



## **NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS**

### **Week Ending 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

#### **Volunteer Information Meetings**

We are delighted that we are having more volunteers in school. We will be holding school volunteer meetings on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9:15am and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm**. Some of you are preparing to come in as a volunteer for the first time and we can talk about the types of activities you might undertake. Some of you have been volunteering for some time and we would like to understand your experience.

We would like *every volunteer* to attend one of the meetings. If you are thinking about volunteering and want to know more, please feel free to come along, too. Please complete the [online form](#) to advise which date you will be attending.

#### **Library Parent Helpers**

If you can spare a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon to help in our school library, please email [info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk) or speak to Mrs Hill. Please note that you need a current DBS in order to support in school.

#### **Coats**

The weather is changeable at the moment, so please help us to continue to do our learning outside of the classroom by sending your child to school each day with a raincoat/jacket.

#### **Labelling**

Please help us to return lost items to you by labelling all items of clothing, bookbags and water bottles etc.

#### **School Photographs**

On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, the school photographer will be in school to take individual pupil photographs. Reception and Nursery will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If your class has PE that day, please send them in school uniform – PE will be music and movement. Proofs will be sent home allowing you to place orders. Siblings will have their photos taken together unless you contact the school office in writing.

#### **Open Mornings**

We will be holding our next round of open mornings from **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am**. This is for prospective parents to visit us and find out more about the school and nursery. If you know anyone who will be applying for a school or nursery place for next year, please let them know. Places can be booked via [our website](#).

### Childhood Flu Programme

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be offered flu vaccinations on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Please register your consent online. In the [Surrey Immunisation Team's letter](#) you will find the link to the Immunisation Flu Portal and the school's Unique Reference Number (URN). Copy and paste the URN and click on the link – this will take you to the correct page where you can fill out the online consent. The deadline to register is **12 noon on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, but please do register as soon as possible to enable enough time for administration. Even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination you will still need to register your preference.

### Parent Consultation Evenings

You are invited to make a 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher on either **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> (4.30-7.30pm) or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (3.30-6.30pm)** to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. The appointments will be held in school in your child's classroom. Details of how to book your appointment will be emailed to you with the Notices this week. Bookings will close at **3pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Food Bank Collection

We are supporting Loveworks Food Bank. At the moment, they are really in need of the following:

- Tins of Meat (spam, ham, hot dogs)
- Tinned Meat Casseroles (beef stew, meatballs, chicken, pasta with meat)
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables

If you are able to help in any way, please leave your donations in the red Loveworks box by PSA Shop in the playground. Thank you.

### School Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for staff to join our fantastic lunchtime supervisor team. Please see the [eteach website](#) for full details and to apply.

## NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

### Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form

Please return your completed [forms](#) to the school office by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest. For further information please see last week's [Notices](#). Thank you.

### Wellies and Sandals

Some children are finding it tricky to make the most of our outdoor equipment in their boots and sandals.

Please send your child to nursery in alternative footwear if you have it so that they can jump, skip and climb and make the most of every learning opportunity. Please remember to bring named wellies when we start going to the woodlands. Thank you.

### Learning Journeys

Thank you to those who have already returned the decorated learning journeys. They look brilliant. If you have not returned these yet, please can you do so next week as we are starting to put learning in these with the children.

### **Library**

We will be taking the children in small groups to the library every week on either a Wednesday afternoon or a Thursday morning. They will get to spend a little time in the library and will choose a book to bring home. Do remember to return your child's book by Wednesday morning so they can choose another book.

### **Open Doors Sessions**

Please note that the timing for these sessions are **3.20-3.45pm** on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## **NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS**

### **Water Bottle**

Please send a water bottle to school each day.

### **Can you help?**

We hope to replant our woodland and EYFS garden area. If you are able to donate any herb plants/seeds or spring bulbs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any contributions to your child's teacher.

### **Library Books**

We will be visiting the school library next week to choose a book to enjoy at home.

As **you read the book to your** child, we would like you to draw your child's attention to the author, illustrator and demonstrate that we read left to right, carefully turning pages. You could also discuss how we care for books.

**Please return all library books on Mondays.**

## **NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS**

### **Parent Helpers**

If you are able to help with readers in your child's class and have an up-to-date DBS, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually agreed time.

Please ensure that you have attended a volunteer meeting before coming to help in class.

Thank you

### **Socks**

Next week we will be making toy bunnies from old socks. On Monday, please send in a sock (or a pair!) for your child to use. Plain, pale-coloured socks work best, if possible. We will have some spare socks in school for the children to use if required.

Thank you.

## NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

### **Parent Helpers**

If you are able to help with readers in your child's class and have an up-to-date DBS, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually agreed time. Please ensure that you have attended a volunteer meeting before you start your help in class. Thank you.