



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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## 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.

A letter from Mrs Bould is included with this week's newsletter.

The letter contains further information including top tips for parents and carers to help you support your child with online safety at home.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



## YEAR 2 VISIT THE MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL

Very well done to our super Year 2 pupils who represented Holden Lane at the Multi-skills Festival at Excel Academy. They joined children from other local primary schools to take part in a range of multi-skill activities and challenges including boccia, jumping and mini-hurdles. They all participated with huge amounts of enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities on offer. Mrs Reece was incredibly proud of their excellent sportsmanship and exceptional conduct. Each and every pupil worked hard to achieve their very best. As always, they represented Holden Lane with great pride and were an absolute credit to the school.

Very well done Year 2!



## HALF TERM BREAK

School closes on **Friday 18th February** 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 28th February.**

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.



## NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

### FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 18th February. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation to our chosen charity. This term, our School Council has chosen to support the City Dogs' Home. Thank you for your support in helping others.



## WORLD BOOK DAY ~ MARCH 3rd 2022

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book for our annual World Book Day celebration on Thursday 3rd March. There will be a wide range of activities taking place throughout the day to promote reading for pleasure and a love of books.

We hope that everyone will get involved in sharing this special and exciting event and very much look forward to seeing all the children (and staff) in their World Book Day costumes!

More details to follow after half term.



## BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Despite the blustery weather conditions, Key Stage 2 pupils have been very busy working on their bicycle riding skills this week. Children from Year 4 and Year 5 started their Learn to Ride Bikeability Level 1 training. Our experienced riders from Year 6 began Bikeability Level 2 which builds on their experience from previous years.

The training is a national scheme funded by the Department for Transport and provided to schools through Stoke on Trent City Council. The children worked very hard to ride their bikes safely and to demonstrate their new skills. The children who successfully completed the programme were awarded Bikeability badges and certificates.

Very well done to all our super Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 cyclists ~ we are very proud of you!





### SCHOOL COUNCIL DEBATE

Very well done to our School Council who visited the King's Hall last week to take part in a debate with a group of representatives from Stoke on Trent City Council. They were invited to have their say about what the City Council is doing to make Stoke on Trent a safer city and to share ideas on anti-social behaviour, litter and improving the environment. They were also able to find out about how decisions are made, ask questions, visit the Council Chamber and Lord Mayor's Parlour and join the Lord Mayor himself to discuss issues that are important to them. Mrs Reece was extremely impressed by their excellent approach, their enthusiasm and their outstanding behaviour. What excellent ambassadors for our school—very well done to our School Council!



### 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 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.



### WELL-BEING QUESTIONNAIRES

#### WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS

Holden Lane is working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

This is an award that supports the school to promote emotional wellbeing and positive mental health for both pupils and staff.

As part of the process, parents and carers are asked to complete a questionnaire. We would be most grateful if you would follow the link that has been sent out today by text message and complete the short questionnaire.

We very much value your contribution towards helping us to improve wellbeing for all at Holden Lane.

We will keep you updated with our progress towards the award. Thank you for your continued support.



### AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

Our After School Care Club, led by Mrs Kent, provides care from 3pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday. The cost of the care is £3 per session with a drink and snack provided.

If you would like to book a place, we have a new electronic booking form on the website located under the 'parent' section.

For further information, please contact the school office.

**After School Care Club**

### PARKING AND DRIVING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS

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.



### 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 ~ Charity fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ♦ Friday 18th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 28th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Thursday 3rd March ~ World Book Day 2022
- ♦ Wednesday 16th March ~ Parent Consultation Evening
- ♦ 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**

