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17th November 2023

Holden Clough Newsletter

Stars of the Week

These will be given out in assembly on Monday.

Dates to remember

- 20.11.23 - Instalment 1 due for year 6 residential to London.
- 20.11.23 - Instalment 2 due for year 5 residential to Robinwood.
- 08.12.23 - Christmas Dinner.
- 08.12.23 - Christmas Fair.

This week in Nursery

We celebrated World Nursery Rhyme week. We sang Jack and Jill, Head shoulders knees and toes, Row Row your boat, Hickory dickory dock and the Wheels on bus. We completed different activities for each song.

Holidays in Term Time

Parents must not book holidays during term time, no matter the reason. We appreciate that this affects prices etc. but we must ask that school attendance is a priority. We have unfortunately already had to start referring families to the court service for fines.

Holden Clough Term Dates for the year ahead can be found at:

https://www.holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk/page/term-dates/63548.

Weddings and parental appointments will not be authorised and school will action the local authority's policy for absence fully. It is important that you follow the school policy on reporting sickness, and we would also ask you not to tell us your child is sick if they are on holiday - Just be honest with us about your intent.

Work your child misses when they are off is hard to catch up and while fully appreciating the benefits of travel for wider learning, we ask you to use the 175 days available to you annually when your child is not required to be in school, to enrich your child's cultural and academic horizons.

Please work with us to ensure that your child has every opportunity to take advantage of the fantastic education available at Holden Clough. It has been hard since COVID to restore the attendance balance at school so help us to show your child how important this aspect of learning is.

Thank you

Christmas Fair Preparation - Non-Uniform Day - 24th November 2023

Get ready for the ultimate bottle bonanza!
We're hosting a Bottle Tombola

But wait, we need your help to make it epic! We're kindly asking you to bring your favourite bottled treasures to the party. Whether it's fizzy, boozy, or makes you smell like a field of wildflowers (yes, toiletries count too), we want it all!

Imagine winning a bottle that sparks joy and happiness - that could be yours! So raid your beverage stash, scour your toiletry shelves, and bring us anything bottled and sealed that you'd do a victory dance for.

In return, your child can come to school in non-uniform on the 24th November.

Thank you, we really appreciate it.

PTA - Friends of Holden Clough

Festive Lunch

Friday 8th December 2023

We will be serving a Festive Lunch on Friday 8th December 2023.

This themed lunch will replace the normal menu on that day.

The cost of the meal is £2.88 for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to be paid via ParentPay **in advance**. Please credit the **School Meal** area of ParentPay with £2.88. (The Festive Lunch is a meal and will not be listed in 'Other Items').

There is no charge for Reception Class, Year 1, Year 2 or any pupil eligible for Pupil Premium Free School Meals. If your child is currently on school dinners, no additional payment is needed.

To order your child's Festive Lunch, please complete the slip below with their choice of main meal and it return to the school office **no later than Friday 24th November, to ensure that your child receives the meal of their choice.**

Yours sincerely

Faik Kordemir

Festive Lunch – Friday 8th December 2023

My child: _____ Class: _____ would like to have:

[ ] Roast Turkey with a Pork Chipolata Sausage and Gravy
OR
[ ] Roast Halal Chicken with a Halal Chicken Sausage and Gravy
OR
[ ] Vegan Sausage Roll with Vegan Gravy
OR
[ ] Quorn Roast with Vegan Gravy

All the above are served with Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas & Sprouts.
OR
[ ] Jacket Potato with choice of filling (cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo)

Followed by Chocolate Yule Log, Ice Cream, or an Iced Shortbread Biscuit

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[ ] My child will NOT require a Festive Lunch & will be bringing a packed lunch from home.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SAVE THE DATE FOR SOME

Festive Family Fun!

8th December 2023

WE'RE CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL EVENTS! WHETHER YOU HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE, CAN SPARE AN HOUR PREPARING, OR CAN RUN A STALL, YOUR INVOLVEMENT BENEFITS OUR SCHOOL, DIRECTLY IMPACTING YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE. EVERY CONTRIBUTION, BIG OR SMALL, MAKES A DIFFERENCE. GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL OR OUR SOCIALS

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Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

There is a facility to report pupil absence via our switchboard 0161 330 5248.

Alternatively, you can send an email to

attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk.

Please do not use Class Dojo to report an absence.

Any unreported absences will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED until an acceptable reason for the absence is provided. We are only able to authorise 3 days leave due to illness without medical evidence.

Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 6th November 2023

1st - 1/2GE & 5CH 100%

2nd - 6AH £99.33%

3rd - 2SP 98.40%

Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

Christmas will officially arrive in Tameside this weekend

The arrival of the festive extravaganza and Lantern Parade in Ashton this weekend will mark the start of Christmas Celebrations across Tameside.

This Saturday 18 November, the Lantern Parade will take place in Ashton with a dazzling display of puppets, lights, and music, topped with local community pride, which will spread out across the borough. The parade will set off from Ashton Old Baths at 5.30pm and wind its way through town to end in the market square for the Christmas Light switch on with Father Christmas at 6.30pm. Global Grooves, Cabasa and No-Eyed Theatre will be joining lots of local performers and dancers to add even more vibrancy to the event.

There will be on stage music from 5pm in the market square to help everyone get in the festive mood and if you arrive early why not explore Ashton's Christmas Window Trail.

Find out more at www.intameside.co.uk/lanternparade

Mr Kordemir's VIP's

The following children have been chosen this week to have lunch with Mr Kordemir for displaying exemplary behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes, following the school rules, and for being kind and helpful to others:

Safia 1DH
Oscar 1/2GE
Farhan 2SP
Safa 3LD
Zakariyya 3DL
Ariba 4GG
Hibbah 4ST
Eesa 5CH
Morire 5NH
Olivia 6AH
Ismail 6JH

Term Dates 2023-2024

Holden Clough Primary 2023 - 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 4th September 2023	Training day 1 - school closed to students
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Training day 2 - school closed to students
Wednesday 6th September 2023	School opens to all students
Friday 20th October 2023	School closes for half term break
Monday 30th October 2023	School opens to all students
Tuesday 19th December 2023	School closes for Christmas break

Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2024	School opens to all students
Friday 9th February 2024	School closes for half term break
Monday 19th February 2024	School opens to all students
Thursday 28th March 2024	School closes for Easter break

Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024	School opens to all students
Thursday 2nd May 2024	Training day 3 - school closed to students
Monday 6th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 24th May 2024	School closes for half term break
Monday 10th June 2024	School opens to all students
Friday 26th July 2024	School closes for summer break
Monday 29th July 2024	Training day 4 - school closed to students
Tuesday 30th July 2024	Training day 5 - school closed to students

Training Day and Bank Holiday Summary

School is closed to students on the following dates:
Training day 1: Monday 4th September 2023
Training day 2: Tuesday 5th September 2023
Training day 3: Thursday 2nd May 2024
Training day 4: Monday 29th July 2024
Training day 5: Tuesday 30th July 2024

2023 - 2024 Holiday Summary

Holiday	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Half Term Holidays	Monday 23rd October 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 20th December 2023	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Spring Half Term Holidays	Monday 12th February 2024	Friday 16th February 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 29th March 2024	Friday 12th April 2024
Summer Half Term Holidays	Monday 27th May 2024	Friday 7th June 2024

First day of the academic year 2024/2025 will be Monday 2 September 2024, pupils start Wednesday 4th September 2024.