

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-October 29 2023



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 8A of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnagfl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



I hope all our families have enjoyed the half-term break.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

I thought it might be useful to highlight this guidance on school attendance, recently published by the NHS, and reinforced by the Department for Education.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so we have laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage you to read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information.

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. DfE has published useful [guidance on mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance](#) and those who are experiencing persistent symptoms can be encouraged to access additional support.

Please remember we answer telephone enquiries about attendance and other matters from 06.45 each morning, so feel free to call school if we can ever be of help, support or guidance.

Over the break I wrote to each parent/carer if their child had an attendance figure below 93%. Some parents/carers have spoken to me since receiving the letter and some visited school to chat about ways I can support improved attendance. Such conversations are always welcome.

Return to School

We return to school on Monday October 30 (TOMORROW) at the usual times.

School Clubs

There will be no chess club this Thursday – November 2nd. Chess Club will return on Thursday November 9th. 25 children attended the club on the Thursday before the break – great news.

Dates



Monday October 30	Halloween Disco – Reception Classes
Tuesday October 31	Halloween Discos – Year 1 and Year 2
Friday November 03	Halloween Disco – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Monday November 06	Nursery 2 Consultation Evening 1
Tuesday November 07	Nursery 2 Consultation Evening 2
Friday November 17	Children in Need Celebrations
Wednesday November 22	Clothes collection
Friday December 08	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday December 11	Production/Presentation – 2M at 09.30 and 3D at 14.00
Tuesday December 12	Production/Presentation – 2O at 09.30 and 3T at 14.00
Wednesday December 13	Production/Presentation – 1L at 09.30 and 4C at 14.00
Thursday December 14	Production/Presentation – 1R at 09.30 and 4P at 14.00
Thursday December 14	School Choir and Poetry Evening 6.30pm
Friday December 15	Production/Presentation – RK at 09.30 and 4J at 14.00
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 – October 30 to November 03



Including Halloween Lunch



Monday October 30	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
	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Oatie Cookies
	HALLOWEEN	LUNCH
Tuesday October 31	Halloweenies (Hot Dog in a Bun) Served with A Witches Twisted Fingers (Curly Fries)	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese
	Spooky Eyeball Beans	Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese
	Terrified Sweetcorn	Vegetables of the Day
	Witches Ghoulish Brew Soup	Halloween Treats
Wednesday November 01	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	
	Custard Creams	Orange and Carrot Cake
Thursday November 02	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	
	Apple Custard and Custard	Sliced Paris Sandwich
Friday November 03	Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Fillets with Yorkshire Pudding
	Mediterranean Tart with Roast Potatoes	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Strawberry Mousse	Jam and Cream Scones Cherry Scones

Here's wishing you a great Sunday.

MIKE BEALE