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HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Friday 1st September – Inset Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - School Opens





Dear Families

A huge thank you to you all for your continued support of our wonderful school.

This year has been packed full of learning opportunities and I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for making our school a safe and nurturing place to be, where learning is engaging and fun.

Thanks also to the parent volunteers and governors for the support they have given throughout the year. The school is even better as a result of their time and commitment.

The children are a credit to their families and have displayed excellent learning behaviours whilst living our values. They are kind, caring and they work hard; I am the proudest of headteachers.

To those children leaving Holmesdale this year, I wish you all the very best and know you will go on to do great things in the future.

Have a happy and safe summer. With best wishes

S. Mullarkey

### A Note From Our Chair of Governors, Greg Scott

### Dear Holmesdale parents

As the school academic year comes to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers and staff at Holmesdale for their hard work and professionalism over the last year. I joined as Chair of the Holmesdale School Committee in September 2022 working with our team of governors to be a critical friend of the school. We are here to support and challenge the school to give of its best to our children. I can say with confidence that through working with Mrs. Mullarkey and her team, observing the children smile and flourish, our school certainly does that.

There are a few highlights that have stood out:

- •the exceedingly good behaviour of the parents when they were set free of the children at the parents' quiz evening!
- •the tremendous support given at the school fairs organised by our wonderful PSA helping to raise some much-needed funds
- •but best of all, the joy and happiness on show at the year 2 leavers assembly I had the privilege of attending earlier this week the children were amazing

I also want to thank you, as parents, for the support you give throughout the year for the school, the teachers and all the staff as they work hard building such strong educational and life foundations for our children. You are an integral part of the Holmesdale community.

And finally, I wish you and your families a wonderful summer break and look forward to continuing to support the school in 2023/24.

Greg Scott
Chair of Governor



## YEAR ROUND UP

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Nativity Christmas Lunch Fun in the Snow Chinese New Year









Friendship Week Welcome Bernard Guy Fawkes World Book Day









Mental Health Week Worksh



Choir



Toy



Art Workshop Year 2 School Trip





Gardening



Coronation





## WELCOME TO EYFS

## NURSERY AND RECEPTION





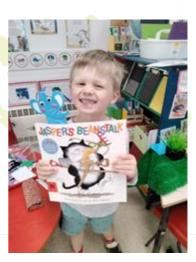


We have had a fantastic end to the year in Nursery, practising skills for our Action Stations and having lots of fun in and out of the classroom!

Thank you to the PSA for the donation for our end of year gifts. We have loved making our bookmarks and are looking forward to our end of year parties!









### WELCOME TO EYFS

## NURSERY AND RECEPTION







We have enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and digging for bones and fossils!

Our investigation tables were particularly popular!







### **OUR VOLCANOES EXPLODED!**







In our final woodland session, we learnt about fire safety and toasted our own marshmallows!

# Year 1 News

### Welcome to Year 1





We enjoyed observing our caterpillars' metamorphosis into butterflies and were very excited to let them go. As they set off into the great outdoors we made wishes and hoped our butterflies will make them come true for us!





We have been very busy in the last few weeks of term. We took part in an amazing Junk Orchestra' Workshop. The conductor 'Mr Junkman' showed us his fantastic collection of instruments that are all made from recycled materials. We then experimented with playing the instruments and made our own class orchestra!

# Year 1 News

### Welcome to Year 1















We then designed and made our own instruments out of junk modelling materials. We all played our instruments together and made a year 1 orchestra - what a fun and noisy day!





# YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

## DT Moving vehicle day



We really enjoyed our DT day in Year 2. We designed, made and evaluated our own moving vehicle













We even got to use a saw to cut the axles to the right size!



## YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 have had a fantastic last week.
We preformed our Leavers' Assembly to the school and to all of our adults.

It was so much fun!







We also enjoyed our party day where we made frames and leavers' mats, played party games and had a special visit from Magic Marty the Magician.





## SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

### THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES >







Thank you to everyone who came to see this year's Action Stations. The children had a wonderful time and were joined by children in Year 5 & 6 from Priory School who gave lots of appreciation, encouragement and help to everyone at Holmesdale.



















Thank you!

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Zoya from Bees class has won a Silver medal at her local gymnastics centre. Zoya really wanted to share the news with all of her teachers and friends. What a great achievement Zoya.

Holly has had 2 cheerleading competitions in June and her team won, taking 1st place for both.

One was in Guildford for the Southern Championship and the other in Bournemouth for the National Championship.

Holly also auditioned for Leatherhead Theatre Pantomime that will run throughout December. Holly was successful in joining the team as a dancer.

