



Y6 @ Holdenby House

The term has got off to a lively start with Year 6 children visiting Holdenby House on the first Thursday back (they made rose soap, buns, rolls and did the ironing!). Parents of Y6 children will doubtless learn more through Class



Art Club Mosaics completed

Collective Worship on Fridays! The Art Club came and completed all the mosaics that we began last term & they are now displayed in the stairwell beyond Poppy Class. There are some photos on the website but there is nothing like seeing the originals! Finally, Clover & Mustard Classes worked with the MultiStory Theatre Workshop to learn & act through the story of Daedalus & Icarus, earlier this week.

School Calendar for the next 2 weeks

18 Jan	Work starts on Kitchen build (see overleaf) Tapestry Workshop for Foundation 2 parents 6pm
19 Jan	Y5 Bletchley Park Trip (all day)
20 Jan	Y4 Hockey match SBE 3.45pm Resources & Environment Committee (Govs) 7pm
22 Jan	Thistle Class Collective Worship 9am
23 Jan	Recruitment Day (Shenley Area) for new teachers
27 Jan	Early Learning Phase Parent Course 3pm, Daisy Class Full Governing Body meeting 7pm
28 Jan	Year 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo: Parent Council 7.30pm
29 Jan	Mustard Class CW 9am: Young Voices Concert at O2




Y3 @ Theatre Workshop

- These children have appeared in the Golden Book over the last two weeks!
- Josiah, Omarion, Vidip & Shevani** (Daisy)
 - Areeb, Arthur, Daisy & Mathilda** (Sunflower)
 - Fola, Aimee, Mati & Emmanuel** (Poppy)
 - Ziyande, Zionah, Sam & Scarlet-Rai** (Thistle)
 - Bobby, Zac, Kevin & Sophie** (Conker)
 - Rishan, Riley, Ami-Marie & Ben** (Acom)
 - Millie, Liviana, Milan & Ndivhuwo** (Pumpkin)
 - Freya, Tom, Toby & Lucia** (Clover)
 - Dexter, Alicia, Sanne & Rachel** (Mustard)
 - Carly, Mustafa, Sienna & Glory** (Teasel)
 - Abigail, Ben, Joel & Maqhawe** (Rosehip)
 - Kaiden, Ankith, Ewan & Ahsan** (Sycamore)
 - James, Jenna, Neo & Rhys** (Catkin)
 - Ethan, Evie, Denis & Deanna** (Barley)
 - Mickey, Luke, Ben & Yasmin** (Wheat)

School Term Calendar: 2016-17: Apologies for the confusion over this issue. The decision by MKC to publish term dates on their website without stating to schools that INSET days had to be taken *outside* the term dates during 2016-17 has caused a lot of confusion in MK. I have got the council to add a rider to their webpage to alert schools, but the damage is done! As an aided school we are not bound by the MK term dates and the final calendar will be issued next week to every parent!!

Parent Council meets on 28th January at 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Please make sure you attend if you are a member of the council. We need all the voices there! If you have not been, and are a new parent and are interested in being part of this consultative body, then e-mail me at head@ctsmk.org.uk or contact Martin Hosier (chair) via the school office.



The school Chaplaincy team really values your prayer support as we seek to underpin all that the school does with prayer. We meet to pray regularly and if there are any prayer requests that you have and would like prayer for, there is a special box in the Reception Foyer for you to put requests in. Please:

- Pray specifically for children, staff and parents of Pumpkin Class and Barley Class over the next fortnight.
- Pray for all those recent arrivals grappling with English as an additional language, that they would learn fast and well, and find their feet in a new language!

FOOTBALL Well, we tried hard! The Milton Keynes Primary Football Tournament continued at Tattenhoe Pavilion last Wednesday with us playing valiantly against Southwood Junior School and Langland. Unfortunately both were lost games, 2-5 against Southwood and 0-3 against Langland. My thanks to all parents and to the squad who played as well as to Ricky Hazard who has trained them, and commiserations to everyone!

Important Information: Kitchen Project

You will have all seen the removal and re-siting of the bicycle shelter to its new home next to the Foundation play area. This has cleared the way for building to start on our new kitchen. The builders arrive on site on Monday 18th January and will set up fences, accommodation facilities and toilets for the workforce while the project is underway. The project will take until Friday 22nd April (14 weeks), and children have been told today about the changes that will need to be made. Most importantly is that

the main gate entrance to school, by the dropped kerb crossing of the car park, **will be closed and is not to be used for entrance or leaving the site** (the exception to this is that we will maintain a fire exit through it from the main hall). Please enter the site in the evening or morning via the **top gate** (next to Seedlings) OR by the **gate next to the staff car park**. The contractors are held to a very high standard of conduct while on the site, but inevitably there will be some disruption during the build. We will try and keep you informed regularly—though most of the work will be on display, being so close to the front of the school!

"Lost" Property — Not really lost, just dropped and forgotten! Yesterday we spoke with the children about "lost property". Children have been unbelievably careless about losing clothes and we have a huge pile of the stuff in school. Once lost, over 90% of all clothes cannot be returned to the owner because THERE IS NO NAME. We have once again said to children that **ALL THEIR CLOTHES MUST BE NAMED**. *This is generally your responsibility as parents.* I have at school well over £600 worth of perfectly good clothing that has no name at all. I am now just giving the stuff away, because even if you or your child said that a certain article belonged to them, unless there was a name on it, I would not give it to you! This is particularly important for PE clothes, coats, gloves, hats—all of which have little labels that you can put initials on—because they are put on and taken off more regularly than school uniform. **Please cooperate with us on this!**

VICTORIAN COSTUMES WANTED

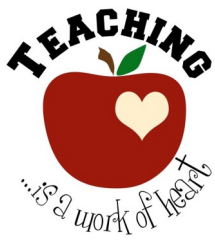
If you have any clothes that your children have used in the past for Victorian days at school—including the recent visit to Holdenby House, and which you have no longer any use for—would you please consider donating them to school?

We study the Victorian era with alarming regularity in Year 6 and it will always help us to have a stock of caps, mop-caps, waistcoats, maids' dresses, etc. Mrs Sandhu will give you more information if you ask at the office. Thank you!

ROAD SAFETY AND PARKSMART INITIATIVE

On Tuesday 2 February, we are having a visitor from MK Council to help all children have a much safer approach to road safety. At the same time we are joining in with the council's ParkSmart scheme which helps you as parents to have a safer approach to dropping and collecting children. We will be issuing leaflets and putting up ParkSmart banners.

In the meantime, if you are a cyclist or your children cycle to school, please note the new position of the bike shed (you can hardly miss it!). Let us all make an effort to keep it as tidy as possible. If you have a lock attached to the hoops, now is the time to unlock & remove them before we get the bolt-cutter out and shear them off for good!



Shenley Primaries Open Day for New Teachers: On Saturday 23rd January, we are opening the school to any trainee or qualified teachers who want to know what our school is like and whether they might consider working here in the future. We are doing this in conjunction with Emerson Valley School, Priory Rise School, Howe Park Infants School, Long Meadow School and Merebrook School. As you may have read, there is a national crisis in the recruitment of teachers, and this year several London schools are staffing classes with

TAs. This is our collaborative effort to ensure an adequate supply of teachers to our schools, something that used to be the responsibility of the Secretary of State for Education prior to the present administration! If you know personally or are aware of any trainee or qualified teachers who might benefit, please let them know and get them to e-mail us on recruitment.shenleyprimaries@gmail.com. We have 35 people interested so far, which is promising.

Meal ordering cut off times have been changed by our Catering Company, Chartwell's, to enable parents and carers a little more time to order their children's meals. Please ensure that any orders are placed online at <https://mealordering.bluerunner.co.uk> by 2pm Monday for the following week. The contact telephone number should you have any issues is 01908 615705.

Writing Commission: Please note that I will be out of school for 25-28 January whilst I try and complete the short book I am writing for Grove Publications. I broke the back of this task last April, but have not been able to return to it in a focused way since. My publisher's deadline is in May and the book due for publication in October. Christine Richards and Kaajal Mushtaq will obviously be in charge of the school during those days. Thank-you. Huw.

LONDON CALLING.....56 brave singers, and a group of even braver adults are off to London to the O2 to participate with thousands of other children in one of the Young Voices concerts being held in Birmingham and London at the end of January. We travel mid-morning on Friday 29th January and will be back at....er....about midnight. The children (and most of the adults!) have learnt all the songs really thoroughly and at some stage, we would like them to perform them to the rest of the school, so you can see that our Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons have not been spent in vain!!!