



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 4th April 2025

*Have a lovely Easter Break*



### **KOOSA Kids – Easter Holiday Club**

KOOSA Kids Holiday Club will be available at Holmesdale from this Easter. Created to offer a fun, caring, and safe environment for children aged 4 to 13, the club will provide a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, games, and much more. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Mufti Day – Oasis School**

In honour of the value of the month - Caring - we will be learning about children that live in another country and whose circumstances may be different to our own. We have a long-standing friendship with an Infant school in Kenya, The Oasis School. To support the school and demonstrate the value, caring, we will be holding a Mufti Day on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April** where children can wear non-uniform clothes in exchange for a donation to the Oasis School. If your child has PE, please send them to school in sports clothes and trainers or ask them to bring in their PE kit so they can get changed at school. Donations for the Oasis School, can be made in cash on the day.

Thank you for showing caring!

### **Earth Day Pledge**

Tuesday 22nd April is Earth Day, and to celebrate this we would love to encourage the children to think about how we can all do things to live more sustainably and help the environment. In their bookbags, the children have been given a copy of a handprint. Over the Easter break, it would be lovely if the children could write or draw an Earth Day Pledge in each of the digits on the hand, such as turning off taps and lights, going litter-picking, recycling more or collecting bottle lids for our school collection. Please decorate the globe in the centre, cut out the hand and bring it into your class teacher during the first week back. Thank you!

### **Online Safety Weekly Updates – Instagram**

With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents to stay informed about how children are using the app - and what the risks are.

### **Safety**

We are pleased that the new pathway on Alma Road is being well used by our school community. However, a local resident has raised a safety concern about the speed of some bicycles and scooters, particularly given the steep slope and nearby blind driveways. To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask parents to remind children to travel at a safe speed and be mindful of their surroundings. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair. We earned £705.06 scholastic rewards which we will spend on books for our library and classroom reading corners.

### **Tissues**

We would be very grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues after the Easter holidays.

### **Twelve15 menu starting 22nd April 2025**

Please [click here](#) for the new school lunch menu starting next term.

### **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!

### **Greensand Job Opportunities**

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

## **NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS**

### **Collection of Seeds**

When we come back after the Easter break, we will be starting our topic on growing. As part of this we will be looking at the different seeds we find in flowers, fruit and vegetables.

We would be very grateful for any packets of fruit/flower or vegetable seeds or compost/potting soil that you are willing to donate.

### **Empty Yoghurt Pots**

We are collecting clean, empty yoghurt pots, or pots of a similar size, to grow seeds.

### **Early Years Pupil Premium Funding**

If any family's financial situation has changed since September 2024 and you believe that your child could be entitled to extra funding at school, please contact the school office who will advise which forms to complete.

**Thank you for your support this term.**

## **NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS**

### **PE Kits**

PE kits will be sent home on Friday to give you the opportunity to check contents and wash if necessary. Please return the PE kits on Tuesday 22nd April.

### **Maths Games**

Ducks and Rabbits classes will take maths games home from Tuesday 22nd March and may be

swapped daily until Wednesday 30th April. If you notice that any pieces e.g. counters, cards etc. are missing, please let your child's class teacher know.

## **Growing**

After the Easter break, we will be talking about spring and thinking of ways we can look after our environment. We will be learning about growing seeds and the structure of a plant.

If any family has any extra potting soil that they are happy to donate, please do.

## **Pupil Premium**

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible to register for Pupil Premium, please complete [FSM Application Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 25th April 2025**.

### Eligibility criteria 1 – if either parent is in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

### Eligibility criteria 2 – Application for other pupil premium

- If your child is a looked-after child (LAC) i.e., in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

### Eligibility criteria 3 – no recourse to public funds

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds and your immigration category is one of the following, please complete the [NRPF form](#)

Zambrano

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## **Photographs**

In Reception we will be talking about growing and exploring change over time. To assist us with this learning, please send in three photographs of your child. • One taken recently • One as a

toddler (age 2 or 3) • One of them as a baby (birth-8 months) Please do not send in any precious photographs as we may write on or stick these photographs into our wow books. Printed or photocopied pictures are perfect. Please send all pictures in by Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

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## NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

### Little Wandle Reading Books

Please check at home to ensure that all Little Wandle reading books have been returned to school. We are missing some books which means that some sets are incomplete and, therefore, cannot be used in our group reading sessions. If you think you may have misplaced a book, please let your child's class teacher know. If you are able to, it is possible to make a £5 donation via Scopay so that we can replace the book. Thank you for your support with this.

### Phonics

Please do continue to enjoy lots of reading during the Easter holiday. We have added extra words to this week's Learning Letter for your child to practise reading. Your child may also like to play some of the online games on the Phonicsplay.co.uk website: Dragon's Den, Picnic on Pluto and Buried Treasure. There are also some fun comics on this website which the children may enjoy reading. We hope you enjoy reading together. Thank you.

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## NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

### **Junior School Transition**

We understand that at this time of year, children become more aware of their upcoming transition to a new school, and for some, this brings a mix of excitement and uncertainty. Please be assured that we have an extensive transition process in place, which will take place in the summer term, where the children will receive full support throughout this transition.

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**Year 2 Trip to British Wildlife Centre – Mondy 9th June 2025**

A reminder that payment of £29 for the Year 2 trip is due by Friday 16th May 2025. Please go to your [ScoPay](#) account to record your consent, lunch option and payment. It is important to ensure that you have updated your ScoPay App to use the consent and lunch feature.

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