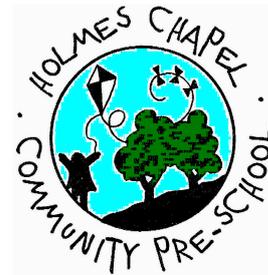


Holmes Chapel Community Pre-school



Welcome to the summer term 2016!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all children and parents who have recently joined the pre-school. We hope you settle in quickly and thoroughly enjoy your time with us.

This newsletter gives you an overview of some of the key events coming up this term as well as providing you with further information that you may find useful.

Term dates

Summer Term 2016

- ❖ Monday 11 April - Friday 27 May
- ❖ Half-term: 30 May - 6 June
- ❖ Tuesday 7 June - Tuesday 19 July

Autumn Term 2016

- ❖ Monday 5 September - Thursday 27 October
- ❖ Half term: 28 Oct - 4 Nov
- ❖ Monday 7 Nov - Thursday 22 December

Your support is very much appreciated



We'd like to express a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising this year and **so far we have raised an amazing £1,011!** The cake sale in March was a fantastic event, and we raised £105. Many thanks to all the parents, staff and committee members who made such scrummy cakes!

The Easter disco was a lovely event DJ Bubbles kept all the children well entertained, along with face painting, a tombola, and plenty of Easter chocs!

These much needed funds have bought story books, vegetables to

plant in the garden and some meshing for the water table. Funds will also be used to buy a new sun canopy.

A new date for the **Village Fair** has been announced - Sunday 3rd July. Fingers crossed for sunny weather!

Our families had a great time taking part in our **Sponsored Walk** at Brereton Heath, we were so lucky to have some beautiful sunshine! Please hand any sponsor money to a member of staff. Thank you!

Cake Sale

- ❖ **Friday 17th June, 3.15 pm**



Come along to **Holmes Chapel primary school playground** from 3.15pm and buy some delicious cakes for the weekend!

If you are able to support the event by baking some cakes, your donations would be very welcome. Please deliver any cakes/biscuits to pre-school on the morning of the 17th June.

Summer Disco

- ❖ **Saturday 16th July, 2-4pm**



Celebrate the start of summer and boogie on with all the family at **the Vic Club!** Tickets will be on sale closer to the time.

New ideas?

If you have any new fundraising ideas, please speak with our Fundraising

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officer, Victoria Hirst.

Important dates

Please note that from **September 2016**, our **fees** will increase to £4 an hour.

Key person evenings are being held on **Tuesday 17th May**. A schedule is up on the door at pre-school, please book your 15 minute slot with your child's key worker.

Pre-school closes for half-term on **Friday 27th May** and re-opens **Tuesday 7th June**.



Would you like to be involved in the running of the pre-school?

The pre-school is a registered charity that is run by a **committee of volunteers**, including parents or guardians of children attending the pre-school.

We are always looking for new members to join us. As well as organizing all the fundraising activities that raise money for our pre-school, the Committee is also responsible for the budgeting and finances, recruitment of staff, policies and procedures, admission of children, maintenance of the building and grounds and many other things. It's a very rewarding opportunity and a great way to meet new friends.

Importantly, we are looking to **elect a new Committee Chairperson** at our next AGM in October 2016. Our current Chair, Lucy Beaumont will sadly be stepping down as her son moves up to Primary School in September. We urgently need to find someone who can take over the reins when she leaves. Remember that the Committee works as a team, so while the role of Chair may sound daunting to some, you will not be expected to do it on your own! Many current

Committee members will be staying on in their roles next year and so a new Chair would be very much supported by a strong team.

If you are interested, please feel free to approach any of the Committee members or alternatively, speak to Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808)

For those children going off to school...

It's that time of year when we are getting ready to say goodbye and good luck to our school leavers! It's an exciting, and perhaps nervous time for our parents as well as our children! We have plenty of special things planned and provide further details in the weeks to come...

Visit to the school - our children will make a visit to their primary school so they can have a look around and meet some teachers. Dates will be confirmed.

The older children will **visit the Fire station on Wednesday 13th July**. More details to follow.

A photographer will come into Pre-school on **Thursday 9th June** to take a **group photograph** of our school leavers.

There will also be a **graduation ceremony** in the afternoon on the **19th July**. Further details to come.

Other fundraising activities

JWC Health & Fitness



A **huge thank you** to JWC Health & Fitness who recently ran a charity raffle in the village and generously donated all proceeds to pre-school! JWC - the new fitness, health and wellness facility in Holmes Chapel - raised a fantastic £80 for us at the event - thank you so much!

Online shopping

Why not help the pre-school to raise funds while you shop online?

We have teamed up with 'easy fundraising' enabling us to earn commission from on-line purchases that you make, at no extra cost to you.

All it requires is a one-off registration with easyfundraising.org.uk and a quick download of the toolbar, which reminds you that a donation can be made from the site you're browsing.

Extra pre-school sessions

Don't forget that we offer parents/carers the flexibility to arrange extra one off sessions at pre-school if you find you need **extra childcare**. Please contact our Administrator, Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808) if you would like to arrange additional sessions. Mornings are getting busy, but there are afternoon places still available!



Please remember...

- ❖ As the days get hotter, to send your child in with sun cream already applied. Staff will top up at lunchtime if needed.
- ❖ To send your child with a named bag containing a complete change of clothes.
- ❖ To let Dawn Caine-Bryant (07943 139808), our Administrator, know of any change of contact details.

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Website

Thanks to Pete Surridge of Ridgetek Solutions (<http://www.ridgetek.co.uk/>) for a wonderful job in re-designing our website. Please visit us at www.hccp.org.uk for further information on all aspects of the pre-school.