



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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## ONE KIND WORD

Anti-bullying Week 2021

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK ~ 15th to 19th NOVEMBER 2021

Anti-bullying Week begins on Monday 15th November. The whole school will be involved in activities to promote working together to prevent bullying at Holden Lane. Each class will focus on working hard to encourage positive relationships and to spread the anti-bullying message throughout school and our local community.

This year's theme - **One Kind Word** - aims to show that kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it is filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another.

Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

Throughout the week, our children will be learning to understand what constitutes bullying, where to go for help and how to help others. They will be raising awareness of the effects of bullying on the lives of children both in the short and long term. They will be discussing the safe and responsible use of technology and exploring how anti-bullying links to our school's STARS Values.

Children and staff are warmly invited to come to school on Monday 15th November wearing odd socks with their school uniform to mark the start of Anti-bullying Week. This will help us to remember and celebrate that we are all unique and equally special in our school.

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT BULLYING BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT HOLDEN LANE!**

To find out more visit <http://www.antibullyingweek.co.uk/>, <http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/aba-week.aspx> or <http://www.childline.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued 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 and resident driveways become blocked. 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!

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ~ THANK YOU!

The attendance success of our children was celebrated in our classrooms this week.

We awarded our badges and certificates for last half term. Our attendance for last term was 93.6%.

During these challenging times, we must continue working really hard to reach our target of **96%**, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

**Many congratulations to all our wonderful Attendance Award winners!**

**Wear your badges with pride!**

*Attendance Matters!*



**NON-UNIFORM DAY  
FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY 19th  
NOVEMBER  
CHILDREN IN NEED**



We are holding our annual non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 19th November to raise money for Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, in spotty clothes or dressed as Pudsey Bear in exchange for a small donation to the charity. We hope that everyone will get involved to help less fortunate children and their families.

Thank you for your continued support.

### STOKE CITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 football squad who took part in a tournament before half term alongside 12 other schools from across the city. The tournament was organised by Stoke City Community Trust and took place at the Power League in Trentham. The boys participated with great enthusiasm and showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. They showed positive support for each other as well as fantastic individual football skills. Their efforts were rewarded in their performances, winning two matches in total. The boys made us very proud and were a credit to our school. Many thanks to Mr Gibson for all his hard work in training the squad during his after school club and congratulations to the boys for demonstrating such fabulous sporting talent.



### CHANGE4LIFE FESTIVAL

Well done to the pupils from Year 3 and Year 4 alongside our Sports Ambassadors from Year 5 and Year 6 who represented Holden Lane at the Change4Life Festival at Excel Academy on Wednesday. The children joined other local schools to take part in a range of exciting sports activities including boccia, new age kurling, seated volleyball, parachute games, slalom relay, survival, throwmania and goal ball. They all participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed developing their skills. They represented Holden Lane with pride and were a credit to the school.

**VERY WELL DONE TO OUR SPORTING SUPERSTARS!**

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### PLAY EQUIPMENT ~ REMINDER

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We politely request that parents and carers discourage their children or younger siblings from using the outdoor play equipment before or after school as staff supervision is required as part of our risk assessment procedures. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping keep everyone safe at Holden Lane.

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### 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.

For more information email:

sarah@standrewssneydgreen.com or telephone 07888669233.

ENCOUNTER

### 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 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.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Monday 15th November ~ Wear odd socks with your uniform to promote anti-bullying
- ♦ Monday 15th November ~ Anti-bullying Week begins
- ♦ Friday 19th November ~ Children in Need non-uniform fundraiser
- ♦ 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**

