



## **Newsletter – July 2019**

Dear Parents

Thanks for another great year of support – we hope you have a great summer. Well done to all of our children for a super year of hard work – we are proud of you all!

### **Building News**

As you know work on our extension was due to start imminently. We have recently received notification (three weeks before the work was due to begin) that the Local Authority has put the project on hold and there is no date provided of when it will begin. This is extremely frustrating and disappointing especially given the time we have put into the many building meetings and planning meetings in a very busy year. We have put our own refurbishment tasks on hold in anticipation of the building work and have lost the 'window' of another summer holiday to carry them out. The Governors have written to the Local Authority asking for an explanation about the last minute decision. The Local Authority have also been asked to write to our school community to express what has been decided and why, and they have agreed to do this. I will send their communication directly to you when it arrives.

### **Statutory Academic Results for 2018-19**

We have had another year of incredible results. Although we are extremely proud of the attainment percentages, it is the KS2 progress scores that we feel are of particular significance. Not all children manage to achieve a pass mark for a whole range of reasons but these children are still making superb progress at school because of their resilience and fantastic learning behaviour. All through school we receive the best possible support from our parents and of course our children are amazing.

If National data is not yet available for 2019, we have used data from 2018 as a comparison.

### **Reception Class – Good Level of Development Achieved**

Percentage of pupils achieving a 'Good Level of Development' at Holgate	Percentage of pupils achieving a 'Good Level of Development' Nationally
74%	72%

### **Year 1 – Children achieving the expected score in phonics**

Percentage of pupils achieving the Year 1 phonics standard at Holgate	Percentage of pupils achieving the year 1 phonics standard Nationally
93%	82%

### **Year 2 – Children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics**

	Holgate Expected Standard	Holgate Greater Depth Standard	National Expected Standard	National Greater Depth Standard 2018
Reading	97%	47%	76%	26%
Writing	84%	31%	70%	16%
Mathematics	90%	57%	71%	22%
Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined	84%	28%	65%	12%

### **Year 6 – Children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics**

	Holgate Expected Standard	Holgate Greater Depth Standard	National Expected Standard	National Greater Depth Standard 2018
Reading	90%	57%	73%	26%
Writing	90%	47%	78%	16%
Mathematics	93%	43%	79%	22%
Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined	90%	30%	65%	10% (2018)

### **Year 6 – Progress and Average scaled score**

	Holgate Progress	Wigan Progress	National Progress	Holgate Average Scaled Score	National Scaled Score
Reading	6	-0.07	0	110	104
Writing	4	0.5	0	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	4	0.3	0	109	105

## **Academic Year 2019 - 2020 – Some helpful dates and information**

When we return to school in September there will be 'meet the teacher' sessions for you to come and listen to a short presentation by your child's teacher about the year ahead. These meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Y2 Miss Davies at 3.40pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Y1 Mrs Jenner at 3.40pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Y3 Mrs Duffy at 3.40pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Y4 Miss Young at 3.40pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Y6 Mrs Baxter 3.40pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Y5 Mr Lomax 3.40pm

There will be an **Early Parents/Settling in meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September starting at 2.00pm and finishing at 6.30 pm.** This is to give Mrs Houghton and the parents of Reception children the opportunity to discuss how children are settling in. Parents are of course very welcome to speak to Mrs Houghton any time after school day to day.

### **Supporting children with allergies**

We have a small number of children currently in school or starting school in September with food allergies, including nuts. The reaction to some children to allergens would be extremely severe. School lunches are nut free and have been for some time. **We would politely request that children do not bring nuts to school – in cereal bars or as a standalone snack. This would include peanut butter sandwiches.**

If you are not sure about what to send as a snack – fruit is always a healthy and safe option.

We have and will continue to speak to all of our children about the importance of not sharing lunches or snacks (even if they are trying to be kind 😊) and making sure that their hands and faces are clean after eating.

### **School Bags**

If you will be buying your child a new bag for school in September, could we ask that you find something small and compact. We struggle to fit coats, bags and P.E kits on pegs. Children do not need to bring pencil cases into school as we have lots of pens and pencils.