



Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

ISSUE 7

20TH JULY 2023

Academic Year
2023 - 2024

September

Tuesday 12th
Yr 3 & 4

Meet the Teacher
3:15 pm in the
classroom

Wednesday 13th
Yr 5 & 6

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classroom

Thursday 21st
Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 27th
Individual Photo's

October

Monday 23 - 27th
inclusive
Half term break

November

Tuesday 7th
Y6 Height & Weight

Message from Mrs McGuigan

The end of this school year has come around very quickly as the weeks this term have flown by.

The children's first day back for autumn term is Monday 4th September 2023. Staff have an INSET day on Friday 1st September

Uniform

Reminders have been sent home regarding the correct school uniform to be worn in September. It is essential that your child is dressed in the correct uniform from head to foot including black school shoes. We will be checking that children are dressed in the correct uniform on the first day in September.



Attendance

It is vitally important that children are on time for school and in school as often as possible. Children being brought to school late can make a huge difference and an impact on their learning. The school day starts as soon as the children come through the door at 8.45 and learning begins. Even 15 minutes a day is over an hour of missed learning by the end of the week.

Meet the teacher meetings

On Tuesday 12th September for Year 3 and Year 4 and Wednesday 13th September for Year 5 and 6 we will be running our yearly 'Meet the Teacher Meetings.' these will be straight after school in the classrooms.

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This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and learn about the expectations of the new year group.

These meetings will give you information about the timetables for the children, topics that will be taught as well as homework expectations.

Year 6

The year 6 children were lucky enough this year to attend the annual residential trip and have experienced the usual BBQ and disco, a wonderful occasion that we have not managed in the same way for two years due to the pandemic. We wish the Year 6 children the very best of luck at secondary school and we look forward to hearing about their many future successes, you will be greatly missed!

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Staff leaving

Mrs Toms, year 5 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish her lots of luck for the future and thank her for her hard work and commitment this year.

Mrs Affleck, the school bursar, will also be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Affleck has been part of the Holtsmere team as a governor, a teaching assistant and for many years in the school office. We wish Mrs Affleck lots of happiness in her retirement.

New staff

Mr Ashburner will be joining the Holtsmere team in September and will be teaching a year 5 class.

Parent contact information

Please don't forget to advise school of any changes to contact details – especially mobile phone numbers which you may change/upgrade over the summer break. We must be able to contact you during the day in case of emergency or to follow-up any absence queries and the school should have at least two contact numbers.

Dinners

Dinner costs remain at £3.15 per meal and should be paid for in advance.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support this year have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Emma McGuigan

Baseball Tournament

We took part in the first ever School Games Baseball event hosted at Grove Hill Baseball Park in Hemel. A huge thank you to Herts Baseball Club and all the players, coaches and supporters for helping to run this day. It was a great turn out with 6 schools and 185 Year 5 and 6 pupils playing baseball. All pupils took part in a variety of skills in the morning session to help them learn the game. This included throwing, catching, batting and more. In the afternoon the schools were split into smaller groups and played mini matches against other teams.



Y4 Paradise Park

At Paradise Wildlife Park we did a lot of fun stuff including watching the animals. Going in the dinosaur exhibit. Then we had a chat with one of the zoo keepers about animals and what they need to survive in the wild, for example:

An arctic fox needs: white fur in winter to camouflage, brown fur for warmer months in summer and spring. Small cupped ears to keep them warm.



Y5 Chiltern Open Air Museum

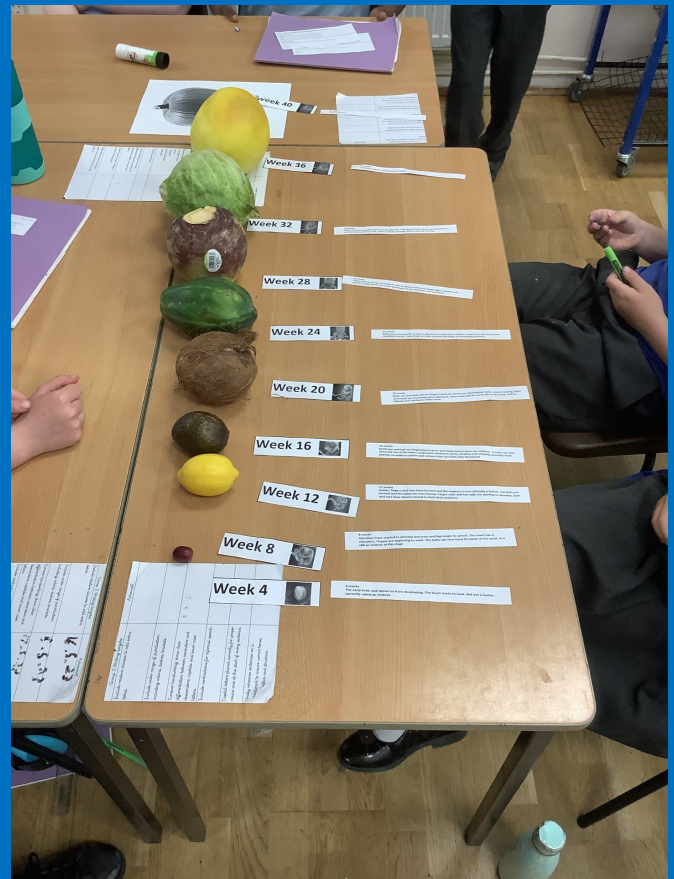


Year 5 went to Chiltern Open Air Museum to learn about the Anglo-Saxons and their life-style, what they were, how they were in battle and how they wrote words.

We went in the Anglo-Saxon barn and were chosen as Kings of England and someone was an Earl. The Kings wore a crown and the rest of us were taken over by another county and made to do activities: weaving, making names in clay and Saxon games We also tried on Anglo Saxon armour. It was a great day.

Year 5 Science

In Year 5, we have been learning about the human life cycle as part of our topic, 'Animals Including Humans.' As part of this, we looked at the stages of foetal development and used equivalent sized fruit and veg to match up to the age in weeks. We also discussed the development stages of each age.



Head Boy & Head Girl

We are very pleased to announce our Head boy and girl for next year will be:

Head Girl - Tilly S

Deputy Head Girl - Aanya C

Head Boy - Joshua K

Deputy Head Boy - Henry K

Year 6 Leavers Performance



Absolutely outstanding performances - well done Year 6!



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The staff would like to thank all the children and parents for the lovely gifts they have received and to wish you all a wonderful summer.