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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 kitchen@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk for further information or to express a preference for your child.

Mellors fresh meat supplier, Andertons Butchers are a Lancashire born and bred family butchers based in Longridge. Andertons Butchers are a supplier of great quality non-Halal meat, and Halal (HFA) meat. Both varieties of meat are available during lunch service. If you wish your child to be served Halal meat only then please confirm this with the kitchen team, if you have not already done so.

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 9th 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 10th July 4.00-4.30pm (school hall)
- Year 6 leaver's performance – Tuesday 15th July at 2pm and Wednesday 16th 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 9th 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 11th 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 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 term time 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 term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.
First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time 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 term time 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 term time 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 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 3 rd 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
Friday 11th	RSPCA fundraising event
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 9 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
Wednesday 10 th	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
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd	Parents' Evenings
Friday 24 th	Inset day for staff – school closed
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st	Half term break – school closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

