

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday October 17th



### **Flu Vaccinations Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The vaccinations will be available to Reception children and pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. More information and consent forms will be distributed before the half-term break.

### **Google Classroom – Please join up – Just one reminder this week.**

### **Vision Screening – Year 1**

This will be offered again to those children who missed the tests on Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Swimming**

I'm happy for swimming to recommence after the half-term break (Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>) and we are going to offer the first swimming classes to 6T and 6S (separate swimming classes for each bubble). As the year progresses all year six, five and four children will be given this opportunity. We will have sole use of the coach and it will not have been used previously on the day. We will have sole use of the changing rooms and pools – NO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE IN THE BUILDING. Showers will be available. I will write separately to the parents and carers of children in 6S and 6T to ascertain if they want their child / children to attend the classes. If anyone has any further questions about the arrangements for swimming please email me or phone me at school.

### **School meals**

You are already aware that after my calculations on Wednesday and my contact with the DfE and Public Health England we were only left with one permanent member of the kitchen staff to prepare meals. After we redeployed some previously trained staff and appointed a new colleague with appropriate certification we managed to offer a somewhat restricted but nonetheless delicious and nutritious packed lunch. Broadly speaking this offering will continue for the forthcoming week but I'm risking some supplementary items including crisps and yogurts. There may even be a baked potato or two available.

### **Raincoats, coats**

Quite a number of children come to school without coats. There are days when we just experience what I call 'flicky' rain and I could take children outside for a playtime as long as they have suitable rainwear. I can't take them out if their sweatshirts or cardigans are going to get wet and then they have to sit in class with damp clothing. I'm told it's rather trendy not to wear a coat to school but I think at least some of the children may be disappointed if they can't get outside on a 'flicky' rain day.

## **Reading books going home – Reception year, Year 1 and Year 2**

Please remember to return books each Friday. We send new books out each Monday. Should you forget on Friday morning it will be fine to bring the books back in at the end of the day when the children are being collected from school.

## **Free books for all Reception Year children from the Book Trust**

Every child in the reception classes will be lucky enough to receive a fantastic free book from the Book Trust before the half-term break. The Book Trust aims to get every child reading and excited about books and stories, as well as making reading fun for them. Please enjoy the free book with your child; it would make a brilliant bedtime story! We are going to send the free book out in the book bags on Monday. For tips, advice and ideas visit the Book Trust website [booktrust.org.uk](http://booktrust.org.uk) where you will also find quizzes, competitions and some lovely story books to read online.

## **KS2A Class of the Week**

This week the award goes to Class 4J – at least a special group in the class who were kind enough to play leaf-catching with me on the playground on Thursday. It brought back many memories of my childhood and playing alongside my Granny.

## **KS2B Class of the Week**

This week the award is shared between 5B and 5M who played such a fantastic range of games on Thursday as we reintroduced a ball onto the playground for the first time this term. It was great to see such teamwork.

## **Remote Learning**

Many more classes have experienced the joy of remote learning this week. I watched 4C being taught new vocabulary, spelling and class novel comprehension by Mr Cooke on Wednesday. It really was fascinating to see how quickly they took to this new approach. The behaviour was perfect!

## **Walk to school Results**

Thanks again to everyone who participated in our walking to school initiative last week. The two luck winners in the prize draw were Darcy from Class 4C (KS2) and Ollie from Class 1C (KS1).

## **Club of the Week**

Our club of the week this week is KS1 Fit Kidz. Mr Maddocks was unavailable to lead his club this week but our newest teacher Miss McLoughlin stepped in. The club members responded incredibly well to their new coach. Well done you FitKidz!

## **Consultation Evenings**

Our consultation evenings are confirmed for Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Booking will open on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Halloween Disco**

We'll be recording our special Halloween party/disco this week and then uploading it to Facebook and Google Classroom. It will be available for viewing from October 31<sup>st</sup>. Final details will be given next week.

## **Christmas Raffle – The 12 Days of Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Tickets on sale from Monday November 2nd

## **Dressing up for Halloween – Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Most classes are taking part in a dressing up for Halloween day on the last school day before our half-term break – Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information about what each class is doing will be communicated to you by class teachers or year group team leaders.

## **Religious and Cultural Sensitivities**

Occasionally during my lengthy time as headteacher at Holland Moor I have worked alongside families who have preferred not to participate in Halloween events for personal, cultural or religious reasons. If our highlighting the event on Friday causes any discomfort for families please come and chat to me as I can arrange home/private study as an authorised activity. I will always want Holland Moor to be a school that is sensitive to individual principles.

I've had many requests to republish our list of PE and Games lessons. I'm pleased to do so.

**PE LESSONS** Our timetable of PE and Games lessons is as follows.

CLASS	PE	GAMES
1C	Thursday	Tuesday
1R	Tuesday	Friday
1-2B	Wednesday	Friday
2M	Monday	Thursday
2B	Friday	Thursday
3M	Friday	Wednesday
3D	Monday	Thursday
3-4T	Wednesday	Monday
4C	Thursday	Wednesday
4J	Thursday	Tuesday
5M	Monday	Friday
5B	Friday	Wednesday
5-6M	Thursday	Monday
6S	Wednesday	Tuesday
6T	Tuesday	Thursday

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I wish everyone a great rest of the weekend. MIKE BEALE – 17/10/2020