



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 15th September 2023

Upcoming Dates for your diary

Please see our [website calendar](#) throughout the year. Further details on individual events will follow.

Saturday 30th September 9.30-12.00 Pond Clearing – all welcome

Wednesday 18th October 4.30-7.30pm Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 19th October 3.30-6.30pm Parent Consultation Evening

23rd – 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October Inset Day – school and nursery closed

Thursday 9th November 7.00-8.30pm Curriculum Evening

Saturday 25th November Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th December 10.50-11.20am and 1.50-2.20pm Nursery Celebration

Thursday 7th December 9.30am Reception Nativity

Friday 8th December 9.30am Reception Nativity

Tuesday 12th December 9.30am Year 1 Nativity at St Mark's Church

Tuesday 12th December 11.00am Year 2 Nativity at St Mark's Church

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December 3.10-3.40pm Open Doors for Reception and KS1

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December 3.15-3.45pm Open Doors for Nursery

Friday 15th December 1.30pm School and Nursery close for Christmas Break

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

A great start in Nursery

We have really enjoyed meeting you and look forward to working with you to support your child's learning and development. We are so pleased with how the children have settled. They are all super stars!

Change of Clothes Bag

This is best as a drawstring bag, as they fit onto the children's pegs and are easily accessible. Please encourage your child to **keep these bags at school**, we will let you know if they need topping up.

Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form

In order for your child to receive Funded Early Education, parents of **all children** in the Nursery are required to complete [Surrey County Council's Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form](#) once their child has attended their first session. If you are unable to print this, please ask for a paper copy from the school office. Please note that 'Universal funded' relates to 15 hours which

all parents are entitled to and 'Extended funded' relates to those who are eligible for 30 hours funding. Holmesdale School offers are term-time only.

This form will apply for the whole academic year so please complete the autumn, spring and summer funding periods now and **please contact the school office immediately** if any changes occur after completion or you become eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium.

Please return your completed form to the school office no later than **Friday 22nd September**.

30 Hours Funding

If your child receives funding for 30 hours, please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every three months to continue claiming the extra hours. You should receive a prompt from the HMRC to remind you to do this. However, it is advisable to make a note of your renewal date yourself to make sure you don't miss the deadline and lose out on your funding.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

A great start in Reception

We have really enjoyed meeting you and look forward to working with you to support your child's learning and development. We are so pleased with how the children have settled. They are all super stars!

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Year 1 Information Meeting – Wednesday 13th September

Thank you to all those who attended the Year 1 information session in their child's classroom this week. If you were unable to attend, please [click here](#) for the presentation slides here so you can see what was discussed.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

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.

Library Books

Library books may be brought into school on a Wednesday with the other books your child brings home and then put into the children's trays until our library time on Friday. Or alternatively you can keep the library book and bring it back on a Friday to change.

Year 2 Information Meeting – Thursday 14th September

Thank you to all those who attended the Year 2 information session in their child's classroom this week. If you were unable to attend, please [click here](#) for the presentation slides here so you can see what was discussed.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Choir – from Miss Vickery and Mr Charles

This week your children will be given the opportunity to join the year 2 choir. Choir takes place every Thursday lunchtime for 20 minutes. There is no fee and it is the children's choice to join. There is an expectation that they will make a commitment to the choir and attend every week. If your child joins choir, you will receive emails when we have events coming up. If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to a year of singing!

Autumn 1 Learning

This half term we will be learning:

- Traditional Tales with a twist – What are some traditional tales? Where do they come from? Who are the characters? What is the storyline? How have some been changed or adapted?
 - Christianity – What do Christians think God is like?
 - Geography – UK countries, their capital cities and their flags.
 - Science – Materials and their properties. Why are certain materials used for particular jobs?
- Please feel free to discuss these topics with your child so they have some prior knowledge and understanding to share with their class.