



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 26th June 2026

### **INSET Day**

A reminder that next **Friday 3rd July** is an INSET day, and the school will be closed.

### **Online Safety Weekly Updates – Minecraft**

Minecraft remains a very popular creative game where children can build and explore virtual worlds. While it's generally positive, there are some online safety and wellbeing concerns to be aware of. Please see the attached flyer for details on how to support a safer gaming experience.

### **Thank You for Supporting Oasis School**

Thank you for your generosity in raising £276 for Oasis School in Kenya. Your support will help make a real difference to the children's education and daily lives.

### **Lost Property**

Please take a moment to check the lost property box located in the school's reception area for any unnamed items. Any unclaimed property will be recycled at the end of term. Thank you.

### **Adult Family Learning Surrey**

Adult Family Learning Surrey will be running a free course at Epsom Downs Family Centre on Wednesday 1st July to explore and support anxiety. Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

### **Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea - Reminder**

We have had cases in school this week. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, please ensure that you report this to the school office on the day so that we can monitor the number of cases in each class and advise parents if appropriate. We do have some vulnerable children in school whose families need to be informed if there are cases in their class.

Please see the following NHS Advice.

Please keep your child at home following sickness and/or diarrhoea until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours and are well enough to return to school.

#### **If your child is unwell:**

- Make sure they get lots of rest.
- **Offer plenty of fluids, in small sips if necessary, to stop them becoming dehydrated**
- You can use infant Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, to help keep their temperature down, but follow the instructions on the packet.
- Please ring the school/nursery and let us know that your child is ill and what symptoms they have.
- If your child is unusually sleepy, won't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as blood in their diarrhoea, or you are worried about them, please get medical advice promptly.

**If your child has been suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting keep them at home until they have been well for 48 hours. If they had diarrhoea, they should not return to school until 48**

**hours after the first normal stool. This is to stop the spread of infection to others.**

**To help prevent the spread of diarrhoea and vomiting:**

**Hand washing** is one of the most important ways to prevent spread of infection. This applies to the child who is ill and anyone looking after them.

Wash hands using liquid soap if possible:

- Before and after caring for your child.
- After using the toilet.
- Before eating or handling food.
- After cleaning up vomit, faeces or urine.

Other ways of preventing the spread of infection:

- Keep a separate towel for family members who have symptoms.
- Clean baths and washbasins thoroughly and disinfect after use.
- If cleaning up diarrhoea or vomit, wash the surface with hot soapy water and disinfect before allowing to dry.
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels separately at a high temperature.

**Early Morning Club Update**

A reminder that the Early Morning Club is filling up this term. To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have booked your child's place in advance before arriving. Unfortunately, if we reach capacity, we may not be able to accommodate children without a booking. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**KOOSA Kids Summer Holiday Club**

KOOSA Kids are excited to be operating their Summer Holiday Club at Holmesdale Community Infant School from **Thursday 23rd July to Wednesday 26th August**. Their action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of games, art & crafts, go-karts, science and challenges that bring their Summer Holiday Clubs to life. With 6 exciting weekly themes, their Wicked Wednesday Special Activity Days include Treasure Island, Fun at the Fair, Art Attack, KOOSA Olympics and as many Wet 'n' Wild afternoons as the weather allows, their summer will be jam-packed full of fun! Prices start from just £31.50 per child (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) with an 8% discount on a full week booking) and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)!

Please [click here](#) for more information, Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) or call 01276 21884.

**Greensand Job Opportunities**

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

**Follow us on Facebook/Instagram**

Stay updated on all the latest news, events, activities, and celebrations in our school. Follow us on Facebook [here](#) or on Instagram [here](#). Please invite family and friends to follow us as well.

**NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS**

**Move up Day**

We are looking forward to our upcoming Move Up Day and would like to confirm the arrangements for Nursery children. You will have been allocated either a morning or an afternoon session. If your child is attending the morning session, please collect them from the Nursery door from **10:50am**. If your child is attending the afternoon session, the collection will be from **1:20pm**.

After collecting your child, please walk around to the main entrance and enter the playground through the gates. From there, make your way to your allocated Reception class gate, where staff will be ready to welcome you.

### **Can you Help?**

We have many children who are very interested in dinosaurs at the moment, so we will be spending some time learning about them. As part of this, we are planning to set up a paleontologist's office in our role-play area.

If you have any unwanted adult white shirts that we could use as lab coats, we would greatly appreciate any donations. Please hand them to a member of the Nursery team. Thank you.

## **NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS**

### **Auditions for 'Holmesdale's Got Talent'**

We are looking forward to our annual 'Holmesdale's Got Talent' event.

If your child would like to take part, please support them practicing their act at home so that they are ready to audition in class week beginning Monday 29th June and 6th July.

How will acts be selected?

- Children will audition to their class.
- Each class will vote for two acts to represent the class.
- On **Friday 10th July**, the two chosen 'acts' from each class will perform in front of all the children in Reception and then Reception children will vote for two 'acts' to represent Reception in the final on **Wednesday 15th July**.

Your child may like to perform a poem, dance, or play a musical instrument. They can perform in a group or individually. We make sure that each act is celebrated and nurtured so that the experience is very positive for all involved. If your child needs props, please ensure that they are named and sent in ready for the audition. If your child has a musical accompaniment, please email this (or a link) to the school office ([info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk)) so that it can be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

We are very excited to celebrate all the children's talents and can't wait to cheer them along!

### **Message from the Year 1 Team**

We are looking forward to meeting our new classes next **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. To help us get to know the children we will be sending home 'Magical Me' bags. During the summer, please collect a few items that are meaningful to your child and that they will enjoy talking to us about in September. You may include items such as a drawing or photo of your family or pet, a natural object that your child has found e.g. a shell or rock, a small toy or Lego creation, something they have made/drawn/written, or a postcard of a favourite place. We hope you have fun with this activity, and we look forward to getting to know you and your child in September. Thank you.

### **Woodland Explorers**

All Reception classes will be enjoying a woodland session on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. We will be learning about fire safety as we toast bread.

Please could children come to school in school uniform and remember:

- **Wellington boots or alternative footwear in a named bag if appropriate**
- **Waterproof Coat**

- **Sun hat**

**Please let your child's teacher know if you do not want your child to eat any toast and/or honey.**

Ingredients: Wheat flour bread with rye flour

Ingredients: Pure Honey (100%).

Children with special diets will enjoy Gluten free panini bread, ingredients as follows:

Maize Starch, Water, Sourdough 12% (Rice Flour, Water), Maize Flour, Rice Flour, Vegetable Fibre (Psyllium), Thickener: Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Yeast, Soya Protein, Sunflower Oil, Acids: Citric Acid, Tartaric Acid, Salt

### **Topic- Sea creatures and Islands**

Over the next fortnight, the children will be learning about islands and sea creatures.

If you have any pamphlets, leaflets, or maps from places you have visited (for example, Legoland or other attractions), we would love the children to share these. We also welcome any storybooks or fact books about islands, sea creatures, or pirates that you are happy to share.

## **NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS**

### **Auditions for 'Holmesdale's Got Talent'**

We are looking forward to our annual 'Holmesdale's Got Talent' event. If your child would like to take part, please support them practicing their act at home so that they are ready to audition in class week beginning Monday 6th July.

How will acts be selected?

- Children will audition to their class.
- Each class will vote for two 'acts' to represent the class.
- On **Thursday 9th July**, the two chosen 'acts' from each class will perform in front of all the children in Year 1 and the children will vote for two 'acts' to represent Year 1 in the final on **Wednesday 15th July**.

Your child may like to perform a poem, dance, or play a musical instrument. They can perform in a group or individually. We make sure that each act is celebrated and nurtured so that the experience is very positive for all involved. If your child needs props, please ensure that they are named and sent in ready for the audition. If your child has a musical accompaniment, please email this (or a link) to the school office ([info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk)) so that it can be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

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### **Wind Up Toy Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

During the morning of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be making wind-up toys as part of our D.T. learning. If you have a current DBS check and would like to come into school to support the children with the making process, please let your child's class teacher know. Also, if you have any shoe boxes at home that you do not need, please give them to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

## Change of PE day for Hedgehogs

Due to our D.T. day on Thursday, Hedgehogs will swap their PE lessons to **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please send the children to school in their PE kits on those days. Thank you.

## Choir

We are delighted to let parents and carers know that children will have the opportunity to join our Year 2 Choir from September, should they wish. Choir is a wonderful way for children to come together, make new friendships and experience the joy of singing as part of a team. Choir practices will take place on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes during the autumn term. We will share details of performance opportunities in the new academic year.

The children will be learning and practising:

- "The Explorer and the Bear" from Paddington: The Musical
- "On My Way Home" from James and the Giant Peach
- "When I Grow Up" from Matilda The Musical
- Our special *World Book Day Song*, set to the tune of "Shotgun" by George Ezra

This exciting repertoire celebrates the joy of reading, storytelling and music, and we are looking forward to hearing the children develop their confidence and performance skills as they learn these wonderful songs. Children may enjoy learning some of the lyrics with you over the summer holidays. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming our new choir members in September!

## NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

### Auditions for 'Holmesdale's Got Talent'

We are looking forward to our annual Holmesdale's Got Talent event. If your child would like to take part, please support them practicing their act at home so that they are ready to audition in class week beginning Monday 6th July.

How will acts be selected?

- Children will audition to their class.
- Each class will vote for two 'acts' to represent the class.
- On **Friday 10th July**, the two chosen 'acts' from each class will perform in front of all the children in Year 2 and then Year 2 children will vote for two 'acts' to represent Year 2 in the final on Wednesday **15th July**.

Your child may like to perform a poem, dance, or play a musical instrument. They can perform in a group or individually. We make sure that each act is celebrated and nurtured so that the experience is very positive for all involved. If your child needs props, please ensure that they are named and sent in ready for the audition. If your child has a musical accompaniment, please email this (or a link) to the school office ([info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk)) so that it can be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

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### **Year 2 Trip to Reigate Priory Performance – Helpers Needed**

The Year 2 children have been invited to watch the end of year performance at Reigate Priory Junior School on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** in the morning, leaving at 9am and returning around 12 noon. We would like to take the children to see this, but we need support to walk the children there and back. We are currently short of volunteers, so if you are able to help, we would greatly appreciate it. Without enough support, we may not be able to go ahead with the trip.

If you are able to help, please complete this [form](#) by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. You do not need to be DBS cleared on this occasion, as we will be walking all together, but it is helpful to us to know if you are. Thank you

### **PSHE and Science**

Due to the extreme weather this week and amendments to our timetabling as a result, the children have not yet had their PSHE session about body parts, including private parts. This lesson will be covered next week instead.

### **Year 2 Leavers Assembly**

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the Year 2 Leavers' Assembly on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** at 9:30am. The performance will take place in the school playground, and the playground gates will open shortly before it begins. The assembly will last approximately one hour. Seating will be limited, but you're welcome to bring a folding or camping chair. Costume letters will be coming home with the children next week and if your child is a narrator they will also be bringing home their lines. Please could you help your child to practise these at home so that they are confident in saying them clearly and loudly. Thanks for your support.

### **Year 2 Party Day**

On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, Year 2 will be having a fun party day to celebrate their time here at Holmesdale. They may come to school dressed in party clothes or in their leaver's tops. Please make sure they are wearing suitable shoes for school activities. During the day they will be taking part in 4 exciting party activities, including a visit from Magic Marty, all of which has been kindly funded by the PSA.

Children may also wear their leavers' tops on the last day of term if they wish.

For any previous notices please refer to the [Holmesdale School website](#)