



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS



"Working Together, Learning for Life"

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**Public Health
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IMPORTANT ADVICE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

On Wednesday, a letter was sent home to inform parents and carers of the latest advice from the Director of Public Health.

The seven-day rate of coronavirus cases in Stoke-on-Trent is now **85 per 100,000 people**, for the week 11th June to 17th June 2021. There continues to be a significant increase of cases in the city, **increase of 71.7%** on the previous seven days. The percentage of people who have had a test and **tested positive is 2.5%**.

As many of you will be aware, there have been a number of COVID-19 cases in Staffordshire schools. Some of these cases have been linked to the outbreak in Leek. The testing of thousands of secondary and primary schools in Newcastle is now underway.

Given that there have been cases in schools and within schools in neighbouring local authority areas, **we are urging all staff and pupils in Stoke-on-Trent city schools – both in primary and secondary settings – to take a COVID-19 test before the end of this school week.**

One in three people with COVID-19 do not show symptoms, so regular testing using lateral flow tests (LFTs) is key to squashing any potential outbreaks.

You can access tests via a number of ways, details are provided in the letter that was sent home this week which can also be found on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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.

COVID-19
Coronavirus

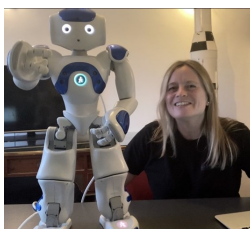
SCIENCE WEEK 2021

Last week, we were delighted to celebrate Science Week 2021.

This year, our whole school theme was Space and every class was involved in activities to develop their knowledge and understanding. The children enjoyed taking part in wide range of investigations, experiments and activities. To start the week, the children were launched into a journey to Mars through an online assembly and the week ended with a visit to the stars in the Space Dome.

The children worked with great interest and thoroughly enjoyed their learning. The experience enabled them to connect biology, chemistry and physics to the wonderful world of space from their learning across the curriculum. We are very proud of everyone for their enthusiasm and we were extremely pleased to see that many children continued their learning through their own research completed at home.

Many thanks to all the pupils for their great enthusiasm and to Mrs Condliffe for her leadership in organising such an exciting event for our school.



NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

There are still Nursery places available for September 2021.

If you have not already applied for your place and have a child who will be 3 years old before 1st September 2021, please contact the school office for an application form.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Nursery Places





VIRTUAL PARENT CONSULTATION ~ WEDNESDAY 7th JULY 2021

Parent Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 7th July from 3.30pm to 7pm. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress throughout the year and their end of term report. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are making arrangements for your appointment with your child's class teacher to take place remotely.

We hope that all parents will take advantage of this opportunity.
Thank you for your continued support.
More information to follow shortly.

SPLASH THE PONY AT STORY TIME

Last week, Nursery and Reception children were delighted to welcome Splash the pony back to school to share their story time. The visit was organised to promote the joy of reading, a love of books and the pleasure of sharing stories. The children were really excited to share a story and were especially delighted to welcome the pony along to share story time and help them to develop their language skills.

Very well done to Nursery and Reception!

What a wonderful way to end to the day!



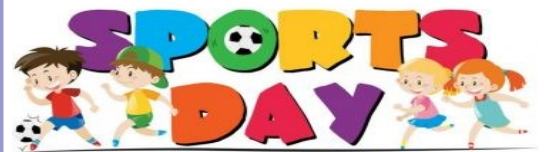
SPORTS DAY DATES 2021

Next week, Sports Days will be taking place across the school to celebrate the sporting achievements of our children. Each event will take the form of a celebration of the wide range of sports and PE activities that the children have enjoyed and practised throughout the year.

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Sports Days will take place in class bubbles and for this reason families will unfortunately be unable to attend.

We wish each class bubble an enjoyable morning of sporting success!

Thank you for your continued support!



NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Pupils in Key Stage 2 have been busy taking part in The National Primary School Challenge. The challenge involved working in small groups to design and promote a new waterpark attraction.

We are extremely proud that two teams from Holden Lane have been selected to attend the national finals which are taking place today at Waterworld.

Well done to our groups from Year 4 and Year 5 who have reached the final six. We wish them the very best of luck for the competition. Congratulations to you all, you have made us super proud!



ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATIONS 2021

This year our special end of year awards will take place in class bubbles. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite families to share this event.

If your child has been nominated for a special award, you will receive a letter to inform you.

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:

- ◆ Wednesday 7th July ~ Virtual Parent Consultation Evening from 3pm to 7pm
- ◆ Monday 19th July ~ Year 6 Prom at 5.30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 20th July ~ Non-uniform Charity Fundraiser
- ◆ Tuesday 20th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2021
- ◆ **Wednesday 21st July ~ STAFF TRAINING DAY**
- ◆ Wednesday 1st September ~ School closed for staff training
- ◆ Thursday 2nd September ~ Autumn Term 2021 begins for pupils