A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday September 11



Welcome and some technical information.

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A Message From Our Sponsor.



Here at Holland Moor we pride ourselves that we have the very best channels of communication between school and our families. Please remember that the telephone is answered by a live human being each school day from 06.45 until 17.45. You can also contact me by email each and every day head@hollandmoor.lancs.sch.uk and you are guaranteed a reply.

COVID 19



I'm really pleased with the way the staggered arrival and departure times are working. The first day or two of term were a little hectic but we seem to have settled into a nice pattern at the moment. As a school we continue to follow the national and regional guidance on the three main symptoms for Covid. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are: a new or continuous cough, a fever with a temperature of 37.8 or higher or loss of/change in the normal sense of taste or smell. Any pupil who develops symptoms of COVID-19, should immediately self-isolate. They should not attend school and should get tested via NHS UK or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. As previously, if there is any doubt about whether symptoms are due to Covid or not, a PCR test should be taken. Thanks for you help in all these matters.

COVID 19 Risk Assessment



I'll be finalising the new risk assessment over the weekend and it will be uploaded to the school website by Tuesday September 14.

Home and school reading in KS1



Now rules are being relaxed slightly, we can go back to how we used to complete reading with the children in Year 1 and Year 2. Book bags can be brought to school each day. Children will read their reading book with an adult in class at least once a week. Books will only be changed weekly once the child has a thorough understanding of what they have read. A recent document produced by the Department for Education has expressed the importance of re-reading the same book. So, if your child has completed their book, please read it again. However don't worry if you don't reread it, we will recap in school.

More information about home and school reading in KS2a and KS2b will follow next week

Free School Meals



All children in our reception classes and KS1 (year 1 and year 2) receive UFSM — universal free school meals. However some families are doubly entitled if they have made a separate application for free school meals and other benefits. The children don't get two meals but we receive additional funding for each child who is entitled to free school meals in this way. We get this funding for up to six years. We would therefore strongly encourage all families to make such an application if they think they may be entitled. It's a clumsy system but one we have to work with.

Attendance



Our attendance this week has been 97.2%. Another good score.

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.

End of the School Day



Please remember that children should not be using the climbing frames or other similar equipment on the Nursery, Reception or KS1 playgrounds at the end of the school day.

Parking Outside School



Parking continues to cause a few problems outside school and your understanding and tolerance if difficulties arise is appreciated. It's a long time, unfortunately, since I pushed a pram but one or two parents tell me they have difficulties with their pram or buggy if cars are parked across a dropped kerb.

School Swimming this term



School swimming starts this week on Thursday September 16 for Year 4. I'll be sending out a guidance letter on Monday.

Class of the Week - This Week It's Class 6S



Class 6S worked fantastically well in a PSHE lesson on collaboration. The children were asked to work in groups in order to build the tallest tower they could with selected resources. The towers had to be able to stand on their own and the children were given a time limit of 10 minutes to complete the task. All the children demonstrated brilliant teamwork, great listening and awesome problem-solving skills.

PE Times – a reminder



Class	PE	Games
RK	Information to follow	Information to follow
RSP	Information to follow	Information to follow
1R	Thursday	Friday
1C	Tuesday	Thursday
2B	Friday	Thursday
2M	Monday	Thursday
2C	Wednesday	Tuesday
3D	Monday	Wednesday
3M	Friday	Thursday
3-4T	Wednesday	Monday
4J	Swimming on a Thursday	Monday
4C	Swimming on a Thursday	Wednesday
5R	Monday	Tuesday
5E	Thursday	Friday
5-6M	Thursday	Friday
6S	Wednesday	Tuesday
6T	Tuesday	Monday

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 Summer
MANY MORE DATES TO FOLLOW	Consultation evenings
INCLUDING	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. From the start of Week 4 we will only be able to offer toast to those children who have made an appropriate payment.

Toast Volunteers



We are still looking for volunteers to help us prepare toast. If you can spare a couple of hours any morning of the school week please contact the school office

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



Forthcoming Events

Tuesday September 14 Football League match

Tuesday September 21 Football League match

Wednesday September 22 Football League match – girls v Moorside

Tuesday September 28 Football League match

Tuesday October 05 Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament

Tuesday October 12 Year 3 and Year 4 Handball Tournament

Information about many more fixtures to follow

Sports Results - Football



Holland Moor 14 - St Richards 2

Our team played the most marvellous football, passing the ball with precision, finding those critical spaces and being absolutely deadly from set plays. The team were a joy to watch.

School Clubs



Monday - KS2b Football - ending at 4

Monday – KS2a Fit Kidz – ending at 3.45

Wednesday - KS2a Football ending at 4

Wednesday – Year 2 STEM Club using Google Classrooms – 3.45 to 4.30

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.

STEM Club



This week sees the return of our Google Classroom based STEM club! After rigorous testing, it is now available to all children from Year 1 to Year 6! STEM Club will run on Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 4.15pm and children participate from their own homes. To be able to access STEM Club, you will need to add our new Google Classroom STEM code to your child's Google Classroom account - the new STEM Classroom code is: wzmmv3k You will find everything you need here including the 'You-will-need-list' which will be announced the Friday before, the live link which will be available at

3.25pm before the session is due to start and any other information you may need. As always, Mr Barrett will be live from different locations around the school and actively encourages parents and siblings to join in with their child! Please contact Mr Barrett through Google Classroom if you have any questions.

Lunch Menu – September 2021 – Week 3



Monday September 13	Chicken Pasta in Arrabbiata Sauce	Fish Fingers in a Roll with Baked Wedges
	Quorn Pasta Bake	Vegetables of the Day
	Fairy Cakes	Coconut Biscuits
Tuesday September 14	Roast Dinner	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake
	Quorn Roast Dinner	Vegetables of the Day
	Honey and Banana Cake and Custard	Decorated Jelly
Wednesday September 15	All Day Breakfast	Sticky Chicken and Egg Noodles
	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Vegetables of the Day
	Strawberry Whip	Raspberry Buns
Thursday September 16	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Hot BBQ Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps
	Vegetarian Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Sponge Cake and mint custard	Jam or Lemon Tarts
Friday September 17	Harry Ramsden Baked Fish with Chips	Chicken Tikka Curry with Steamed Rice
	Vegetarian Tikka Curry with Steamed Rice	Vegetables of the Day
	Arctic Roll	Swiss Tarts

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.



Here's wishing you a great weekend MIKE BEALE 11/09/2021