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Dear Parents/Carers,

Packed Lunch Grab Bags – Starts Monday 23rd June

Mellors catering services are pleased to inform you that we now offer a packed lunch grab bag! After speaking with a number of parents it became apparent that a large number of you shared the same frustrations, in particular you worried about the quality of the packed lunch once left in the warmth of the classroom all morning. The Children's food trust have suggested that chocolate biscuits, crisps, sweetened yoghurts and sugary drinks can affect a child's ability to learn in the afternoon. Often 'junk' food makes children feel hyperactive and then sluggish in the classroom, making their concentration dip.

Mellors Catering Services have taken into account all of the above and worked with their company Nutritionist to create a nutritious grab bag for your children. The grab bag gives your child a choice of sandwich, piece of fruit or fruit pot, homemade treat- flapjack, cookie, muffin or chocolate crunch cake, an optional flavoured yoghurt and a fruit juice drink. The beauty of a Mellors packed lunch is that the grab bag is made fresh and timed perfectly for lunch (taking away any health and safety storage issues) The items chosen for the grab bags form part of a nutritionally balanced lunch, aiding your child's learning and concentration in the afternoon. We are confident even the fussiest of eaters will be pleased with our tasty grab bag, to which the pupils can choose to eat outdoors on our new picnic tables funded by your PTFA! Grab bags along with our other hot meals options can all be viewed & pre-ordered via Parent Pay.

Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the Stockport Air Raid shelter and World War 2 museum on Monday 16th June. The children dressed up fantastically as World War 2 evacuees and were fully immersed in the experience. They experienced life in the town's air raid shelter, listened to the air raid siren, experienced both a Morrison Shelter and an Anderson Shelter as well as having the opportunity to try on gas masks, learn chores and collect salvage to help with the war effort. All the staff at the museums were extremely impressed with the children's knowledge and learning about World War 2 and what it would have been like for children at that time. The children's behaviour was superb. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the visit.





Year 4 visit to The Bridgewater Hall

On Tuesday 17th June our brilliant Year 4 musicians performed with other schools and The Halle Orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall. It was an absolutely amazing opportunity for the children to be involved in such an inspiring experience. All the children thoroughly enjoyed it and were a real credit to our school. We are really proud of you Year 4!



Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School Open Evening for Year 5



A message from the PTFA

A huge thank you goes out to Robyn Kozyra in Year 5 who selflessly gave up her day at the School Fair to hold her own very special Raffle! Robyn has amazingly added £165 to our School Fair takings - which brings us up to £2265!

Thank you to everyone who supported Robyn by buying a ticket at the School Fair or on Sports Day for the chance to win a fantastic day out!

All of the money raised will go into our iPad's pot!

Winners:

£20 for Alderford Lake - R from Class 5a

2 slime workshops at Gootopia - A from class 3a

Family game at Dino Falls Golf at The Trafford Centre - S from class 4

5 play Pass at Otterspool Adventure - D from class 3a

Family ticket to Crocky Trail - J from class 2a

Family ticket to Waterworld - T from Class R

If you are a winner, we will get in touch with you to arrange collection with Jenny Kozyra from Days out and Meals out.

If anyone's child/ren have any ideas to run their own fundraisers for the school we are all ears and welcome all ideas!

Are you playing Your School Lottery yet?

Tickets for the school lottery cost just £1 per week. When you buy tickets to play the lottery and support your school, you'll automatically be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize for one supporter at your school as well as a chance to win the top Jackpot prize of £25,000!

They also have some seriously epic mega prizes up for grabs! The next mega prize is a Mega Nintendo Switch 2 Bundle. Please see the attachment for more! Thanking you ever so kindly :)

Beginning and end of school day – reminder

Please note that we are unable to supervise children before 8.40am so children should not be dropped off early unless this has been pre-arranged with the school office. This is also the case at the end of the school day. We appreciate that there may be occasions when you are running late – in these circumstances please contact the school office to let us know and we will look after your child until you arrive. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Reminder

A neighbour has asked that I remind all parents about courteous parking and behaviour. It would be appreciated if parents could refrain from parking across the front of private driveways on any of the roads near to the school when dropping off their children. Please also be considerate about parking on the pavement, as this can impact on parents with buggies. Please do not park in the parking bay outside school as this is needed for school buses.

Whilst we all appreciate parking around the school can be challenging, please try to park considerately. Thank you.

Uniform Shopping:

Just a reminder our uniform shop is open every Friday afternoon before pick up - between 2:45 and 3:15pm - cash and card accepted. If you can't make it you can contact us on hcps.pta@gmail.com with your requests we will then pack your orders and leave them at the office to collect.

School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

Penalty Notices will be issued for
Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for termtime leave of 5 or more consecutive days or
Unauthorised absence: A Penalty Notice may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period
Per Parent/Per Child
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child . For example: 3 siblings absent for termtime leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.
First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for termtime leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
Second Offence
Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either termtime leave or unauthorised attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at: £160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
Third Offence
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a termtime leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of Failure to send a child to school the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

June 2025

Monday 23 rd	Allotment session for Year 1
Tuesday 24 th or Wednesday 25 th	New reception children stay and play, and lunch experience
Friday 27 th	Front Row Music guitar/ukulele concerts for parents (2pm Y1, 2 and 3); 2.30pm Y4, 5 and 6)
Monday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 30 th	Allotment session for Year 2

July 2025

Tuesday 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	Year 6 residential
Thursday 3rd July	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 4.00-6.15pm
Monday 7 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 8 th	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Wednesday 9 th	End of year reports to parents
Thursday 10 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 10 th	Singing club performance for parents 4pm
Monday 14 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 2pm
Wednesday 16 th	Travelling By Tuba music concerts
Wednesday 16 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 6.30pm
Thursday 17 th	Year 6 Leaver's lunch
Friday 18 th	Term ends at 1.20pm

A few dates for the next academic year:-

Please note a change to dates for year groups for Meet the Teacher, based on some teachers moving to different year groups.

September 2025

Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd	Inset days for staff – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd	Autumn Term begins
Monday 8 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 9th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
Wednesday 10th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3
Thursday 11 th	3.30pm Online safety talk for Year 5 and Year 6 parents with PC Andy Cornall, followed by Meet the Teacher for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 15 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 18 th	Individual photos
Monday 22 nd	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2025

Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 13 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 20 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Friday 24 th	Inset day for staff – school closed
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st	Half term break – school closed

Kind regards,

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Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

