



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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

Very well done to all of our children for their interest and enthusiasm when taking part in Anti-bullying Week 2021.

It was wonderful to see everyone wearing odd socks to start the week and to celebrate that we are all unique and equally special in our school.

Every class has been fully involved in activities to promote working together to prevent bullying in our school. We believe very strongly in promoting positive relationships and our aim is to spread the anti-bullying message throughout school and the local community.

This year's theme - **One Kind Word** - aimed 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. 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.

We are very proud to have achieved the bronze level ABQM (Anti-bullying Quality Mark) status for our school and we are now working on achieving the silver award.

Our school Anti-bullying Policy is available from the school office.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Anti-bullying Week 2021 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.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks to everyone who took part in last Friday's annual non-uniform fundraising day to raise money for Children in Need. Children were 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 raised a wonderful **£174.20** to help less fortunate children and their families through this year's campaign.

Thank you for your generosity, kindness and continued support.



SCHOOL DINNER MENUS

If you would like information about our school dinner menus or find out more about what we are serving each day, the menus can be found on our school website.

Please go to the 'parent' tab and you will find the menus under 'lunches' or contact the school office for a paper copy.

Thank you for your continued support.



JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

In order to keep our children safe and prevent loss or damage of items, we ask that jewellery is not worn on school days. Children with pierced ears should wear small studs only and these should be removed on PE days.



Necklaces, rings and bracelets should not be worn in school under any circumstances.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



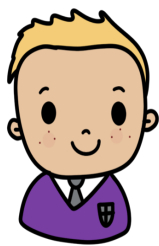
ENGLAND ROCKS CHALLENGE



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. Our Key Stage 2 classes took part in a nationwide event where they competed against other schools by earning points for every times table question that was answered correctly. Out of the 4334 schools who took part, Holden Lane did really well by coming 804th and out of the 83,097 classes, Year 6 were our highest performing class coming in at 1225th. Well done to everyone for working so hard to improve their times tables skills!

We are very proud of you all!





SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to thank our parents and carers for their support in promoting our school uniform. It is wonderful to see the children looking so fabulously smart and feeling incredibly proud in their uniforms. Our uniform is a purple knitted jumper or cardigan with a grey trim, white shirt, purple and grey stripe tie, purple and grey check skirt with pleats, grey trousers and sensible black shoes. Our Year 6 uniform includes a blazer and plain purple tie, making the class easily recognisable as the most mature class of the school in preparation for high school next year.

At Holden Lane we have very high expectations and we believe very, very strongly in the importance of promoting our school uniform and dressing smartly for school. We would be most grateful if you would continue to ensure that your child attends school in the correct school uniform to enable each and every child to feel extremely proud to be part of Holden Lane Primary School.

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 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.



YEAR 5 FESTIVAL OF FUN

Very well done to our Year 5 class who represented Holden Lane at a fabulous Fun Festival at Excel Academy on 12th November. They joined other local schools to take part in a busy, fun filled morning of challenges including walking, jogging and running over an inflatable obstacle course, bubble machine, ladders, hoops and mini-hurdles. They all participated with huge amounts of enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities on offer. As always, they represented Holden Lane with great pride and were an absolute credit to the school.

VERY WELL DONE TO OUR YEAR 5 SUPERSTARS!



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 and we have requested further traffic enforcement officer visits to monitor the situation. 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.



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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PLAY EQUIPMENT ~ REMINDER

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Monday 13th December ~ Whole School Party Day - wear party clothes all day
- ♦ Thursday 16th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day
- ♦ Thursday 16th December ~ Christmas Dinner Day
- ♦ 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**

