

Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 2023

Spring 1 Week 3



News

Dear Holtsmere families,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend.

Inhalers

Just a reminder that if your child has an inhaler in school that you regularly check that it is 'in date' and that if you need to take it home to use at the weekend/holidays that you return it with the child on their first day back. We are permitted to have a 'spare' blue inhaler in school to use in emergencies but we will be asking for your consent for this. This will only be used for children who have been prescribed one and already have one in school.

Teachers National Strike

I totally understand that our closure on Wednesday 1st February will cause disruption for many of you. It is unfortunate that teachers and other workers feel the need to strike due to lack of funding. We are hopeful that the strike action will result in some positive resolution and children and school staff will all benefit in the future. Thank you for your support. I will let you know as soon as possible if teachers plan to strike on the future dates in March. If you require any further information please click on the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-64265029>

Interim Headteacher role - Following last week's letter about my temporary role at a school in Berkhamsted. I have made aware that there seems to be some confusion, I am not and have no intention of leaving Holtsmere!

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on **Wednesday 7th February** and Mrs Butler, our Computing lead will be holding a parents session at 2.40 on this day. Please sign up for the session using the clubs section in Arbor.

Please complete this short survey to support us <https://3zd1ar8acbu.typeform.com/to/vvuj3ml4> before the session as this will enable us to share appropriate apps etc. for your children.

Bounce Workshop

The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have taken part in a Bounce Workshop today. What a fun experience. If your child is more tired than usual today after school, you'll know why!

The sessions have also given Mrs Carini, our PE lead some ideas on how we can use our small trampolines in a different way in school.



Have a lovely weekend.

Nicola O'Connell Headteacher

Happy learners. Aiming High.

Attendance Matters

Chestnut	Maple	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Pine
96%	94%	87%	95%	97%	88%

Well done to Chestnut, Oak and Beech classes !

Our target is 96%. Being in school each day, if well, gives your child the best chance of learning and making good progress both educationally and socially.

Happy Birthday!



Monday 30th Jan 2pm	Nursery Tour
Tuesday 31st Jan 9am	Nursery Applications open
Wednesday 1st Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION
Tuesday 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10th Feb	Finish for half term

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Game On

Sports Coaching 

Free of Charge

Multisports Courses this February Half-Term



Sports fun, games and matches with friends in an enjoyable and safe environment



Daily courses for children in Years 1-6 running from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm throughout the half-term holiday



Every year in February half-term we offer all our courses **FREE OF CHARGE** to children of selected Game On Schools.



To register your interest please complete a form via www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses-february

Bookings will only be open from 5pm on Friday 27th January through to 7pm on Wednesday 1st February.

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Game On Development Squads

FREE TRIAL TO JOIN OUR YEAR 1 TO YEAR 7 TEAMS



Our Development Squad was set-up in 2013 to provide an opportunity for advanced players to receive specialist football coaching to further develop their natural ability. In that time we have helped 29 players progress through to professional clubs academies. We currently have two centres for local children, one in Watford (Wednesday evenings) and the other in Tring (Monday evenings). Please note this runs alongside any weekend football your child currently participates in. Both trials are free of charge and the details can be found below:

TRING

WHEN:

Thursday 16th February - 9am to 12:30pm

WHERE:

Bishop Wood School
(Frogmore Street, Tring, HP23 5AU)

YEAR GROUP:

School Years 1 to 6

WATFORD

WHEN:

Friday 17th February - 9:30am to 12:15pm

WHERE:

St. Michael's School on their astro pitch
(High Elms Lane, Watford, WD25 0SS)

YEAR GROUP:

School Years 1 to 7

Benefits of the Development Centre:

- ★ Specialist advanced coaching from Level 3 and Level 2 FA Qualified Coaches
- ★ Everyone receives a full Puma training kit
- ★ Play matches against local academy teams
- ★ Opportunity to further develop skills and game understanding
- ★ Option for specialist Goalkeeper coaching
- ★ We are looking at U11 and U12 JPL teams for next season

To register your interest in attending the free trial session please email info@gameonsportscoaching.co.uk. Please include which venue trial you would like to attend (you can do both), your child's name, year group, contact number and any medical conditions we should be aware of.



- ✓ FA Qualified Coaches
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