



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

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



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## SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

School closes on **Friday 28th May** for the half term break.

We look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on:

**MONDAY 7th JUNE at 8.50am.**

We wish everyone a very happy half term break.



## 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. If you have any concerns or require any further guidance, please contact Mrs Reece or Miss Thomas. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK ~ 17th to 21st MAY 2021

Walk to School Week begins on Monday 17th May.

We hope that pupils, parents and staff will have an enjoyable time taking part to promote sustainable travel in and around the City.

Walk to School Week is a country-wide celebration of walking.

This year's theme for the five-day walking challenge is **WALKING SUPERPOWERS**. The challenge will focus on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet. Each day pupils will be introduced to a brand new 'Walking Superpower', taking the form of a fun, **comic-book inspired design**.

Walking has so many benefits from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets.

All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom.

We very much look forward to seeing everyone enjoying their walk to school as they join thousands of children across the country to celebrate the wide range of benefits that walking brings.

Thank you for your support for Walk to School Week.



## ANTI-BULLYING QUALITY MARK BRONZE AWARD

We are absolutely delighted to have received the Anti-bullying Quality Mark Bronze Award.

The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark is a national scheme which shows how good schools are at preventing bullying. It challenges schools to set up effective and sustainable anti-bullying policies and strategies and to make them part of their everyday life.

The ABQM assessor said,

**'Holden Lane Primary School achieved the ABQM-UK Bronze Award because staff, pupils, parents and governors demonstrated that anti-bullying is a whole school priority in which they all play an active role. Pupils are actively involved in the development of anti-bullying in the school. As a result of their work, the school has established a range of approaches to make sure that pupils feel safe and included.'**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Reece for her coordination of this achievement, as well as the children, staff, governors and parents for their hard work in supporting our commitment to anti-bullying at Holden Lane. We are extremely proud to have our work recognised by the Bronze Award and feel very much inspired and motivated to begin working towards achieving the ABQM-UK Silver Award.

**ABQM-UK BRONZE - WELL DONE TO EVERYONE AT HOLDEN LANE!**



## CARS AND KIDS DON'T MIX

Please park away from our school



## PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

### IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

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

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 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.

## DENIM FOR DEMENTIA

We are inviting children to come to school wearing denim on **Friday 28th May** in order to raise awareness of dementia. Stoke on Trent aims to become a 'Dementia Friendly City' and in order to achieve this goal, there needs to be a proactive approach to dementia awareness across the city. We would request that each child makes a small donation towards the charity.

We are also inviting staff, friends and families to wear denim for the day and make a donation so that the whole community of Holden Lane can show its full support to raising dementia awareness.

We look forward to seeing everyone wearing denim for the day to raise money for people living with dementia.

Thank you for helping others through our charity fundraising.



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

A huge well done to all of our children who have continued working hard to practise and improve their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars.

This week, our Year 2 class are taking part in a city-wide competition. We wish them luck as they have fun whilst improving their times tables skills!

Good luck Year 2, we wish you great success!



## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Our annual class groups, Year 6 Leavers and Reception Graduation photographs will be taken after half term on **Wednesday 23rd June**.

We look forward to seeing all of our children looking their very best, super smart in their uniform, ready for their class photograph.

Thank you for your continued support.



## 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.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Friday 28th May ~ Charity fundraiser non-uniform day ~ Denim for Dementia
- ◆ Friday 28th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 7th June ~ School opens after Half Term
- ◆ Wednesday 23rd June ~ Class photographs
- ◆ Tuesday 20th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2021
- ◆ **Wednesday 21st July ~ STAFF TRAINING DAY**