

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 27th September 2024

Feeling Good Friday

On Friday 11th October we will be celebrating 'Feeling Good Friday' and focusing on developing positive mental health and emotional wellbeing. This year's theme is 'Embracing Emotions', supporting the children in developing their emotional literacy skills. As part of our PSHE curriculum, we help the children to learn how to recognise and understand their emotions and to be resilient when confronted with a challenge or difficult time. To promote discussion about emotions in class, the children may wear clothing to represent an emotion e.g., blue for sadness, green for calm or a sparkly T-shirt for excitement. We will then see if the class can guess which emotion each child is representing.



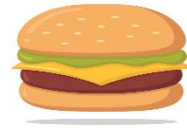
A Plea for logs for our woodland area

Some of the logs in our woodland area that the children use to sit on are unfortunately coming to the end of their life. We would be very grateful if anyone has any spare logs that you would be willing to donate to the school. Many thanks!

Greensand Job Opportunities

We are currently looking for an Early Morning Club playworker four/five days a week. Holmesdale staff are entitled for their children to attend Early Morning Club free of charge.

Please [click here](#) for current opportunities within Greensand MAT.



Twelve 15 Taster menu on Thursday 3rd October

Our caterers Twelve 15 will be offering a taster menu on Thursday 3rd October instead of the advertised menu to all children who currently have school lunches. Please [click here](#) for details of this menu. If your child currently has a packed lunch please [click here](#) to complete this form **by Monday 30th September** if you would like them to try the menu on Thursday 3rd October. All children currently having a special diet will have their needs catered for.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Belongings

Please make sure that all items of clothing, book bags, and water bottles are clearly labeled with your child's name. If using preloved items, kindly remove any previous names and replace them with your child's.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Thank you to those parents who generously donated bulbs and seeds for our outdoor area.

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Toys at school

We kindly ask that children do not bring any toys into school. Unfortunately, these items can easily get lost or broken, which often causes distress. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us avoid any unnecessary upset.

Word and Sound Books

We use the phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to teach phonics. Please [click here](#) for more information about Little Wandle and an overview of phonics for the year.

This week your child will bring home a 'Word and Sound Book' with the graphemes that we have learnt thus far. Please encourage your child to recognise the grapheme and say the phoneme catch phrase. Little Wandle have recorded clips on how to say each phoneme to support parents.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Moving forward, please keep your child's 'Word and Sound Book' at home and stick in the new phonemes for the week when they are sent home on a Thursday. A note explaining how to use this book to support your child is stuck into the inside cover.

Baseline Assessment

Reception will be completing statutory Baseline Assessments soon. Please [see here](#) for more information. If you have any further questions, please ask your child's teacher.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Socks!

We are planning to use socks to make our own toys. Please send in an old clean sock (or pair of socks) that you no longer need during the week beginning 30th September. If you do not have an old sock, please do not worry, we will have a few spare ones at school. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Weaving & Wool

This term, all children will be learning the skill of weaving and will create a bookmark for themselves. Donations of wool, any colour or size, would be appreciated. If you have spare wool that you could donate to Year 2, please pass this on to your child's class teacher.

Thank you very much.

Weaving & Straws

If you have any plastic straws at home that you would like to recycle/donate we would love to have them for our weaving bookmark art. Please pass any straws to your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Reading

As mentioned in our year group meeting at the beginning of term, Year 2 will have 2 weeks of 1:1 reading and 2 weeks of group reading. When your child brings home a group reading book, (please see learning letter to know which week is which), please could your child read this book first so that it can be returned the following Wednesday and put back into the group pack. These packs are then passed to another class to use that week so all books must be returned by Wednesday to ensure the next group has enough books for reading in class and sending home on Thursday. Thank you.