

Holmleigh Primary School

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Some of last year's leavers showing off their new secondary school uniforms

Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and happy summer holiday. The children have settled in very well to their new classes, and our new Nursery and Reception Classes are getting to know each other.

This week, on **Thursday 20th September from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm**, we invite parents and carers to attend a **Parent's Meeting** in school to meet staff and find out more information about the curriculum, routines, etc. We will start in the school hall then move into classrooms, and hope that many parents will be able to attend. Here is an update of some of the news from the summer and into the new term.

Holmleigh Holiday Club This took place for the first time during the first 3 weeks of the summer holiday. It was a great success, and we now hope to offer this as regular holiday provision. The children did a wide range of activities in a very relaxed environment. They also did a few trips out. Watch out for news of future holiday clubs.

Computer Donation Following the brilliant efforts of parents to raise money (more than £2000 so far) for computers, our own wonderful Mr Fin negotiated a donation of 40 computers from a secondary school in Westminster. These computers are in very good condition and will provide for at least the next 5 years in the computer suite and classes. However, we do wish to continue fund raising for new ICT equipment – tablets for the classrooms has been suggested.

Fundraising On the subject of fundraising, we have decided to hold regular Friday fundraising events. **This Friday 21st September** we are holding a '**Morning Mile**', a mile walk out in the neighbourhood for the whole school, sponsored by a donation from parents. We ask the children to come dressed appropriately for a long walk, and parents to send in a donation of at least £1 (more if desired!) for our school funds.

Many thanks in advance! Suggestions for future **Fundraising Fridays** include slipper and pyjama days, toy days, sponsored readathons, and so on. Any ideas from parents welcome!

Events in School Already the new term has seen a lot of activity. The new **School Council** has been elected and come up with great ideas. Younger children enjoyed a day of **scooter**

training, including going on their scooters out of school. Bike training is starting this week. We will soon be starting **Speech Bubbles**, a drama project for some children in Years 1 and 2.



School Security

You will have noticed a number of changes that we have recently made with support from the Local Authority security grants. We have a new entry system, requiring that staff and visitors sign in and out electronically with Photo ID. This is linked to our class

registration system so that we can more effectively carry out emergency procedures if necessary. ***Please note that children who are late to school after registers close must be brought to the front entrance and signed in by the parent with reasons given for lateness.*** If this does not happen, the child will not be registered in school, and could be overlooked in an emergency. ***Parents must not leave children at the front gate if late, as again they will not be registered.***

We have also installed a new gate by the Reception Class outdoor space.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
(Please check for updates as dates may change or new events/trips may be added)		
Thursday 20 th September	All SCHOOL	Parents Meeting 3.30 Hall/Classes
Friday 21 st September	All SCHOOL	Morning Mile Fundraiser
Mon 24 th -Fri 28 th September	3 teachers	Erasmus + visit to Poland
Tuesday 9 th October	All SCHOOL	Harvest Festival 10 am/Vegetarian Food Day
Thursday 18 th October	All SCHOOL	Black History Assembly 10 am
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th October	All SCHOOL	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th November	ALL SCHOOL	Holmleigh Fireworks Display
Thursday 29 th November	All SCHOOL	PARENT'S EVENING
Friday 7 th December	ALL SCHOOL	Winter Fair
Tuesday 18 th December	ALL SCHOOL	End of Term Performance
Thursday 20 th December	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Party/Disco
Monday 7 th January 2019	STAFF	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th January	ALL SCHOOL	Start of Term



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