



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS

Week Ending 8th September 2023

Welcome Back

We are so happy to welcome all Year One and Year Two children back to school. They have had a great return to school. We also welcome all new children and their families who have joined Holmesdale this week.

We are really looking forward to working with you all to support your child's learning and development throughout this new school year.

Run Reigate – Sunday 17th September

Please [click here](#) for details of the Run Reigate Kids Race and remember to sign up if you wish your child to participate.

Volunteers Needed – Saturday 30th September

Please join us from 9:30am - 12 noon for drinks, bacon butties and to clear the pond area ready for our new pond development. Please [click here](#) for more information and proposed plans.

Curriculum Evening - 9th November

We will be hosting a curriculum evening on 9th November 7:00 - 8:30pm. During the session you will have an opportunity to meet teachers who lead an area of the curriculum, find out a little more about what children will be learning in each area of learning and how the curriculum is delivered. Staff will also share ideas on how you can support your child with their learning.

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church have several activities for children throughout the year – please click on each activity for more details:

[Tea Time Tales](#), [Toddler Group](#) and [Messy Church](#)

General Information and Reminders

Start and End of School Day

Early Morning Club users, please keep our children safe and remember to close the side wooden gate behind you.

Please remember to enter via the playground entrance. Staff will welcome your child at the external door to their class from 8.45am and all children should be in their class for 8.55am. If you are late, please sign your child in at the school office so that we know that they are in school. At the end of the day, please collect your child from their classroom door and exit via the playground. The gate will be closed at 3.15pm to safeguard children attending after school clubs.

Parking

The school car park is for staff and permit holders only and for parents dropping children off at Early Morning Club. Parking for Early Morning Club users is on the left hand side only as you enter the car park.

We understand that parking can sometimes be difficult but may we please remind parents and carers to show consideration to other road users and pedestrians when parking near the school.

Safety around the School

Please help us to keep everyone safe by reminding your child that the trim trail is for use during the school day and when they are with a member of staff and not before or after school.

Please also remember that cycles and scooters should not be ridden on the school paths or in the playground. Your help in keeping everyone safe is much appreciated.

Jewellery and Trainers

Please remember that earrings and other jewellery must not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. The exception to this is analogue watches, which may be worn if children are learning to tell the time. They will need to be removed for PE/Games.

Hair accessories should primarily be used to keep hair neat and tidy and in the school colours of bottle green and pillar box red. Please ensure they are functional and not fashion accessories. They can be a distraction and cause upset if they are lost.

Children in Years 1 and 2 may wear their trainers to school on their PE days. At all other times, normal school shoes, which can be plain black trainers, should be worn. Thank you.

Cool Milk

We have been advised that Cool Milk will now start on Tuesday 19th September for the whole school. There will not be milk available in school before then. If you wish your child to receive this, please ensure that you have logged on to register and, if your child is 5 years and older, pay for your child's milk BEFORE 11th September.

As deliveries were due to start on 18th September, you will receive a credit if you have already paid for your child's milk.

Pupil Premium

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible to register for Pupil Premium, please complete [FSM Application Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 22nd September**.

More information is given in the [Handbook for Parents September 2023](#) (available on our website).

Eligibility criteria 1 – if either parent is in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Eligibility criteria 2 – Application for other pupil premium

- If your child is a looked-after child (LAC) i.e. in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order,

- a child arrangements order or a residence order.
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Eligibility criteria 3 – no recourse to public funds

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds and your immigration category is one of the following, please complete the [Application form for No Recourse to Public Funds](#)

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Article 8 of the ECHR

Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

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BN(O) Passport holder

Spousal visa holder

Work visa holder

Student visa holder

Other

If your circumstances change during the course of the year and you become eligible for the above, please complete the form and send it to the school office at that time.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

There are no Notices for Nursery Parents this week.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

There are no Notices for Reception Parents this week.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Welcome

We have had a super start to the year; the children have settled well and have been very excited to begin their learning journey in Year 1. The Year 1 Team are looking forward to working with both the children, and their 'grown-ups', this academic year.

PE Days

PE days are as follows. Please can your child come to school in their PE kits on the relevant days.

Otters – Tuesday and Thursday

Hedgehogs – Tuesday and Thursday

Owls – Tuesday and Wednesday

Dragonflies – Monday and Wednesday

Outdoor Learning

We love to take our learning outside where possible and, most weeks, will visit the woodland area. It would be useful if each child could bring an old pair of trainers (if the weather looks dry) or a pair of wellington boots to school for our woodland visits. You may prefer to leave the footwear in a named bag on your child's peg permanently. Please ensure that the boots or trainers are named. Woodland visit days:

Otters – Wednesday
Hedgehogs – Monday
Owls – Monday
Dragonflies - Friday

Reading Books

As in Reception, two new reading books will be sent home every Thursday. Please return these on a Wednesday. Please write a brief comment in your child's reading record each week to record your child's progress in reading. Thank you.

Library Books

All year 1 classes will visit the library on a Thursday. Please return their library books each Thursday ready for them to change. Thank you.

Year 1 Information Meeting – Wednesday 13th September

You are invited to an information meeting all about Year 1 at 3.15pm in your child's classroom. Your child's class teacher will dismiss your child to wait with you in the playground whilst they take other children to their clubs before welcoming you to the classroom.

Year 1 Teddy Bears' Picnic

To launch our topic on Toys, Year 1 will be enjoying a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday 13th September. The lunchtime catering staff have kindly agreed to provide the children with a picnic lunch, and weather permitting, we will be eating outside together in the school grounds. Please send your child to school with a teddy or soft toy to accompany them on their picnic. We do have plenty of spare soft toys in school if your child would prefer to use one of these. Thank you in advance.

Spare socks!

Towards the end of September we will be asking the children to bring in a sock. Please keep hold of any odd socks you may have – we thought you might appreciate advance warning! An adult sized, un-patterned sock would work best as we will be using them to make toy bunnies. We will have a few spare socks in school for the children to use. Thank you!

Sporties – Girls and Boys Football

There are currently spaces for football for Year 1 and 2 boys and girls on a Friday after school. Please see [Sporties](#) for booking information.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Welcome

A huge welcome to Year 2 to all our new children and parents. We have had a great week this week and the children have come back to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. We are really looking forward to this term together.

PE Days

PE days are as follows. Please can your child come to school in their PE kits on the relevant days.

Falcons – Tuesday & Thursday
Woodpeckers – Monday & Wednesday
Squirrels – Monday & Thursday

Reading Books

New reading books will be sent home every Thursday. Please return these on Wednesday so new books can be given.

Year 2 Information Meeting – Thursday 14th September

You are invited to an information meeting all about Year 2 at 3.15pm in your child's classroom. Your child's class teacher will dismiss your child to wait with you in the playground whilst they take other children to their clubs before welcoming you to the classroom.

Sporties – Girls and Boys Football

There are currently spaces for football for Year 1 and 2 boys and girls on a Friday after school. Please see [Sporties](#) for booking information.