

# Holmes Chapel Primary School

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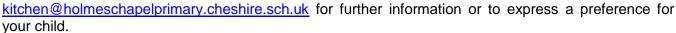
Dear Parents/Carers,

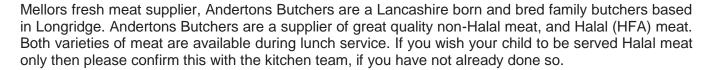
#### **Aspire Speech Festival**

We are very proud of our Year 5 children, Alaria, Mabel and Abbie for taking part in the Aspire Speech Festival on Thursday. All three girls confidently delivered speeches about topics they feel passionate about to an audience of adults and children from different schools.

#### **School Meals**

We want our school meals to cater for a range of dietary requirements – e.g. gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian, vegan etc. Symbols are on the menu to make you aware that these options are available. Please contact our kitchen staff





Mellors also provide a full range of plant-based options including their very own Plant Based range, we have produced our own Plant Based recipe pack which is available to help with serving up delicious, flavoursome alternatives to a full meat diet. Further details if required are available from our Area Manager Louisel@mellors.co.uk

#### Staff appreciation



Congratulations to Miss Yarwood who has been chosen as The Aspire Educational Trust's summer term LOVE award winner. Miss Yarwood was nominated for being an integral part of the team and for her natural ability to build relationships with children of all ages and particularly those with complex needs. Recently, Miss Yarwood went above and beyond with her contribution and support for the fantastic interactive 'wax museum' presentation for Y5 children, which literally brought history to life using Makaton! Well done to Miss Yarwood and to all of our brilliant staff for their continued hard work.



We would also like to wish one of our brilliant midday assistants, Mrs Quinn, a very special birthday weekend. We all sang Happy Birthday to her at the end of break yesterday and we hope she has a lovely time celebrating this weekend with her family.







#### Meal & Trip Balances

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would be extremely grateful if you can kindly pay for all outstanding payments against educational trips and school meals taken. As a school body, this collective total is currently in the region of £4,000 of unpaid trips & meals taken. This level of debt can impact classroom resources we are able to purchase.

#### **End of Year Reports**

Your child's end of year report will be available from 4:00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the information sent out last week regarding how to access this.

#### Forthcoming events

We look forward to welcoming you to the final events of this academic year:-

- Singing club performance for parents Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 4.00-4.30pm (school hall)
- Year 6 leaver's performance Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm

#### Transition sessions - Wednesday 9th July

All children will be meeting the teachers and teaching assistants who will be teaching them from September 2025 on the morning of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This is an opportunity to visit their new classroom and find out about what they will be learning next year. Your child will be given a letter with some information about the year group they are moving into. Further information for parents will be available at our Meet the Teacher sessions in September – see below for dates and times of these events.

#### RSPCA Fundraising Event – Friday 11th July

Our Trust School Councillors have been working with other Trust schools to organise a fundraising event for the RSPCA. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July children are invited to bring in a drawing or photograph of their pet or their favourite animal to share with their class. An optional donation of £1 will go to the RSPCA. School uniform to be worn as normal.

#### Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School Open Evening for Year 5



#### 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 we 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 affect 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.

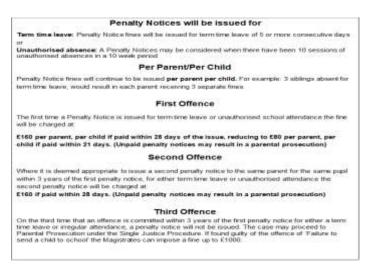
#### **Uniform Shopping:**

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 cannot make it you can contact us on <a href="https://example.com/hcps.pta@gmail.com

#### 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.



#### **Calendar of Events**

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

#### June 2025

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2

## July 2025

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	HCCS Open Evening for Year 5 4.00-6.15pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports to parents
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Singing club performance for parents 4pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	RSPCA fundraising event
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 2pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling By Tuba music concerts
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 6.30pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	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

Inset days for staff – school closed
Autumn Term begins
Allotment session for Year 2
3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2
4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1
4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3
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
Allotment session for Year 3
Individual photos
Allotment session for Year 4
Allotment session for Year 5

### October 2025

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment session for Year 5
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings Inset day for staff – school closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty Vicki Bradford Principal Head of school