

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday September 04



Welcome and some technical information.

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I have been delighted with the way our children have settled into the new term. By 9.15 on Thursday everyone was busily engaged in their first lesson of the new academic year. I was mightily impressed. School was entirely calm and purposeful and has remained so for the rest of the week. I must pay tribute to so many of the Holland Moor staff who were back in school for many days prior to Thursday getting classrooms ready and preparing some truly wonderful learning experiences for your children.

COVID 19



Thanks to everyone who has been aware of and chatted to me about our 'cautious' approach to the new term. Parents and carers have been very supportive. We have relaxed a few previous restrictions but are still broadly keeping to class bubbles. This system has again worked very well.

End of afternoon school



The system will speed up once all staff recognise parents and carers. All age groups operate a staggered exit plan and I much prefer this safe handover system to the organisation we used to have when we had to rely on older children finding their own family member. Please don't bypass the scheme by trying to collect children via the school office as this causes enormous congestion.

Attendance



Thursday attendance was 97.6% and Friday attendance was 98.2% This was an excellent start.

Early Morning Club



Numbers attending Early Morning Club have been very manageable and the booking-in system has worked extremely well.

September 2021 Colouring Competition



The first colouring competition of the new school year is now open. Sheets can be collected from Mr Beale or the school office.

Curriculum Information for this half term



Nursery 2 and Nursery 3

This half-term the Nursery children will be completing many personal development activities including building friendships with their peers and learning the class routines. They will also be studying around the theme of 'Can I have a pet?' The children will be undertaking a range of challenges, such as discussing if they have a pet, thinking about which animals would be suitable to keep as a pet, role-playing being a veterinary doctor or nurse and looking after the class teddy and other animals. The children will be listening to a wide range of animal-themed stories and will be encouraged to draw their favourite animal. Additionally the classes are focusing on Phase One phonics (from the Letters and Sounds document). During this phase, the children will develop their listening skills and understanding of how to be a 'good listener'. The children will be practising distinguishing between indoor and outdoor sounds and singing a variety of Nursery rhymes.

Reception

Staff in the reception classes have carefully planned time and activities to help everyone settle into their classrooms and to begin to build friendships. This is achieved through a range of tasks inside and outside and mixed groupings. The classes have a busy and learning-filled term ahead where they will focus on 'Ourselves and Being Me' as the first topic. Teachers encourage the children to talk about themselves, their lives, personalities, families, and experiences. In our reception classes we place a huge emphasis on reading so children will have plenty of time to look at books and to listen to and respond to stories, and of course begin to read for themselves.

KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2

In KS1, mastery maths lessons will continue where the children will use a wide range of equipment to deepen their understanding of new mathematical concepts. In their Phonic lessons, they will recap previous phases to consolidate what they have learnt previously before continuing to progress through the phases. In English, staff have chosen some wonderful texts to enrich the children and develop their love for reading and writing. We are sure the children will enjoy the foundation subjects too. They will be travelling back in time to 1666 to learn about The Great Fire of London and how the event influenced the city today. Science lessons will focus on animals investigating, animal survival and growth. In these lessons the children will explore what different animals need to live healthily. Our other lessons will include PSHE, Music, Computing, PE and Art where the children will develop their core skills in each individual subject.

KS2a – Year 3 and Year 4

In English the children will be watching a variety of film clips, and using pictures and books as a focus point for writing. Many lessons will be based on the book 'The First Drawings' by Mordicai Gerstein as this will link nicely with our history topic - Life during the Stone Age, examining the changes that happened as humans progressed into the Bronze and Iron Ages. All children in KS2a will now learn maths using the Red Rose Mastery Scheme. This scheme uses a mastery, interactive approach which helps to develop confidence and a secure understanding of the subject. Plants is the focus for the first KS2a science topic, hopefully the weather will stay nice so the children can explore and enjoy the school gardens and wild-life areas. Art lessons will be inspired by the drawings of Quentin Blake (the famous illustrator and writer). Children will investigate how to draw cartoons and how to make drawings move using a range of art materials. Computing lessons will begin with a focus on online safety. This will be followed by a unit on coding, during which children will be writing their own simple algorithms to make cartoon characters move. Geography lessons will be focused on counties and cities of the UK, and land-use patterns. Google maps and Google Earth will be used in many lessons as they enable us to explore places without leaving the classroom. The topic for RE will be God and Christianity with a focus on how (and why) some people have served their God. This will be linked to studying the lives of inspirational people. Respect will be a key theme during this topic which links nicely to our PSHE where we will look at why it is important to respect others and ourselves.

KS2b – Year 5 and Year 6

Coming up over the next few weeks for Year 5 and 6 will be many exciting and fascinating topics in each of our lessons. In Science, we will delve into Space by exploring the planets of the Solar System, begin to understand why we have day and night and explore the movement of the moon in relation to the Earth. In History, our topic is Crime and Punishment; over a sequence of lessons, we will learn

about how crime and punishments have changed in each historical time period This will also develop the children's understanding of the chronology of these time periods. We will be starting the new topic of Christianity in our RE lessons and our Art lessons will be based on the works of artist Joan Miro where we will be experimenting with drawing, texture and sculpture. In English, our writing will take inspiration from the novel The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will also be writing argument-style pieces based on questions surrounding animal captivity.

School Swimming this term



School swimming starts during Week 3 on Thursday September 16 for Year 4. More information to follow.

School Uniform



It was a mammoth task distributing the uniform to families before the start of term but we were wonderfully successful. We can still take new orders.

Class of the Week – This Week It's Class 6T



The children in class 6T have settled back into school exceptionally well and have begun to create new and wonderful friendships. We have spent time reminding each other of the importance of being kind and are already becoming excellent bucket fillers.

Punctuality



Some children are at early morning club with most children arriving in class between 08.30 and 08.55. That's perfect. It's essential that all children are in class at 9 ready to begin Lesson 1. In Ks1

for example this will be the phonics lesson a critical component of learning to read. Children who miss this part of the English lesson can find other aspects of learning far more challenging than they should be. In many KS2 classes children will have a maths lesson starting with practising mental maths techniques and multiplication tables. Children who miss this learning often struggle with more difficult calculations.

Windmill Club



Our after-school care club runs from the end of school until 17.45 and costs £7 per session.

Term Dates – Autumn Term



Friday 22 October	School closes for half-term
Monday 01 November	School opens
Friday 17 December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 05 January	School opens
Friday 11 February	School closes for half-term
Monday 21 February	School opens
Friday 01 April	School closes for Spring Holiday
Wednesday 20 April	School opens
Monday May 02	School closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 27 May	School closes for half-term
Monday 07 June	School opens
Wednesday 20 July	School closes for the Summer Holiday
MANY MORE DATES TO FOLLOW INCLUDING	Consultation evenings Sports events A Christmas Fair??????????????????

Toast



We will continue to offer toast at morning breaks. The cost is 10p a day, 50p a week or £7 for the whole term. Payment can be made on individual days or in advance to the school office. Payment can also be made via ParentPay.

Milk



We provide milk free until the start of the term following a child's fifth birthday and to all EYFS (that's nursery and reception) and KS1 children who are entitled to free school meals. The cost is £5 per half-term for those who pay. Payment should be made to the school office or via ParentPay. Milk is not offered to KS2 children.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Holland Moor are now running local leagues. We will soon be starting our first ever girls' football league. Eight other local schools have already joined the league.

On Tuesday 7th September we welcome St Richards to Holland Moor to play a football friendly, kick off 3:45pm.

School Clubs – Most clubs start this week.

KS1 is Year 1 and Year 2. KS2a is Year 3 and Year 4. KS2b is Year 5 and Year 6

KS2 means the club is open to Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Monday - KS2b Football - ending at 4

Monday – KS2a Fit Kidz – ending at 3.45

Wednesday - KS2a Football ending at 4

Wednesday – Year 2 and KS2 STEM Club using Google Classrooms – 3.45 to 4.30 (Starting Week 3)

Thursday - KS1 Football, ending at 3.45

Thursday – Year 2 to Year 6 Choir, ending at 3.45

Thursday - KS2 Netball ending at 4

Friday - KS2 Girls Football – ending at 3.45

Friday – KS2 Dodgeball – ending at 4

Further clubs will be added to the list – more information next week.

Lunch Menu – September 2021 – Week 2



Monday September 06	Meatball Spaghetti in a Creamy Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Beans on Toast
	Vegetarian Pasta	Vegetables of the Day
	Iced Sponge Cake	Rice Pudding and Jam
Tuesday September 07	Meat and Potato Pie with Gravy	Chicken Fried Rice
	Butter Cheese Pie	Vegetables of the Day
	Flapjack	Orange and Carrot Cake
Wednesday September 08	Fish Fingers with Chips	Mild Spicy Pork Pasta in Tomato Sauce with Crusty Bread
	Salmon Fish Cakes with Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Vegetarian Pasta	
	Iced Paris Sandwich	Syrup Sponge and Custard
Thursday September 09	Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Jacket Potato
	Vegetarian Curry with Steamed Rice	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Doughnuts	Orange Cookies
Friday September 10	Pizza of the Day with Chips	Sausage and Chips
	Vegetarian Pizza with Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Jam Sponge and Custard	Peaches and Ice-Cream

Milk, Juice or Water are available each day.

Additional alternatives available every day include fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, ice cream, yogurts, salads, wraps, baguettes, sandwiches and jacket potatoes with assorted fillings.

And Finally...

Here's wishing you a great weekend MIKE BEALE 04/08/2021