

News from the Early Years- January-February 2023

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Reception Class Admissions- September 2023

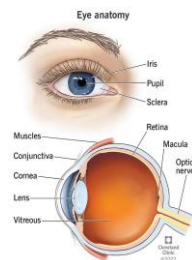
(For children born between 1 September 2018-31 August 2019)

Please make sure you have completed the application online and have received a confirmation email. Late applications are seriously disadvantaged so if you have not already applied then do so as soon as possible. Please feel free to speak to Angie if you need further support.

Children's Mental Health Week 6th-12th February

This year the theme is: **Lets Connect**

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections - to family, friends and others - this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely - which can have a negative impact on our mental health. **Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.



Eye Checks

Has your child had a sight test? These can be done for **free** at a local optician. Taking your child for a sight test helps to build good eye health habits into adulthood.

Vaccinations

Has your child had their pre-school boosters? At the age of 3 years and 4 months you should be called to book your child for their second dose of the MMR vaccination

The Amazing Person for this month is:



Harriet Tubman
1822 – 1913

Harriet Tubman was an African American who risked her life to lead many slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad. Many called her 'General Tubman' as well as 'Moses' for her leadership qualities.

The character strengths she demonstrated to overcome challenges and difficulties are: courage, empathy and gratitude.

Launchpad workshop for parent/carers run by The Speech and Language therapist Lauren.

The next parent/carers session will be:

Letter to confirm soon

Google classroom and Bug Club Log in details

You will be given log in details for Google classroom and Bug club. Please log in and check that these are both working. Both platforms may be used in the event of a school closure (for nursery children)

New learning will be posted every Friday on Google classroom for children in the nursery

Voluntary Contributions

A gentle reminder that we have not received the voluntary contributions from parent/carers which is used to buy consumables in the early years. We rely heavily upon this donation.

Please bring your £5 contribution into school.

Nursery Class

We have welcomed new children and families into the nursery this month. They have all settled well and are beginning to form friendships.

This month the nursery has been busy exploring ice and using different tools to break it. Chinese New Year was celebrated with a story and noodles for play! This was especially exciting for so many children who loved trying to use chop sticks to eat. The children looked at the work of Jackson Pollack and created their work in his style using the technique of dripping and squeezing. Finally, they made their own jam sandwiches and investigated different ways to cut the bread.



What have we been learning



Reception Class

Reception Class have welcomed three new children into the Reception family this month. They have all settled well and made a great addition to our already vibrant class!

This month we have been learning through our focus books 'The Paper Dolls' and 'The Great Paper Caper'.

We have had many discussions about the paper dolls story, characters and main plot. We have drawn and painted beautiful pictures about the story and written captions to accompany our pictures.

Discussions around the story led us to thinking about paper and where it comes from. We then delved into finding out a little more about recycling- why it is important and where it goes! We spoke about the **3 R's- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** and the children have been great at sorting the recycled materials and reusing it to make and create!

We were inspired by the part in the story when the Paper Dolls went to an island where they came across some honey toast ...so we decided to make some too!



Being Safe Online



- ➡ Only use a computer when an adult is nearby.
- ➡ Tell an adult straight away if you see something that upsets you.
- ➡ Never talk to anyone online without an adult with you.
- ➡ Never send anyone your picture.
- ➡ Never tell anyone personal information about yourself, like your address or school name.
- ➡ Never tell anyone your password.



Important dates for the diary

Parent/carers workshops in the early years

As a result of the completed parent/carer questionnaire about further support the following workshops have been planned.

- Thursday 9th February 2023- developing early writing skills 3.45-4.25
- Tuesday 28th February-
-Phonics in the Early Years and Year 1
-Emile

Event	Date	Parent support at home
National storytelling week	1st-3rd February	We are inviting parent/carers into the early years every day from 3-3.30pm to share a story of their choice with the class. Please sign up if you would like to read a story! We welcome stories in home languages, which will be read alongside the class teacher.
Number Day NSPCC	Friday 3 rd February	Letter to follow will be sent online and posted on the website. Please send in a £1 contribution so we can all help to raise our £100 target! Dress as a number!!
Children's Mental Health Week	6 th -12 th February-	Letter to follow will be sent online and posted on the website.
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7 th February	Please read the poster attached and talk about this with your child. Some of the content is aimed at an older child but it is still useful to share with your child.
Possible Teachers strike	Monday 2 nd March	Please check emails for updates from Miss Boateng, the Head teacher.
World Book Day	Tuesday 3rd March	Letter to follow will be sent online and posted on the website.
Science Week	Monday 13 th -Friday 17 th March	This year at Holmleigh we will all take part in Science week. During this week we will invite parent/carers into class to carry out scientific investigations. We will send more information nearer the time.
Red Nose Day	Friday 17 th March 2023	Letter to follow will be sent online and posted on the website.
Spring Day	Wednesday 29 th March	Letter to follow will be sent online and posted on the website.
Monday 19th June-INSET DAY Children return as normal on Tuesday 20th June 2023		