



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 13th September 2024

Welcome Back

A fantastic start to the school term so far. The children are settling in beautifully and looking very smart in their uniforms.

Jewellery and Trainers

Please remember that earrings and other jewellery must not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. The exception to this is analogue watches, which may be worn if children are learning to tell the time. They will need to be removed for PE/Games.

Hair accessories should primarily be used to keep hair neat and tidy and in the school colours of bottle green and pillar box red. Please ensure they are functional and not fashion accessories. They can be a distraction and cause upset if they are lost. To see our uniform policy please [click here](#).

Parking

The school car park is for staff and permit holders only and for parents dropping children off at Early Morning Club. Parking for Early Morning Club users is on the left-hand side only as you enter the car park.

We understand that parking can sometimes be difficult, but may we please remind parents and carers to show consideration to other road users and pedestrians when parking near the school

Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form

In order for your child to receive Funded Early Education, parents of **all children** in the Nursery are required to complete [Surrey County Council's Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form](#) once their child has attended their first session. If you are unable to print this, please ask for a paper copy from the school office. Please note that 'Universal funded' relates to 15 hours which all parents are entitled to and 'Extended funded' relates to those who are eligible for 30 hours funding. Holmesdale School offers are term-time only.

This form will apply for the whole academic year so please complete the autumn, spring and summer funding periods now and **please contact the school office immediately** if any changes occur after completion or you become eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium.

Please return your completed form to the school office no later than **Friday 20th September**.

30 Hours Funding

If your child receives funding for 30 hours, please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every three months to continue claiming the extra hours. You should receive a prompt from the HMRC to remind you to do this. However, it is advisable to make a note of your renewal date yourself to

make sure you don't miss the deadline and lose out on your funding.

Childhood Flu Programme

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be offered flu vaccinations on Thursday 24th October. Please register your consent online. In the [Surrey Immunisation Team's letter](#) you will find the link to the Immunisation Flu Portal and the school's Unique Reference Number (URN). Copy and paste the URN and click on the link – this will take you to the correct page where you can fill out the online consent. The deadline to register is 12 noon on Friday 18th October, but please do register as soon as possible to enable enough time for administration. Even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination you will still need to register your preference.

School Photographs

On Monday 23rd September and Tuesday 24th September, the school photographer will be in school to take individual pupil photographs. Reception and Nursery will be on Monday 23rd September and Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday 24th September. If your class has PE that day, please send them in school uniform – PE will be music and movement. Proofs will be sent home allowing you to place orders. Siblings will have their photos taken together unless you contact the school office in writing.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

A great start in Nursery

We have really enjoyed meeting you and look forward to working with you to support your child's learning and development. We are so pleased with how the children have settled. They are all super stars!

Change of Clothes Bag

This is best as a drawstring bag, as they fit onto the children's pegs and are easily accessible. Please encourage your child to **keep these bags at school**, we will let you know if they need topping up

Coat

As the weather is rather changeable at this time of the year, please send your child to school with a named waterproof coat each day.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

A great start in Reception

We have really enjoyed meeting you and look forward to working with you to support your child's learning and development. We are so pleased with how the children have settled. They are all super stars!

Super Me' Day

On Tuesday 24th **September** we will be enjoying 'Super Me' day as we celebrate our uniqueness and appreciate how amazing we all are. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a superhero in an outfit that reflects their 'Superpower' e.g., kindness, humour, strength, bravery, friendship, love etc. Please do not purchase an outfit. We **strongly encourage** a home-made costume - cape, pants over trousers/shorts and a home-made mask (if applicable). During the day the children will participate in a variety of fun Superhero challenges... Superhero training, dance, singing, arts and crafts and a parade! Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, wears sensible shoes with Velcro fasteners, and brings a waterproof coat, as children will be using the outdoor area/playground. We look forward to seeing all our Superheroes in action - Holmesdale will be a safe and happy place with our Reception Superheroes on duty!

Name on possessions

Please ensure that all possessions are clearly named, including bookbags (please write name on the flap)

Coat

As the weather is rather changeable at this time of the year, please send your child to school with a named waterproof coat each day.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Year 1 Information Session

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our information session. We hope it was a useful introduction to Year 1. If you were unable to make this session we have attached the [PowerPoint](#) for you here. If you have any questions, please do ask your child's class teacher. Thank you.

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Coat

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NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

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.

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.

Outdoor Learning

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

Year 2 Information Session

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our information session. We hope it was useful in outlining some of the Year 2 curriculum. If you were unable to make this session we have attached the [PowerPoint](#) for you here. If you have any questions, please do ask your child's class teacher. Thank you.