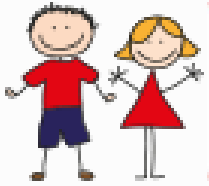
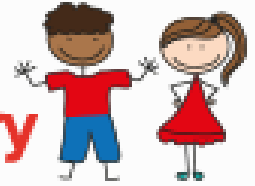


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HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- ❖ Tuesday 2nd January –
Inset Day
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd January –
School and Nursery Open
- ❖ Wednesday 10th January -
Applications close for Nursery admissions
2024/2025
- ❖ Monday 15th January -
Applications deadline for Reception/Junior
admissions



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY



Dear Families

As we come to the end of a busy term, I want to applaud the children for learning a host of songs, poems, actions and lines, and then performing with confidence and glee. We are all so proud of them and are grateful for the Christmas joy they sprinkled around the school and local community. Thank you to all the adults who supported our Christmas performances.

On behalf of the whole staff team and governors, I wish you a joyous Christmas and look forward to seeing you on the 3rd of January 2024.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

With best wishes
S. Mullarkey



WELCOME TO OUR GOVERNORS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL



GREG SCOTT
CHAIR OF
GOVERNORS

My name is Greg Scott, a Reigate citizen of close to 25 years, having emigrated from Liverpool in 1999. I have spent most of my working life in the corporate worlds of manufacturing, security and outsourcing. In 2020, tired of commuting, I returned to university and qualified as an Executive Coach. I now think of myself as semi-retired, focusing my time on coaching and volunteering. Both of my children (now in their twenties) attended Holmesdale School and I feel I'm able to complete the circle in my role as chair of the school committee! I enjoy all things sport from fitness (the less said the better) to a passionate supporter of Liverpool FC.



MICHELLE
BROSCOMBE

I started as a governor at Holmesdale in 2018 as I felt it was important to support the school as it is such a significant place for local children and their families. I have three children with my oldest having completed his "Holmesdale Experience", and my younger two children also attend the school. My other "hat" is as a solicitor for a law firm in Guildford.

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**BARRY
ANDERSON**

Having three boys that have been through Holmesdale School, it is a pleasure to be able to support this great school as a governor. Having grown up in Brockham and lived in Reigate for over 10 years, I feel I know what the local community needs. In my professional life I am a Senior Executive of a technology company and at weekends enjoy getting involved with the local sporting clubs.



KATE FISHER

My son is currently in Year 2 and my daughter recently started in Reception at Holmesdale. I joined as a Governor in November 2021 as I was keen to be involved in supporting the school. My background is working in HR and I enjoy working on a contract basis to allow me to balance my time working and spending time with my children.



ANDREA MILLS

I'm a new governor, having only just started this year (2023). I live and work in Reigate and my day job brings me into connection with a child's world as I work in children's publishing, mostly picture books. It is over ten years since both my children attended Holmesdale. They of course enjoyed all the school had to offer both educationally and socially and consequently it felt appropriate to me that I give something back understanding as I hope I do, that these early years are so special in a child's life and development. I'm really happy to be able to contribute toward the life of this amazing community school.

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**JONATHAN
SALISBURY**

With my three daughters all now preparing for their working life (A-levels, university, apprenticeship), I felt I had time to offer something back to the school where they all started by becoming a governor and supporting the school leadership team. In my professional life I am an Engineering Manager with Atkins (an Engineering Design and Project Management Consultancy). I am also a trustee of the Colman Redland Community Centre and many years ago was the chairman of the Holmesdale after school club (Hokey Cokey Club).



CAROLE SKELT

I started as a governor at Holmesdale School in September 2023 after 32 years teaching Special Education in the UK and the USA. I retired and returned to Reigate in 2021. I want to give back to the local community through education. Holmesdale School embodies all that I believe to be important to encourage lifelong learning both socially and academically.

Christmas Extravaganza

Choir



Nursery Sing-along



Christmas Extravaganza



Christmas Fair



Reception Nativity





Christmas Extravaganza



Christmas Party



Mayor with gifts from Stripey Stork



Singing to Visitors from Ashfields





Christmas Extravaganza



Christmas
Lunch

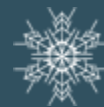


Year 2
Sewing Bag





Christmas Extravaganza



Farewell to
Mrs Harrington



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►

christmas activities

Get involved with some active challenges this Christmas.

Can you get your family involved in some of these exciting and rewarding games? See how many you can do.







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AS ACTIVE SURREY

Santa Splat

Aim: To not get splatted

Rules:

1. Nominate one person to be Santa (the splatter) and they stand in the middle
2. The rest are elves and form a circle around Santa
3. Santa will randomly point at someone and say "SPLAT!"
4. If Santa points at you, you need to squat down and the Elves either side of you try to splat each other. They do this by pointing at each other and saying "SPLAT!"
5. If you are the last Elf to say splat or you forget to squat down, you have lost
6. The Elf who loses must run around the circle clockwise

SMILES:

- Multiple Santa's (they point at different people, at the same time)
- Change the way the reindeer moves around the circle
- Santa speeds up his splats
- Santa points at an Elf but before they squat they need to answer a Maths question e.g. what is $1 + 4 = 5$







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AS ACTIVE SURREY

Magic Mirror

Aim: To copy your partner

Rules:

1. Nominate one person to be A and the other B
2. Player A completes a movement (1 per second) e.g. raises right arm and player B need to copy (mirror image) e.g. they would raise their left arm
3. Add in different movements for your partner (B) to copy
4. Make a sequence of movements and make use of space you have
5. Swap roles

SMILES:

- How many movements can you copy in a minute
- More complex movements
- Play game in time to music
- Close your eyes and person A needs to describe the movement and B needs to copy

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AS ACTIVE SURREY



Angel Alphabet

A B C D E F
G H I J K L
M N O P Q R
S T U V W X
Y Z

Aim: To make a shape/word with body parts

Rules:

1. Split the group in half
2. Call a word out e.g. 'Santa' and the children need to make the word with body parts
3. Words - Santa, Penguin, Snowman, Reindeer, snowflake, sleigh, presents, sack, star, mince pies, stockings, chimney, Angel, tinsel, lights, Christmas carols, Elves, Baubles, Merry Christmas, Christmas Tree, candy cane, Christmas card
4. Have a race and see which team can make the word first

SMILES:

- Increase/decrease group size
- Add phrases to make the words longer
- Call out a sentence which they need to do in sequence
- Give half of the group a word (don't tell the other half) and then the other group need to guess the word



Boden and Hugo (Squirrels & Woodpeckers) were awarded certificates for their outstanding performance at the U7s Rhinos training at Old Reigatians RFC today. Boden for 'discipline' and Hugo for 'respect'.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Reigate Santa fun Run

