

## The Holme C of E Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter Issue 1 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been so lovely to welcome your lovely children back into school! They all look so smart and grown up! Thank you and long may it last. It is such a shame that the weather has been against us this week, however we managed to get them outside at playtime and lunchtime today, which was fantastic!

Talking about weather and playtimes, please can I remind you that children will need coats in school, especially with the changeable weather. There were one or two children who came into school very wet first thing this morning. Also please can I remind you that the playtime snacks KS2 bring in need to be 'healthy,' fruit being the preferred option. We are a nut free school and have a child joining us who is allergic to nuts so we will need to be extra vigilant!

We have sadly said goodbye to Mr Milam, our Forest school practitioner, this term and I am sure you will join with me in thanking him for his support of the school over the past few years. We will be continuing to enjoy outside learning in the forest this term, starting with Year 1 forest fun and Year R Welly Wednesday and I will share more details with you as soon as I have them.

I would, though, like to give a warm welcome to the children and staff who have joined our school community this week. Ms Maidens and Ms Gaze have joined us as part-time class teachers in Year 1 and 3 respectively and I'm sure you will all join with me to make them feel very welcome.

Before I move on to celebrating some of the lovely things that have been going on in our school this week, I have some more beginning of term messages to share with you.

Drop off and pick up times—I am going to endeavour to open the main gate at 8.20am, five minutes earlier, in an attempt to alleviate the congestion first thing in the morning. KS2 children, once confident, should be encouraged to come into school independently in the mornings and can then wait quietly to come into school. Please keep KS1 children with you once on site.

Remember that children should not be bringing toys, expensive items such as tablets, phones or smart watches into school. Year 6 children, once parental permission has been given, who walk to and from school on their own are allowed to bring mobile phones into school for safety reasons, however these need to be handed in to the office once in school.

Jewellery, especially dangly earrings should not be worn to school. If your child has pierced ears they should wear small studs and either be able to take them out for PE or cover them with tape.

Many of these messages will be reiterated at our parent meet and greet next week. In case you missed the email yesterday Year 1 and 2 session will be on Tuesday 10th, Year 3 and 5 will be Wednesday 11th and Year 4 and 6 will be Thursday 12th. All of the meetings will begin with a session with Mrs Stevenson in the hall before going to your child's classroom and children in that class plus younger school age children will be supervised by school staff. Please try to attend if at all possible as there will be lots of information about the year ahead.

Learning wise this week all the children have enjoyed starting their new topics and have spent time settling in to their new topics. The overall curriculum plan for our school is on the website. I have asked teachers to let me have their individual topic webs as soon as possible and I will ensure they are available for you by the end of next week. I haven't any pictures of learning around the school to share with you this week but there has been a real buzz of activity in the classrooms and I am sure there will be plenty to show you next week!

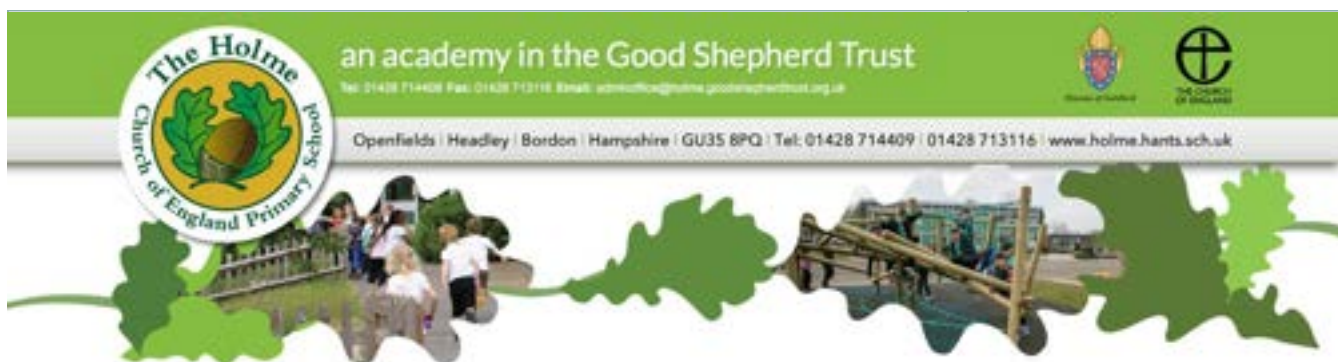
I think that is about all for the time being! Have a lovely weekend, thank you again for all your support and see you all on Monday.

Sarah Stevenson,

Headteacher

### KEY DATES

- Meet and Greet sessions Year 1 and 2  
Tuesday 10th September, Year 3 and 5  
Wednesday 11th September, Year 4 and 6  
Thursday 12th September.
- 14th September The Headley Fete
- Thursday 3rd October - Oakmoor  
Handball tournament.
- 10th October—School Photographer in  
school
- Friday 25th October INSET day
- Monday 28th—Friday 2nd November  
Half term break
- Monday 4th November INSET Day
- 6th and 7th November –Parent/Teacher  
consultations
- 18th November SCARF PSHE workshops  
KS2
- Friday 20th December Break up for  
Christmas at 1.30pm
- Monday 6th January return to school
- Further INSET Monday 20th January  
2025 and Monday 24th February 2025.
- Further Oakmoor sports tournaments :-  
Autumn 2 – Thursday 5th December –  
Hockey,  
Spring 1 – Thursday 13th February -  
Basketball  
Spring 2 – Thursday 3rd April – Tag Rugby  
Summer 1 – Thursday 22nd May – Rounders



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### Forest Learning, Forest Fun and Welly Wednesday!

We are running our outside forest sessions slightly differently this term so that we can make the most of our wonderful forest area for outdoor learning across our school. This term our Year 1 and R children will have their block of sessions during an afternoon and the class teachers will give you more information at the meet and greet sessions.

### PE INFORMATION

- Monday—Nightingales and Falcons
- Tuesday—Falcons and Woodpeckers
- Wednesday - Robins and Hawks
- Thursday—Nightingales, Owls and Woodpeckers.
- Friday—Hawks and Robins

### FROTH DATES

- September - End of Summer Social - Friday 20th September 16:30-19:30
- October - Quiz night - Friday 4th October 19:00-21:30ish
- October -AGM - Sunday 6th October 19:00-21:00
- November - Glow Run, Friday 15th November 17:00-18:30 (this will replace the Christmas event)



The background of the poster is a photograph of a school building with large glass windows and brickwork. In the foreground, several students in school uniforms are walking on a paved path. Golden confetti is scattered throughout the scene, adding a festive touch. The text is overlaid on this image.

# *Oakmoor Open Evening*

**Thursday 12 September  
6 - 8:30pm**

**We can't wait to see you!**



**#TeamOakmoor**

**AMBITION, DETERMINATION, EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY, KINDNESS, RESPECT**



# Dance Classes for children from 2 years +

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