



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 6th September 2024

Welcome back

We are pleased to see the children return to school with great enthusiasm. They have enjoyed reconnecting with friends, making new ones, and getting to know their new teaching team. We also look forward to next week when we will welcome all our Nursery and Reception children to join us. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Bikes and Scooters

If your child has left their bike or scooter at school over the holidays and it's no longer in the racks, please contact the school office. Any unclaimed items without a name will be held until 13th September, after which they will be donated to charity.

2024-2025 Year 1 and Year 2 Information Sessions

We will be hosting a 'Welcome to Year 1' parent information session at 3:15pm on Wednesday 11th September and a 'Welcome to Year 2' parent information session at 3:15pm on Thursday 12th September. Each teacher will deliver the session in their class and you and your child are welcome to attend. Teachers will have the opportunity to tell you how Year 1 or Year 2 runs at Holmesdale, a little about the curriculum and what a typical day in Year 1 or Year 2 looks like.

Cool Milk price increase

If you pay for your child's milk, the price will increase from 28p to 31p per child per day.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

Lunchtimes

It has been lovely to see the Key Stage 1 children settle back into school so well this week. They have been superstars at lunchtimes and have been thoroughly engaged playing with their friends in all the different zones of the playground. We are always looking for ways to make our lunchtime provision ever better and are putting out a plea for the following items to refresh some of our resources:

- Chalks/ Paper (for the writing zone)
- Child size hangers (for our dressing up zone)
- Pots and pans/ cooking utensils/ metal spoons (for the mud kitchen)

If you have any of the items above that you no longer need please would you send them into the office, or into class with your child.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

There are no notices for Nursery this week.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

There are no notices for Reception this week.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

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PE days

Please send your child to school in their PE kits on the following days:

- Hedgehogs: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Otters: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Owls: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Outdoor Learning

We often take our learning outside and enjoy visiting the woodland. Please send your child to school with a pair of trainers or wellington boots to wear in the woodland on the following days. If you prefer, you may leave the boots / trainers in a bag on your child's peg to save bringing them back and forth to school. Please ensure the footwear is clearly named. Thank you.

- Hedgehogs: Tuesday
- Otters: Wednesday
- Owls: Monday

Library Sessions

We visit the library each week and the children choose a book to bring home. Please return their book the following week so that your child is able to choose a new book to enjoy. Thank you.

- Hedgehogs: Thursday
- Otters: Thursday
- Owls: Wednesday

Reading Books

Two books will be sent home every **Thursday** for you to enjoy at home. One book is phonetically decodable and your child should be able to use their phonetic skills to read this

independently. The other book, which is **marked with an x** on the coloured sticker, may contain some words which are not phonetically decodable, therefore your child may require some support with reading this text. Please return both books the following **Wednesday**. Please write a comment to record your child's progress as we find this very helpful. Please read the **Learning Letter** sent home each week, as this has further suggestions on how to support your child with their phonics and reading. Thank you.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

To launch our topic on **Toys** we will be enjoying a Teddy Bears' Picnic next Wednesday 11th September. Instead of eating in the hall we will be going on a Teddy Bear hunt in the woodland, playing games and eating our picnic lunch (provided by the school for those who have school dinners) outside. If your child usually has a packed lunch, please send this in as normal. Please send your child to school with a teddy or soft toy to accompany them on their picnic next Wednesday (we will have spare teddies in school for children to borrow if they would prefer). Thank you.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

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PE days

Please send your child to school in their PE kits on the following days:

- Badgers: Thursday and Friday
- Falcons: Monday and Thursday
- Squirrels: Monday and Thursday
- Woodpeckers: Monday and Wednesday

Library Sessions

We visit the library each week and the children choose a book to bring home. Please return their book the following week so that your child is able to choose a new book to enjoy. Thank you.

All classes: Friday

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Outdoor Learning

We often take our learning outside and enjoy visiting the woodland. On occasion we may ask children to bring in wellies or old trainers / shoes. This will be communicated through notices when needed.

Thank you.