

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-December 03 2022



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 15 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Holland Moor. We have so much to look forward to. There's the grotto experience, seven nativities, Christmas jumper day, our Christmas dinner, the Christmas raffle, an online pantomime and class Christmas parties. If I can think of anything extra we'll do that too! Never outdone at Holland Moor.

Staffing News



Mr Barrett will be leaving Holland Moor at the end of term to take up a new position working with West Lancashire Borough Council. He has been appointed to a brand new post as Climate Change Officer for the locality. You will know how fascinated Mr Barrett is with all things scientific, ecological and environmental and this really is a dream job for him, particularly as he will have the opportunity to develop the role from its inception. Ms Cruse will teach Class 5-6B from January.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It was a great experience to be in Class 4J last Monday morning. What great wordsmiths the children are. During our very popular TWR lesson – (The Writing Revolution) the children cleverly crafted lengthy sentences containing very specific vocabulary. I was incredibly impressed with the number of children who took on the extra challenge of including up to three of the words from the list in a single sentence. Well done 4J.

Christmas Jumper Day



Thanks for the prompts and reminders from so many parents/carers. December 08 will now be a Non-Uniform day and a Wear a Christmas Jumper if you Can Day.

Santa's Grotto on December 1st, 2nd and 5th



It was great to see Santa resident at Holland Moor for two days this week. He was delighted with the grotto and described the grotto trail as the best he's seen this year. We have a wealth of lights, a veritable forest of Christmas trees, assorted Christmas ornaments and a reindeer or two as well. It is truly magical. Thank you for all the positive comments about the experience.

Christmas Raffle and Christmas Hampers



We now have fifteen hampers included in our Christmas hamper raffle and five special prizes too. Tickets are still available online and from the school office.

Classroom Decorations



Our children certainly appreciated the 30 November/1st December overnight transformation of classrooms. Lots of delightful looks when they noted the classroom Christmas lights, trees and assorted decorations. The office area looks great too. By Monday our outside decorations should be in place near the front entrance.

Pupil Highlights of the Week



Sophie T (3M) can't wait to read the next part of the class novel.
Tom and Thea (3D) are proud to be the class poetry duo
Dominic (3-4T) produced his neatest writing ever
Mason (4J) enjoyed learning about how mountains form and making sketch-notes for the geography quiz.
Class 5R found their donated Christmas cake particularly delicious.
Jess (5E) explored our historical artefacts with great concentration.
Hector established his variables to test how different outputs affect a bulb
Nathan was extremely accurate when finding the nth term in a number sequence.
Sam (6S) looked very smart as he dressed up as a soldier.

Our Ninja Words of the Week



Our words for this week are positive, rigmarole, dart, fraud and wield

The financial investigator was disappointed by the response of the fraud squad. He felt the rigmaroles involved in the investigation were too distracting and would never produce positive results. He decided to wield his influence to change the approach.

Christmas Colouring



I am pleased to announce the return of the Holland Moor colouring competition for December 2022. It has, of course, a Christmas theme. Colouring sheets can be collected from the school office.

A Reminder of Dates for This Term

Week 14	December 05 – Class RB Nativity starting at 09.30 December 06 – Class 2M Nativity starting at 09.30 December 07 – Class 2O Nativity starting at 09.30 December 08 – Class 1C Nativity starting at 09.30 December 08 – Non Uniform / Christmas Jumper Day December 09 – Class 1R Nativity starting at 09.30
Week 15	December 12 – Class N2 Nativity starting at 09.30 December 13 – Class RK Nativity starting at 09.30 December 14 – Christmas Dinner December 14 – Christmas Raffle drawn December 15 – Christmas Parties December 16 – Last Day of Term 1B-school finishes at usual times.

School Councillors



This week our councillors have been discovering the 'favourite' subjects of each class and investigating the reasons for the choices made. Next week we will be analysing the results and drawing some conclusions. It is our very own Holland Moor research project.

Attendance.



91.4% this week

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2022-2023-A reminder with new bank holiday added.



Friday December 16	Last day of Autumn Term
Wednesday January 04	First day of Spring Term
Friday February 10	Last day before half term holiday
Saturday February 11 to Sunday February 19	half term holiday
Monday February 20	First day after half-term holiday
Friday March 31	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday April 18	First day of Summer Term
Monday May 01	School closed for bank holiday
Monday May 08	School closed for the special bank holiday
Friday May 26	Last day before half-term holiday
Saturday May 27 to Sunday June 04	half-term holiday
Monday June 05	First day after half-term holiday
Thursday July 20	Last Day of Summer Term

Sports Events at Holland Moor



The Holland Moor boys' football team did a tremendous job representing Holland Moor on Tuesday in the WLSP World Cup Tournament. The boys showed excellent communication, impressive ball skills and worked so hard as a team. They emerged as winners of the competition and advanced to the Lancashire finals to be held in Blackpool in early 2023.

We've had wonderful week for the girls footballs teams at both a year 3/4 shares competition and a year 5/6 World Cup Tournament. In the World Cup Tournament, the girls were placed second out of six teams - progressing to play against some very competitive entrants meaning they were placed sixth overall out of 18 schools. The year 3/4 competition saw seven girls competing in seven different matches - winning six of them, the girls each picked up a silver medal. A special mention needs to go to three year four pupils, Poppy, Izabella and Thea, who braved the cold and played absolutely marvellously in both competitions on the same day!

Lunch Menu – December 05 to December 09

Monday December 05	Beef Lasagne with Crusty Bread	Quorn Lasagne with Crusty Bread
	Chicken Casserole	

	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Peaches and Ice Cream
Tuesday December 06	Chicken Tikka Masala with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread	Quorn Tikka Masala with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread
	Pasta in a Tomato and Basil Sauce	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake
	Buddies Flapjack	Vanilla Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Wednesday December 07	Chicken Pie served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Baked Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy
	Baked Vegetarian Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Vegetarian Gravy	
	Decorated Jelly	Jam and Coconut Cake
Thursday December 08	Chicken Nuggets served with Oven Chips	Quorn Nuggets served with Oven Chips
	Sausage Rolls served with Oven Chips	Vegan Sausage Rolls served with Oven Chips
	Chocolate and Vanilla Cookies	Apple Crumble and Custard
Friday December 09	Pizza Selection served with Oven Chips	Beef Chilli, Rice and Nachos
	Jam Tarts	Madeira Cake and Custard

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE