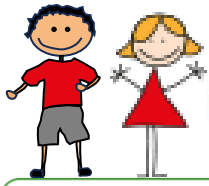
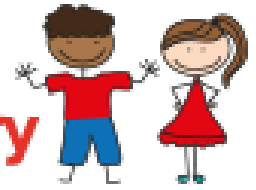


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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 3rd October
'Super Me' Day - Reception only

Friday 10th October
Feel Good Friday

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st Oct
School Photographs

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd Oct
Parents Evening

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
Half Term

Monday 3rd November
Inset Day

(Please see Weekly Notices for details)



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see the children return so positively this September. They have settled back quickly into routines, and our new children are already finding their feet – a warm welcome to them and their families.

My thanks go to our staff for their hard work in ensuring such a smooth start, to the PSA for their thoughtful gift to new parents, and to our wonderful Teaching Assistants – thank you for all that you do, and a very happy National Teaching Assistants' Day to you all.

We look forward to a happy and successful year ahead.

Well done to everyone who took part in Run Reigate. Thank you also for the generous donations to Stripey Stork. The fundraiser is still open, so if you would like to contribute, you can donate [here](#). Your support makes a real difference.

With warmest regards,

S. Mullarkey



HAPPY *National Teaching Assistants' Day*

At the heart of every classroom is a dedicated Teaching Assistant, working hard behind the scenes to support both teachers and children. Whether it's preparing the learning environment, supporting how each child learns best, guiding small group work, helping children build confidence, or just being there to listen, their impact is truly invaluable. A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible Teaching Assistants at Holmesdale.

MEET *Our Team*

Get to know some of our amazing TAs here. A shout-out to Mrs. Oxley, Mrs. Jenkinson and Mrs. Ware, who aren't pictured, as well as Mrs. Ayres (ELSA), and all our incredible lunchtime and Early Morning staff. Thanks so much for everything you do!



Mrs Robinson

I've been at Holmesdale School for 9 years, always working with children under 5 and enjoying every moment. I have hobbies including art and crafting. I love creative projects and learning new skills. When I'm not making something, I enjoy reading or going to the cinema. I have a dog called Sky, and she loves snuggles on the sofa with my children.



Mrs Jones

I previously worked in health and social care settings as a Registered Mental Health Nurse. I started working in schools as a volunteer and minibus driver. I completed courses for working in schools over the covid years. I have been at Holmesdale for 4yrs. Married. Two boys, now in Secondary school. Love being with my family. Enjoy gardening, walking and I make myself run! Loathe ironing!



Mrs Blashfield

After my banking career, I've been in my Teacher Assistant profession for the past 7 years. I feel privileged to be part of our pupils' learning journey and contribute to building their foundations towards becoming future makers. I adore their huge pot of energy, positive attitude, and curiosity to learn more.



Mrs Judge

With a Greek heritage, I speak the language fluently. I'm married with two grown children and a dog. I worked in banking for 16 years before taking a break to raise my children. Later, I joined my son's pre-school, eventually moving to Holmesdale to work with the next age group. This year, to celebrate a milestone birthday, we took a family trip to Brazil!



Mrs Brett

I'm now in my fourteenth year at Holmesdale's Nursery and I've thoroughly enjoyed supporting hundreds of children starting off on their educational journeys. I love seeing them learn and develop. It's a rewarding and very energetic job!



Mrs Paton

After 10 years working in transport project management in London, I decided to focus on supporting SEN children in nurseries and then in schools. I find the work very rewarding and love to see the progress the children can make.



Mrs Green

I have worked in Early years for the past 20 years, and before that, I worked as a children's nurse. When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, as well as playing badminton, table tennis, and reading.



Miss Potter

After working in the charity sector here and in Australia, I moved to Reigate 12 years ago with my family. I have worked at Holmesdale for 6 years in a variety of roles and they have all been rewarding in their own way. It's a special place to be!



Mrs Rickman

I've worked in Early Years for 25 years, 9 of those with Holmesdale. I love my job - it's incredibly rewarding, and seeing our nursery children flourish makes the busy days worthwhile. I'm also involved with Age UK, so working with both age groups keeps life interesting!



Mrs English

I'm originally from Japan and have been working at Holmesdale School for the past 14 years. I really enjoy working in reception and being part of the reception class team. I'm married and have two boys who are now studying at university.



Mrs Wheatley

Previously I worked in the NHS, recruiting GPs into training posts to become consultants. I did this for 10 years before stopping to have my girls. I started at Holmesdale by volunteering with reading. I love working with the children, they have so much enthusiasm and creativity, and every day is different.



Mrs Howard

After working in IT for nearly a decade, I became a Teaching Assistant 3 years ago. Outside of school, I love to dance, cross-stitch and spend time with my family. I have loved every minute of my time at Holmesdale so far.

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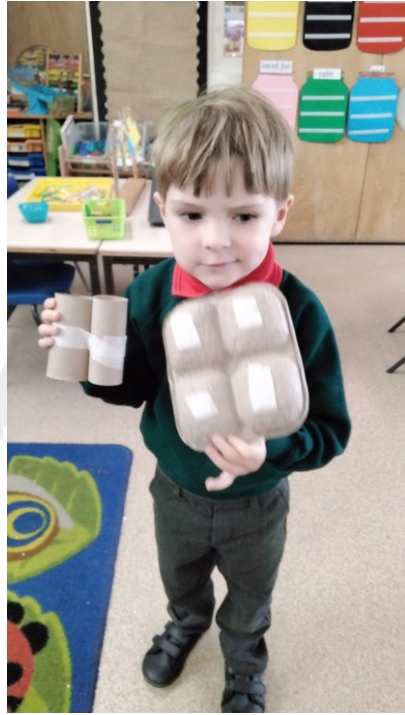
We have had a wonderful time exploring our new learning environment and making new friends. The children have settled in beautifully and are showing great enthusiasm for their learning journey ahead!





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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



We have settled well into reception. We have been playing and exploring in both the indoor and outdoor classrooms. We have also been learning the school rules and routines and making lots of new friends!



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

We received an invitation from 'Biscuit Bear' inviting us to a 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. We made posters to advertise the picnic and wrote invitations to our own soft toys.



We went into the woodland to hunt for teddy bears then we played games and danced to music! Finally, we sat down to eat our delicious picnic – what a fantastic way to start our year together



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Mrs Hill's Toy workshop was very interesting. We were fascinated to learn the stories behind Mrs Hill's impressive collection; some of her toys are 96 years old! We looked closely at the toys and did observational drawings of our favourite ones.



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We dressed up as what we would like to be when we grow up and paraded proudly our fantastic costumes with the rest of the year group. Take a look at our inspiring 'future makers'!



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►

A huge well done to everyone who participated in and supported Run Reigate this month! You are all run-believable!!



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We're so proud of you all for completing the challenging course and thank you for sharing your photos and medals with us at school.

