

21st June 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this update letter to you the birds are singing and the sky is cornflower blue. I thank you for your understanding regarding moving Sports Day and I anticipate a wonderful afternoon of competition and fun. What a super day to walk around Holmebrook Valley too. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us. It really makes a difference and enables such activities to take place. Huge thanks to the staff and volunteers who organise such events. I know how much thought goes into it. Thank you.

Music of the Week

This week our assemblies and music of the week have focused on 'inner confidence' - positive body image and not comparing ourselves to others. We've enjoyed the track 'Shallow' with the artists performing at the Oscars and learned that, despite bullying and criticism, the artist rose to stardom and is admired by so many. We've had an inspirational assembly highlighting how online apps may affect our self-confidence and reflected on how digital 'likes' can make us feel.

Sport Update

Children across the school have represented us in Kwik Cricket (four teams from Y5 & Y6) and Tennis locally this month. The cricket team played exceptionally well winning all of their matches. They showed the spirit of the games throughout and were absolutely brilliant despite the rain and wind. Well done to all of you. Hosted at Chesterfield Tennis Centre, all four teams also represented the school fantastically and were an absolute pleasure to watch. Of the four teams, three of the teams are through to the Chesterfield finals. Good luck to you all.

Next week is Sport Week. I'm delighted to inform you that the Chesterfield School Sports Partnership selected our school to host our local Member of Parliament, Toby Perkins. He'll miss our Sports Day but will see many other wonderful activities that happen routinely in our school.

Just a reminder that Bikeability Level 3 starts next week for year 6 (letter previously sent and return slips are in school). Please ensure bikes and helmets are in school on Tuesday 25th June. Please remind children to dismount at the gates and put the bike on the grass around the larger playground by year 3.

Year 6 Trip to Newark Holocaust Museum

Please be in school by 8.30am ready to register in classes. Do remember your uniform, a coat, lunch, and water. We anticipate the return time to be 3.45pm to 4pm depending on traffic.

SUMMER FAIR

Always a fun, community occasion we thank our joint PFA's who are working really hard to prepare this event. We still would appreciate any teddies and sweet/treat tubs returning. The PFA have talked much about how we can reduce plastic and have certainly bought plastic that can be recycled. Please do support the event by either helping or attending the fair which is directly after school on Thursday June 27th. There are loads of fun things to do or you can just relax with some refreshments whilst the children enjoy themselves.

If your child usually attends our after school club, please would you send a note to Mrs Hartley explaining your arrangements. She's likely to give you a call to discuss the options.

If children are helping they are asked to inform their designated member of staff or myself when they are leaving. Please do remind them when they decide to go home.

Parking Around School

I've attached a letter sent to me by a local councillor and would ask if you use parking around the school, please be considerate and allow time to arrive and park carefully.

I hope many of you have enjoyed Sports Day and we look forward to seeing you again next Thursday for the Fair.

Best wishes,

Catherine Holmes

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be SAFE, SMILE and SUCCEED.*

Kindness – Honesty – Determination – Respect - Responsibility