

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday January 9th



Welcome

Welcome to a rather brief Newsletter - number 18 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk

A message from our sponsor.

When I wrote my last newsletter to you I didn't have the slightest inkling that Holland Moor would be closed to the majority of our pupils within three days. I mentioned last week how excited I felt about the whole community getting back together again. My goodness weren't my hopes dashed! However, onward we must move and I thank everyone for their immediate, positive and thoughtful responses once we heard about the closure news last Monday evening.

School Attendance during Lockdown 3

Thanks to everyone who has responded so responsibly during these challenging times. Families have clearly understood the need to stay at home unless a school place is essential – vulnerable children / children of critical workers etc. I was very surprised that all children in nursery classes were allowed to be in school. Our pupils-in-school percentages (not including the nursery children) has ranged from 14% on Tuesday to 17% on Friday.

Places in our Reception Year from September 2021

Please remember that any child who is 4 before August 31st 2021 should apply for a school place (Reception Year) by January 15th. Parents are encouraged to apply online and if anyone needs assistance please let the office know.

Face Coverings

Thanks to everyone who followed our request to wear face coverings around the school site. It really helps to make everyone feel safer.

Uniform and PE Kit

From Monday the children in school can

1. Wear a school uniform to school and bring a PE kit with them.
2. Wear more relaxed clothing to school that would be suitable to wear in a PE lesson

Remote Learning

Year 1 Week 16	Maths Read and Reckon	Home	Activity Book	Spelling	Reading/Phonics	English	Foundation
Monday							
Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday							



Google Classroom



1. Our timetabled system showing daily lessons and activities. Clicking on the lesson / activity starts the learning.
2. Google Classroom – an exciting mix of live and pre-recorded lessons. We are getting over 40 children linked to some lessons- following the teaching, asking questions, answering questions, receiving feedback and getting told off. It’s working wonderfully! Please be sure to read the paragraph below that describes how we may be able to help with hardware.
3. Facebook – Daily stories, PE lessons, Meditations, Yoga and Assemblies returning next week.
4. Workpacks – Workpacks for next week, (Week 17) were available from yesterday morning. Many were collected from the school office, some we delivered and there are a couple we will be delivering early on Monday morning. Please remember if you are using the worksheets at home and you need some guidance, phone Holland Moor on our designated mobile number 07539635522 and there will always be someone there to offer support. Children are welcome to call. During the first lockdown some children rang to read me their story or to get their maths answers checked etc. We are **always** happy to support home learning.
5. Facetime – Class 2M are continuing with their live reading sessions. We are hoping to extend this offer to other classes too.

Remote Learning Policy / Remote Learning Devices

Last Saturday I mentioned that I had placed our new Remote Learning Policy document on the website. As part of the policy I need to send out a survey to parents and carers to find out how easily you are finding accessing remote learning and whether you have easy access to suitable equipment – laptops, ipads, mobile phones – those sort of things. There’s a government scheme that will allow us to procure hardware that we can then loan out to families but I need to discover potential demand first. Here’s the link to the survey. Please complete it.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyuiJxiJbjMzO9Ex_1JVpA3qp9QGutLDy00DoYPcQskoyRTA/viewform?usp=sf_link

New Year 2021 Colouring Competition



Closing date Friday January 22nd

Christmas Activities 2020

I think we are going to have to forget about the KS1 presentations. Late February is probably too late for a nativity play, wriggly or not. I know there will be a few disappointed Mary's around and some sad shepherds – it's a great shame.

Here's wishing you a great rest of the weekend –MIKE BEALE 09/01/2021