



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS



"Working Together, Learning for Life"

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Easter School Holidays



HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School closes on Thursday 1st April for the Easter holiday. We would like to congratulate the children for their excellent attitude to learning following the return to school after the lockdown.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **MONDAY 19th APRIL** for the start of the Summer Term 2021.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy break.

Thank you for your continued support for our school.

WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS

As you are aware, Holden Lane is 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. As part of the process, parents and carers were asked to complete a questionnaire.

We would like to thank everyone who has taken part so far. We very much value your contributions towards helping us to improve wellbeing for all at Holden Lane.

We will keep you updated with our progress towards the award.

Thank you for your continued support.



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. **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.



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.



SCHOOL DINNER CHARGES

We have been informed by City Catering that there will be an increase in school dinner charges from April 1st 2021. The new cost of a Nursery school meal is £2.05 and the new cost of a meal from Year 3 to Year 6 is £2.50.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

We have an exciting new menu for the Summer Term which can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' section.

For further information, please contact the school office.





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.

AVOIDING HEAD LICE

We need your help to keep head lice under control in our school.

The following tips can help:

Use detection combing regularly to identify head lice.

Perform detection combing on anyone who is likely to have had head to head contact with the sufferer.

Keep long hair tied up to minimise head to head contact.

Please contact our school nursing service if you would like further help and advice.

Thank you for your continued support.



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

A huge well done to all of our children who have been working hard to practise and improve their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars. The Times Tables Rock Stars Rock Down Relief UK was very well supported and every class worked extremely hard and did their best.

This week, our Year 3 class are taking part in a city-wide competition. We wish them luck as they have fun whilst improving their times tables skills!



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

RED NOSE DAY FOR COMIC RELIEF

Well done to all the children who took part in our Red Nose Day non-uniform event to raise money for Comic Relief. We have raised a super total of **£197.79**.

Thank you all for supporting this special charity and thinking of others.

Thank you for your continued support!



NON-UNIFORM CHARITY FUNDRAISER

We are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform on **Thursday 1st April**.

We would request that each child makes a small donation towards our school charity. Our children have chosen to support Stand Up To Cancer. We hope that every child will get involved.

Thank you for helping others through our school charity fundraising.



EASTER CELEBRATION



SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH EASTER CELEBRATION

Saint Andrew's Church would like to invite families to a fun Easter celebration on Friday 2nd April at 3pm. The interactive celebration is for all ages and will be delivered using Zoom. There will be games, crafts, stories, music, a quiz and a whole lot more! If you would like to join the fun, you can order a craft pack and get the Zoom code by contacting the church.

Please email sarah@standrewssneydgreen.com or telephone 07888669233.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Thursday 1st April ~ Non-uniform fundraiser for Stand Up To Cancer
- ◆ 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**