



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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HALF TERM BREAK

School closes today 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

As you are aware, the concerns regarding traffic outside school at the start and end of the day continue with recent complaints that include school traffic blocking resident driveways and cars mounting the pavement. This week, traffic enforcement officers have been in attendance to monitor the situation and they will continue to visit the site in the coming weeks.

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.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

The attendance success of our children will be celebrated after half term.

We will be awarding our attendance badges and certificates for the last half term.

Our attendance for last half term was **93%**. The target for all Stoke-on-Trent schools is 96%.

We need to keep working really hard to reach our target, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

Please support us by making sure that the children arrive at school on time to ensure that they are in class by 9 o'clock ready for their learning. Doors open at 8.45am.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



School success starts with attendance

HARVEST COLLECTION 2021

DONATIONS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Throughout the month of October, families have been invited 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.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the children and families that have supported us by bringing food items into school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the food collected will be distributed to local people and families in need.

The Food Bank thank everyone for their kindness. We are very proud that the children of Holden Lane Primary School continue to be part of this very worthwhile community project.

Thank you for your continued support.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER — OUR THANKS

Very well done to all the children who have taken part in today's non-uniform fundraising event. The School Council has chosen to raise money for Helping Angels who are a small, local charity that provide support to help vulnerable adults, children and their families to reach their full potential.

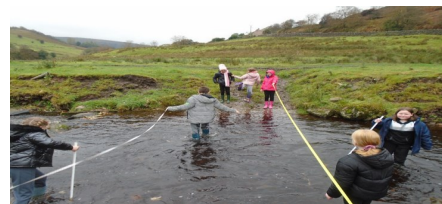
We have raised a super total of **£124.45** and would like to thank all of the children that have taken part.

Thank you for your continued support!

YEAR 5 VISIT THE PEAK DISTRICT

Year 5 visited Buxton and Leek this week to enrich their learning about rivers. They carried out a study of the River Dane with the expert staff from Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre. They braved the great outdoors to carry out a range of investigations. They visited the source of the river and examined the effects of erosion. They worked together to calculate the speed of the river flow and took measurements to investigate the depth. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed great enthusiasm for their learning.

Well done Year 5, you have made us all very proud.



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.

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 6 class is taking part in a city-wide competition. We wish them luck as they have fun whilst improving their times tables skills!

Good luck Year 6, we wish you great success!



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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**

