



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ~ THANK YOU!

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

We awarded our special pencils and certificates for last half term.

Our attendance for last term was 94%.

Despite the difficulties of the pandemic, we continue to work 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!

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.



SNOWY WEATHER!

In the event of snow or adverse weather conditions, all school closures are reported to BBC Radio Stoke and announced at regular intervals throughout the morning. As soon as a decision is made regarding a closure, the Local Authority is informed by the school.

School closures are then listed on the Local Authority website and BBC Radio Stoke website. The school also issues a text message to confirm that a decision to close has been made. A number of factors are taken into account before a decision to close a school is made, however, the health and safety of the children, their families and the staff remain our priority at all times in such circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support.



ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL!

As you are aware from previous newsletters, our attendance data is monitored by the Local Authority and the government and our figures continue to show an unacceptable number of pupils arriving late each morning.

Families who regularly arrive late at school will be contacted by the Educational Welfare Officer and a Late Clinic is currently being arranged. 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.

Please note that doors are now open from 8.45am.



CONTACT DETAILS

We would like to remind parents and carers to inform the school office if there are any changes needed to contact details or emergency contact information for your child. It is very important that information is kept up to date so that parents and carers can be contacted quickly when necessary.

Please see the office staff as soon as possible if you have any changes to your details.

Thank you for your continued support.



SAFER INTERNET DAY ~ TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2022

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 8th February.

The whole school will be involved in activities to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

This year's theme - **all fun and games?** - explores respect and relationships online.

Using the Internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school.

Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to re-emphasise the online safety messages that we deliver throughout the year.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE.

More details, including top tips for parent and carers, to follow shortly.



Safer
Internet
Day 2022



SAFETY ON OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

We politely request that parents and carers discourage their children from using the outdoor play equipment on the school playgrounds before and after school as staff supervision is required as part of our risk assessment procedures.

We also request that children are discouraged from walking along the stone edging of our school path or on the grass or field. Please encourage your child to use the pathway to avoid trip hazards and damage to the trees.

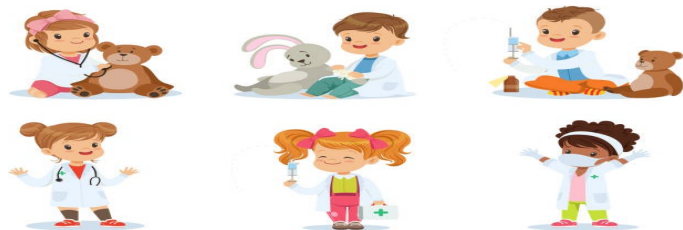
Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping keep everyone safe at Holden Lane.



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL TIME

If your child is required to attend a medical appointment in school time, we would be most grateful if parents and carers would inform the school office in advance.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



WINTER WEATHER ~ ICE

In the event of ice, 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.



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 30th January, 27th February and 27th March, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ♦ Tuesday 8th February ~ Safer Internet Day 2022
- ♦ Friday 18th February ~ Non-uniform Charity Fundraiser
- ♦ Friday 18th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 28th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Thursday 3rd March ~ World Book Day
- ♦ 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**

