



NEWSLETTER – 14.09.2023.

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 School. 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 day.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money for the Autumn term is still £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week).

Dinner money must be paid on a Monday, or you may send £2.40 each day. Cheques should be made payable to Middlesbrough Borough Council.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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. Cheques should be made payable to Middlesbrough Borough Council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 September 2023

Jess Gummersall, our Parent Support Adviser has arranged a coffee morning in school. This is a good time to chat with other parents/carers and share information. The coffee morning starts at 9.45am and we look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 5.00pm – More information to follow nearer the date.

Monday 23 October 2023

School Photographer will be in school to take individual and group photographs.

23/24 October 2023

Harvest Festival – you will be informed which date your child's class will be attending the local church nearer the date.

Professional Development Days

We have arranged Professional Development Days on Thursday 26 & Friday 27 October 2023. School will be closed on these days and staff will not be available.

NUT ALLERGY – PACKED MEAL INFORMATION

If you send your child to school with a packed meal, we would like you to consider the contents and ingredients of the food you put in their meal box. Please can you ensure that the packed meal contents do not contain any nuts or sesame seed items. If in doubt, please contact school and we will hopefully be able to offer further guidance.

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 **must** 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 **MUST** be passed through the school secretary. You may either write a note or ring into school.
6. The school must be informed of **ANY** 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 ensure that your child does not wear earrings/rings/necklaces etc for school as it could be damaged, lost or could cause an injury.

SAT's WEEK – MONDAY 13 MAY TO THURSDAY 17 MAY 2024

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 13 May 2024.

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

HOLMWOOD SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER

Please send me _____ school **sweatshirts**.

(Navy only)

The size required is:-

5-6 yrs	(26/28cm)	(Price £9.00 each)
7-8 yrs	(30cm)	(Price £9.00 each)
9-10 yrs	(32cm)	(Price £9.00 each)
11-12 yrs	(34cm)	(Price £9.00 each)
13 yrs/ XS/S/M		(Price £11.00 each)

Please send me ___ school **polo shirts**.

Navy White (Please tick which colour)

5-6 yrs	(Price £7.50 each)
7-8 yrs	(Price £7.50 each)
9-10 yrs	(Price £7.50 each)
11-12 yrs	(Price £7.50 each)
13 yrs	(Price £7.50 each)
S/M/L	(Price £9.75 each)

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

Middlesbrough Council School Term Dates

2023 - 2024

SEPTEMBER					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

OCTOBER					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thur		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

NOVEMBER					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

DECEMBER					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

JANUARY					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

FEBRUARY					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

MARCH					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

APRIL					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

MAY					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

JUNE					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thur		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

JULY					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

Term time	
Holidays	
Bank holiday	