











Dear Parents

Welcome to a new school year at Holmwood. I hope that you have all had a great holiday!

It was fantastic to see all the children arrive in their school uniforms.

Our Home/School Partnership is an essential part of Holmwood. Please remember to keep good contact with us. If you need to speak to anyone at school, please give us a ring on 01642 819157.

PUPIL ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please inform us by telephoning school before 9.30am.

Due to new safeguarding advice procedures, we cannot accept messages from bus escorts or Middlesbrough Transport as to why a child is not in school. Therefore, parents must call school on 01642 819157 and inform us as to why their child is absent.

If the school has not been informed, Mrs Mahmood, our school Clerk, will contact you at home to follow up your child's absence. If there has not been any contact, a senior member of staff will do a home visit that dav.

ROALD DAHL DAY - FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

Next Friday we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day. We will be having a fun and creative day with lots of inspiration from his stories. Children and staff are welcome to come to school dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

DINNER MONEY

The price of school meals is still £1.90 per day (£9.50 per week).

Dinner money must be paid on a Monday, or you may send £1.90 each day. Cheques should be made payable to Middlesbrough Borough Council.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The cost of a school sweatshirt is £8.00. Polo shirts are £7.00.

The uniform is a navy blue sweatshirt, navy or white polo shirt and can be worn with dark trousers or skirts.

If you want the uniform to have the school logo on, prices and sizes are on the attached order form. If you wish to place an order please send the money in with the completed form. (Uniforms cannot be ordered until money is received). Cheques should be made payable to Middlesbrough Borough Council.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

We have a Parent Support Adviser (PSA), Mrs Mooney, who is here to help with our home-school links. Mrs Mooney is available all mornings up to 11.00am or after school. If you want some help, advice or support in any matter Denise can be contacted at school on 01642 819157; mobile 0771 5678 382; email denise.mooney@holmwoodschool.org.uk

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new website can be accessed on www.holmwoodschool.org.uk or just type Holmwood School, Middlesbrough into Google. Please take time to look at our website; it has all up-to-date information on the school including events, newsletters etc.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DATES

We will inform you of any PD Days as and when they have been arranged.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 03 October 2019 School Photographer will be in school to take individual/class/group

photographs. More information to follow nearer the date.

Wednesday 23 October 2019 Parents' Evening – more information to follow nearer the date.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL – REMINDER

If your child needs to take medication in the form of tablets when in school, we have been advised that the following procedures <u>must</u> be adopted.

- 1. Please send 1 week's supply at a time to school, preferably on a Monday morning.
- 2. Only send tablets in their sealed packaging do not take the tablet out of the packaging.
- 3. Do not allow your child to carry tablets.
- 4. Bus Supervisors can carry tablets and notes, but can **NOT** pass on verbal messages about medication.
- 5. All information about medication <u>MUST</u> be passed through the school secretary. You may either write a note or ring into school.
- 6. The school must be informed of <u>ANY</u> changes in medication dosage or timing with a letter from the GP or consultant.
- 7. If you are unable to administer a prescribed medication before school, please either come into school, or keep your child at home until medication is sorted out.
- 8. If you have any specialist arrangements you need to make, please contact school.

ATTENDANCE

From September 2013, new national guidance came into force which means that no holidays in term time can be authorised. All holidays in term time are therefore unauthorised absences from school. However, if you should go on holiday you must inform us of the dates.

JEWELLERY

Please could you ensure that children do not wear earrings/rings/necklaces etc for school as they could cause a serious injury.

SAT's WEEK - MONDAY 11 MAY TO THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020

As with every school, our SAT's results are an important indicator of the school's success. It is especially important that all Y6 pupils attend during SAT's week, and we have an emergency procedure for any pupil who may be ill or where there are any problems during the week.

If your child is in Y6 this year, please help us by ensuring that no holidays are arranged for the week beginning 11 May 2020.

In some cases, the local authority could issue a significant fine per pupil.

HOLMWOOD SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER

Please send me __ school polo shirts. Please send me school sweatshirts. (Navy only) Navy White (Please tick which colour) The size required is:-5-6 yrs (Price £8.00 each) 5-6 yrs (Price £7.00 each) (26/28cm) 7-8 yrs (Price £8.00 each) 7-8 yrs (Price £7.00 each) (30cm) (Price £8.00 each) 9-10 yrs (32cm) 9-10 yrs (Price £7.00 each) 11-12 yrs (34cm) (Price £8.00 each) 11-12 yrs (Price £7.00 each) (Price £9.95 each) XS/S/M XS (Price £7.00 each) S/M/L (Price £8.75 each)

I enclose a cheque/cash for _____ Signed ____ Parent of ____

Middlesbrough Council School Term Dates

Academic Year 2019/20

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