



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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## A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to welcome our children back to school as the New Year begins. The children have returned to school happy, smiling, refreshed and full of enthusiasm for their learning.

We are looking forward to the new learning that 2022 will bring and we wish a very happy and successful New Year to everyone at Holden Lane Primary.

Wishing all our families, children, staff, friends and governors a very happy 2022!



## WELCOME TO MISS LAWS

We are delighted to welcome Miss Laws to our school team as our new Year 3 Class Teacher. Miss Laws has thoroughly enjoyed her first week at Holden Lane and has been delighted to get to know her new class. Please look out for her around the school and say hello to warmly welcome her to Holden Lane!



## ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

The attendance success of our children will be celebrated in our classrooms next week.

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

Our attendance for last half term was **94%**.

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.

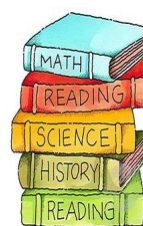
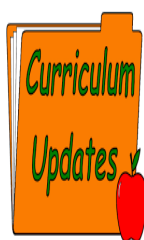
Your support is greatly appreciated.



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out today. They provide important information about the topics that the children are learning this term. They also provide guidance on how parents can support their child's learning at home. We hope that you find them useful and informative. They can also be viewed on our school website under the 'Our Curriculum' section.

Thank you for your continued support.



## OUR HOLDEN LANE DANCE FILM IS ON THE WEBSITE!

Last year, during the Summer Term, Year 4 (our current Year 5) were very excited to work with A7 Media to create an exciting film to showcase their fabulous dance work.

The children created their dance with our ASM Sports coach during their PE lessons. A7 Media then worked with the children to film their work and we were absolutely thrilled that some of the footage was captured using a drone!

We are incredibly proud of the children who all took part with great interest and enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the release of the film was delayed but we are now incredibly proud to announce that it is ready to launch on our website.

Please visit the 'Gallery' section, we hope that you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed creating it.

Many congratulations to our Year 5 class for their excellent work. We are extremely proud of you all!





### SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2022

We would like to thank our parents and carers for their support in promoting our school uniform. Our school uniform is a purple knitted jumper or cardigan with a grey trim, white shirt, purple and grey striped 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. 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 ensure that your child attends school in the correct school uniform. This includes coming to school in their tie and sensible black shoes, to enable each and every child to feel extremely proud to be part of Holden Lane Primary School. Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.



### WINTER WEATHER ~ ICE OR SNOW

In the event of ice or snow, it is our policy to ensure that pathways into school are gritted to help keep everyone safe. Please ensure that you keep to the gritted paths that lead from the gate to the doors in which the children enter school.

The health and safety of the children and their families remains our priority at all times.

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 we would be most grateful if these are removed on PE days.

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

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



### SPRING TERM SCHOOL DINNER MENUS

If you would like information about our new school dinner menus or to 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.

Thank you for your continued support.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Monday 10th January ~ After school clubs begin
- ♦ 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**

