

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>



I remain very pleased with the way our new systems have settled in since the start of term. Our whole Holland Moor Community – children, staff and families have clearly understood what we are trying to achieve. Many thanks for the supportive comments I have received.

### TOAST

I've recalculated and at one slice per pupil/per day the £7 payment will cover the full Autumn term-right up to the Christmas break. The cost is basically 50p per week and some parents/carers have preferred to pay each week. This will be fine. Some older children have continued to bring payment each day and we have accepted this also. We are running at quite a loss at the moment as we have been providing free toast to many children whilst we have been awaiting payment. Your help in making the appropriate payment would be much appreciated.

### PE KIT

From Monday we would like our children to be wearing suitable kit for their PE or Games lessons. We are very happy for the children to come into school wearing a suitable kit on the days when they have these lessons. I include leggings, track suits etc. as suitable clothing. If you prefer that your child changes in school we can still arrange this. Wearing PE kit to school on PE/Games days will still be fine when we reintroduce school uniform.

### 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

Information about Reception Class PE to follow.

### **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

Thanks again – this process is now running very smoothly. A few children are still finding their way onto the equipment on the Reception or KS1 playground/fields. Your help in preventing this would be very much appreciated.

### **CATCH-UP**

Starting with Year 3 we will be making a few assessments of each child in the areas of reading, writing and maths. In this way we can work out if any children need specific catch-up teaching beyond what we are delivering in the classroom. We have more staff available this year to undertake direct 1:1 sessions and we are also expecting some more funding from central government to help us add to this provision. We will be involved in the National Tutoring Scheme when it starts later in the year. When all this is in place we will have a very extensive catch-up programme in place. I'll keep parents / carers fully informed of any extra provision we are offering their children.

### **SIGNING UP FOR OUR RECEPTION CLASS – STARTING IN RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021**

If you have a child who will be 4 before 31/08/2021 he/she can start in our Reception Class next September. Please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) to apply online.

We have a few hard copies of the application form in school if you would prefer to apply in this way.

If you would like to view the Reception Classrooms and additional facilities we can arrange an evening tour. This can be booked through the school office. This would be after our late-afternoon deep clean with the deep clean repeated the next morning before school starts.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

Some families prefer that their children bring home their water bottles each day. That's perfectly fine although we do thoroughly clean those left in school.

### **DOGS**

Just a gentle reminder that it's County Council policy not to allow any dogs on school premises. This includes the sweetest, gentlest pooch to the Hound of the Baskervilles. It even includes a mini pug hidden inside an overcoat.

### **CLUBS**

Many outside clubs start from Monday. The demand for places has been very high and we are pleased to offer all these experiences. Please remember there will be no alternative indoor activity so it could be we play in the rain (waterproof jacket needed!) or a telephone call home.

### **FOOTBALL**

Result Holland Moor 10 – St Thomas the Martyr 0

It was fantastic to watch this match on Thursday evening and to see so many adults supporting the team. Thanks to Mr Edwards for setting up the pitch and surrounding area to make sure everyone remained entirely safe. It was great to view the live pre-match training session on Facebook too. We are going to be playing lots of year group matches as well so many more children will have an opportunity to play for their school team.

## **NETBALL**

Once the players have had a few practice sessions we'll be playing some matches. I'll let everyone know the dates

## **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

This is a great site for checking the suitability of on-line games.

<https://pegi.info/>

This is a great site for talking to your child about on-line and Internet safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

## **LUNCHTIMES IN THE JUNIORS – KS2**

It's taking us about two hours overall to ensure all classes get time to eat, relax and play together outside but I'm pleased to say all these experiences are working very well. The days of dinner ladies seem to have disappeared at Holland Moor as our lunchtime play sessions are staffed by Mr Edwards, Mr Gibbings and Mr O'Brien with oversight by myself and Mrs Holland around if a female intervention is needed.

I wish everyone a great rest of the weekend. MIKE BEALE – 19/09/2020