, to answer your questions and listen to your comments. Unfortunately, given the current restrictions, we may need to arrange this through a virtual platform which will still provide an opportunity to ask questions, both formally and informally.

We will keep you fully informed throughout the consultation. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

# ACADEMY

### 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. Under normal circumstances, staff supervision is required as part of our risk assessment procedures. However, as part of the Covid-19 risk assessment, contact between children from different class 'bubbles' must be avoided. We would be most grateful for your support in implementing this important measure.

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.

### PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

The concerns regarding car parking outside school at the start and end of the day continue.

Cars continue to mount the pavement alongside pedestrians walking into school whilst blocking the driveways of residents. As you are aware, cars driving on and off the pavement place our children and families at risk. 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 be aware that our concerns have been reported to the City Council and monitoring is underway.

Please note that we are relying on the cooperation of parents and carers to drive and park responsibly in order to keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



### ROCK DOWN RELIEF UK

Today is the launch of Times Tables Rock Stars Rock Down Relief UK which is a times tables challenge in support of Red Nose Day. This is a competition between the classes in school from Year 2 to Year 6 which runs from today until Thursday 18th March.

Each time a pupil plays any battle or game type on TTRS, they earn points for their class. At the end of the week, an average point score is calculated and the class with the highest score will be announced as the winners. Certificates will be awarded to the children in the winning class. We look forward to all of our pupils getting involved in this special event to support Red Nose Day whilst practising their times tables.



### NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

#### FRIDAY 19th MARCH

#### RED NOSE DAY FOR COMIC RELIEF

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 19th March to raise money for Comic Relief.

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes or wearing a red nose in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

We hope that everyone will get involved to show support for this year's campaign.

Thank you for your continued support.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM

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 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. 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.

Thank you for your continued support.



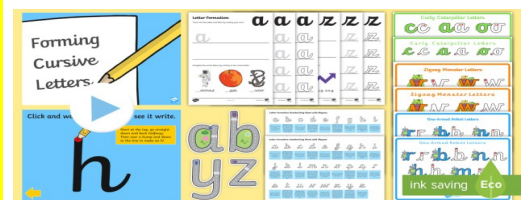
### HANDWRITING AT HOLDEN LANE

#### GET YOUR WHOOSH ON!

We are really excited to be introducing a new approach to handwriting from Nursery to Year 6. The children are really enjoying trying out the new approach and their cursive handwriting is looking amazing.

Please find a flyer attached with this week's newsletter to provide more information. We would be most grateful if you would promote our new approach with your child.

Thank you for your continued support.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Friday 19th March ~ Non-uniform fundraiser for Comic Relief
- ◆ Thursday 1st April ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2021
- ◆ Monday 19th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2021
- ◆ Monday 3rd May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ Friday 28th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 7th June ~ School opens after Half Term
- ◆ Tuesday 20th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2021
- ◆ **Wednesday 21st July ~ STAFF TRAINING DAY**