

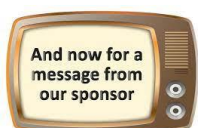
A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-November 17 2023



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 11 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



It's been over ten years since we had a properly functioning Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) and I think it's about time we got one going again. I'm looking for six parents who would join me on an organising committee. We could meet later this term to organise some events for the Spring Term – maybe starting with a coffee morning where we could meet other parents/carers keen to assist. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining me—don't be hesitant—be brave!

Christmas Productions



I think I was rather ambitious when imagining we could have so many classes offering Christmas productions this year. The nursery, reception, year one and year two teachers soon reminded me that they need the hall for rehearsal times! Accordingly our year three and year four classes will now share a production next term rather than in December.

Young Writer's



Our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a local writing competition held by the *About The Town* magazine. The challenge was to write a story set in Skelmersdale which was less than 500 words. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own narratives and they all produced excellent pieces of work. All of the children's entries will be presented in the *Skelmersdale Young Writers Showcase* between 10am and 2pm on the ground floor of the Skelmersdale Concourse on Saturday 18th November. A special mention goes out to Faye Crowley who was the overall winner of the competition and due to her success, a local author, Susan Brownrigg, will be visiting the school next year to give a one hour presentation to the children and present Faye with a collection of books as a prize for winning. Faye's winning entry will be published in the Winter edition of *About The Town* and a write up of Susan Brownrigg's visit will appear in the Spring edition of the magazine.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I spent two hours in our two-year-old classroom on Wednesday morning. It was the first time I had managed to stay so long with them since September. It is amazing how quickly they have developed since then. They play beautifully both inside the classroom and in the outside area too. On Wednesday the rice in the sand tray, the play-dough and the pile of dinosaurs proved very popular.

Class of the Week-Class 4J



Class 4J have really impressed Mrs Postlethwaite and Mrs Parkinson this week. They have worked extremely hard to improve their handwriting and this has shown in the beautiful presentation of their work. In Maths the children have shown off their times tables skills. They looked at different factors of numbers and used multiplication squares to help with this. The children excelled in their times tables quizzes too, each week the scores are going up and up! Another highlight of the week was swimming. Lots of children have overcome their nerves and have ventured into the big pool. Some children saying that my Happy Minds helped them do this.

Numbots



Remember, your children can access these apps from home to help develop their maths skills. If your child cannot remember their username or password they should ask their class teacher.

<https://play.trockstars.com>

Clothes Collection



Thanks for the many items already donated. All further donations gratefully received before Wednesday.

Children in Need Day- Odd Socks Monday/Superheroes



Thanks to everyone – school staff, parents/carers and children who made our Children in Need day such fun. There will be many photos and write-ups on social media. We all had great fun and raised £280.00 for this great cause.

Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning November 13



Our words are plethora, squeamish, trace, remedy and transparent

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning November 13

Vocabulary

Linked to our theme	monster
Linked to our phonics sound	zigzag
An object	rain cloud
An action	thought
A feeling	brave

Attendance and Punctuality.



Our attendance this week was 93.6% moving us up to a position 348 out of 408 Lancashire schools.

We have had the annual interrogation of our attendance and punctuality data and it remains an area for improvement. I'll let parents and carers know of any changes to policy over the next few weeks. I do now have to record the specific reason if a pupil is late for school and not in lessons at 08.45.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Results and Reports

This week Holland Moor participated in the SHARES dodgeball tournament. We took six children to represent the school and all six showed some amazing throwing and catching skills. We done to this new and developing team.

Dates



Wednesday November 22
Friday December 08

Clothes collection
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday December 11	Production/Presentation – 2M at 09.30
Tuesday December 12	Production/Presentation – 2O at 09.30
Tuesday December 12	The Hub –Parent/Pupil Christmas Crafts from 1.00pm
Wednesday December 13	Production/Presentation – 1L at 09.30
Thursday December 14	Production/Presentation – 1R at 09.30
Thursday December 14	School Choir and Poetry Evening 6.30pm
Friday December 15	Production/Presentation – RK at 09.30
Monday December 18	Production/Presentation – RB at 09.30
Tuesday December 19	Production/Presentation – N2 at 09.30
Wednesday December 20	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 21	Christmas Parties
Friday December 22	Last Day of Term

Lunch Menu – November 20 to November 24

Monday November 20	Quorn Meatballs in a Creamy Tomato Pasta Sauce	Pork Meatballs in a Creamy Tomato Pasta Sauce
	Quorn Scouse with Crusty Bread	Beef Scouse with Crusty Bread
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Strawberry Whip served with Fruit Coulis	Oatie Cookies
Tuesday November 21	Harry Ramsden’s Fish with Oven Chips	Cheese and Onion Pie with Oven Chips
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Cookies	Apple Tart and Custard
Wednesday November 22	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice	Beef Lasagne with Crusty Bread
	Quorn Lasagne with Crusty Bread	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Jam and Coconut Cake
Thursday November 23	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato

	Penne Pasta with Mascarpone Sauce	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Victoria Sandwich	Banana Muffins
Friday November 24	Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Fillets with Yorkshire Pudding
	Mediterranean Tart with Roast Potatoes	Vegetables of the Day
	Iced Paris Sandwich	Lemon Butter Biscuits

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE