



Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn 2 Week 6 2022

Dear Holtsmere families,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the festive break. We have a very busy week ahead at school.

Play Squad

After reviewing all the applications for play squad we can finally announce the 10 successful candidates. It was a very difficult decision but we are pleased to announce that these children are our new 'Play Squad Leaders'; Alex, Nikeeta, Isla, Charlie M, Tommy, Kiyaan, Ali, Archie, Harry Z and Alyssia. They will be receiving their training over the next few weeks and will be ready to support children leading games at lunchtime in January. Congratulations.



Reception and Year 3 school places

Just a reminder that if you require a school place for your child in Reception or Year 3 in September you will need to apply by January 15th 2023

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

Our records show that only 60% of parents have applied.

Christmas Books

The Reverent Austin Janes has written a lovely rhyming book and has delivered for all children from Reception—Year 2. These will be given out to children today.

Christmas performances

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our various performances next week. If you haven't already booked a place please do so today. We will be selling tea/coffee with a free cookie for £1.50 with all proceeds going to the school. I'm happy to say that we now have the facility to 'tap and pay'!

Gift

Once again one of our very generous families has gifted a hamper with an Argos voucher for a family who may need it for Christmas. This is a particularly challenging Christmas for many families with rising costs. If you and your family would benefit from this gift please do let me know. No questions will be asked or judgements made. You can call, email head@holtsmereinfants.herts.sch.uk or pop into the office.

Tissues— As you are aware there are a lot of children with colds at the moment, if you could spare a box of tissues and send them into school they would be gratefully received.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that your child enjoys the disco if they are going.

Mrs O'Connell Headteacher



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Happy Birthday !!!



Week 6 attendance

Chestnut	Maple	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Pine
89%	85%	84%	85%	90%	94%

Upcoming dates

Monday 12th December	Nursery Christmas celebration	9.15
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Nativity	9.15
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Panto in the morning and lunch. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their sweat-shirt/cardigan if they have one. We do have spares in school.	
Thursday 15th December	Year 1 Christmas Play	9.15
Friday 16th December	Carol concert—Year 2 parents	9.15



The Forum, Marlowes
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP1 1DN
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www.dacorumcab.org.uk
CEO Angela Fox

Crisis Food Support in Dacorum

compiled by Citizens Advice Dacorum - updated Nov 2022 (E&OE)

DENS Trussell Trust Food Voucher Scheme <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

Help Through Hardship Helpline (Joint Citizens Advice/Trussell Trust)

0808 208 2138

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Herts Help 0300 123 4044

Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 8pm and Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 6.00 pm

Highfield Community Fridge

Highfield Community Centre. Fletcher Way, Bellgate
Hemel Hempstead
HP2 5SB

Weds and Sat 11.00-12.00pm arrive early for best selection

Sign up for alerts at foodbevg.com

Berkhamsted Community Fridge

The Community Fridge is open 10-12am, every Tuesday morning

Situated outside the front of Open Door (360-364 High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 1HU)

Please BRING YOUR OWN BAG, otherwise you will be charged £2 for a bag

Open to everyone - please come along and help us fight food waste - no need to book. All food is given out for free

Community Food Banks (no referral nor voucher required)

- St Mary's Church, London Road, Apsley HP3 9ST
Thursday 10am – 12 noon.
- St Benedict's Church, Bennetts End HP3 8JU
Weds 9.30- noon
- All Saints Church, Kings Langley WD4 8JS
(Back of the church) Daily 9.30-5pm

- Olio Food app

- TooGoodToGo app

Both available on Ios and Android phones, sharing excess food from supermarkets and restaurants

Healthy Start Card – if you are pregnant or have children under 4 and are on a low income sign up for this at NHS <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>