



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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HALF TERM BREAK

School closes on **Thursday 21st October** for the Half Term break.

We wish all the children a very happy Half Term and look forward to seeing them all when school re-opens on **Monday 1st November**.

Doors will be open from 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is in school bright and early so that they can start their learning at 9am prompt.

Please note that school is closed on **FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER** for staff training.



PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

The concerns regarding traffic outside school at the start and end of the day continue and recent complaints include school traffic blocking resident driveways.

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 and park responsibly in order to keep our school community safe.



PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

OUR THANKS

Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us for our Parent Consultation Evening on Wednesday. We were so pleased to see you and welcome you into school to discuss your child's progress and areas for future development.

If you were unable to attend, please see your child's teacher, who will be very happy to arrange a suitable alternative appointment for you.

Many thanks also to all the parents that completed our school questionnaire. We very much value your thoughts on how to continue to develop and improve our school on our journey.



HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL ELECTIONS 2021

Voting by pupils and staff has taken place for our 2021 Head Boy and Head Girl elections. This year, each candidate presented their speech to the rest of the school by video and made us all extremely proud by sharing their excellent speeches with great thought and enthusiasm.

The standard of the speeches was incredibly high which made voting a very difficult job.

Each candidate described how they would represent the pupils of the school and uphold our school **STARS** values of:

Safety, Trust, Achievement, Respect and Support.

We are exceptionally proud to announce the results:

Head Boy: **Uno Mkuhlani** Head Girl: **Kaci Durose**

Deputy Head Boys: **Liam Bennett** and **Trai Lungrin**

Deputy Head Girls: **Elsie-Mae Byrne** and **Noor-UI-Huda Bilal**

We are also very proud to announce our new school prefects who will be working closely with the Heads and Deputies.

Congratulations to **Chloe Corbishley, Kayla Deacon, Lucas Donkin, Rory Foster, Naceyah Fox, Mira Magta, Reyah Qasim** and **Connie Sillito**.

We were tremendously proud of all the pupils who took part in our elections, they are all a credit to our school. They will now be fully involved in decision making to further develop and improve Holden Lane!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES!

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU ALL!



HARVEST COLLECTION 2021

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Throughout the month of October, we are inviting families to make a tin or food donation to be distributed to local people in Sneyd Green and families in need throughout Stoke-on-Trent via the Food Bank at Wesley Hall.

If you would like to support us, we would be very grateful if you would send your tins or food items into school between now and half term.

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.



SPLASH THE PONY AT STORYTIME

Last week, Nursery and Reception children were delighted to welcome Splash the pony back to school once again to share 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!



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Thursday 21st October. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation to our chosen charity. Our School Council will soon consult with the rest of the school to agree this term's charity. We will let you know as soon as a decision is reached.

Thank you for your support in helping others.



#HELLOYELLOW NON-UNIFORM DAY WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Very well done to all the children and staff who have taken part in today's **#HelloYellow** non-uniform fundraising event to support World Mental Health Day. We have raised a super total of **£165.64** and would like to thank everyone for their support. The money raised will go to YoungMinds who provide mental health support to help young people develop resilience to overcome life's difficulties.

It was fantastic to see everyone dressed in yellow to help raise awareness of the importance of mental health.

Thank you for your continued support!

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH ~ GLORIOUSLY MESSY

Families are warmly invited to 'Gloriously Messy', led by Saint Andrew's Church at Sneyd Green Community Centre. From 4.30pm to 6pm on 31st October, 21st November and 12th December, there will be crafts, games, activities, interactive talks and worship, concluding with a meal. Entry is free although donations are welcome.

For more information email: sarah@standrewssneydgreen.com or telephone 07888669233.



SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH ~ ENCOUNTER

Children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are warmly invited to 'Encounter' at Saint Andrew's Church each Friday during term time between 6pm and 7.15pm. The group costs £1 per session with the first visit free of charge.

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ENCOUNTER

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO MRS CHADWICK

Next Friday, we will be saying goodbye and wishing the very best of luck to Mrs Chadwick who leaves our school to begin her retirement. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Chadwick for eight years of loyal and dedicated service to our school. Her commitment to Holden Lane has been greatly appreciated and we wish her a long and very happy retirement.

Goodbye and good luck Mrs Chadwick, we will miss you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Thursday 21st October ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-Uniform Day
- ◆ Thursday 21st October ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ **Friday 22nd October ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ◆ Monday 1st November ~ School opens for pupils after Half Term
- ◆ Thursday 16th December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2021
- ◆ Tuesday 4th January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2022
- ◆ Friday 18th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 28th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Friday 8th April ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2022
- ◆ Monday 25th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2022
- ◆ Monday 2nd May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Monday 9th May 2022 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ◆ Friday 27th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 6th June ~ **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ◆ Tuesday 7th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Tuesday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2022
- ◆ **Wednesday 20th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

