



25th May 2017

School finishes today. We return to school on Monday 5th June 2017. It has been a lovely half term. We will be sending letters in early June about classes for next year. Have a lovely break and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Carroll-Hall

Mrs Carroll-Hall has left Orrell Holgate for personal reasons. She would like to wish pupils, parents and staff continued success for the future.

We would also like to wish Mrs Carroll-Hall well in the future and are very happy to pass on any cards or messages from children or parents via the school office.

Recent Events in Manchester

We are very sad and sorry about the recent atrocity at the Manchester Arena and are very thankful that all of our children are safe. We have received a few enquiries about how we approach the subject with children at school.

We would not specifically broach the subject with our children through an assembly or lesson. We are however very aware that some children may understand what has happened, feel upset and want to talk about it during the day at school. At such times we listen to children and provide appropriate support.

On the 'Children and Families' part of the school website there is some guidance we have been issued for providing support/talking to children about terrorism and war. The guidance has been sent to all schools and parents might find it useful.

Year 2 SATs

Well done to our amazing children in Y2 who have completed their tests this week. We are very proud of your resilience, hard work and the way you took it all in your stride! Enjoy a good rest!

Summer Fair – Saturday 1st July, 11am – 1pm

We urgently need volunteers to help on stalls at the summer fair. If you are able to help, please contact a member of the PSFA or the school office.

Sports Day

Thank you very much to all of the parents, friends and wider family members for attending sports day. We had a lovely time and the weather was very kind to us. Well done to all of the children for a great effort!

Great News for Wigan Athletic and Daniel!

We are delighted for Daniel Logan after hearing the tremendous news that he has signed a contract to Wigan Athletic. Daniel is a fabulous player who has a character and personality that match his skill. Very well done Daniel - we are all behind you and cheering you on to continued success. Thanks for all of your hard work in our Y6 football team!

Y6 Netball Team (Monday)

Well done to the team who are improving with every match! Sadly the score did not go in our favour in the match against St. Cuthbert's but there was some great play during the match.

Y6 Football Team (Tuesday)

Well done to the team for a superb match against Newfold. The score was 7-2 to Holgate! We could not have asked for more from the team – their teamwork, skill and passion was perfect! Well done!

Y6 Rounders Tournament (Wednesday)

We had a great time last night at the Y6 rounders tournament yesterday – the children played extremely well. We didn't get through to the final but were very proud that a cricket coach from a local club was 'scouting' our players! We also had a fantastic crowd of supporters – Thanks!

Good Luck!

Good Luck to the Y5/6 team in their game against Westfield at home and to the Netball Team for their game against St. John's tonight. We are all behind you and cheering you on!

Winstanley College Music Visit

The children in Y4 and Y5 have really enjoyed their music workshop sessions this week with students and teachers from Winstanley College. It was informative, lots of fun and very noisy! We would like to thank Mr Clay and the students who ran the sessions, we loved having you in school!

Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk

Thank you to everyone who has so far returned their sponsor money. Please send in any outstanding sponsorship forms and monies to school when we return after the half term holidays.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 7th June to take class photographs.

Film Club

After the half term holidays, Film Club will be open to children in Year 1 and Year 2.

General Election – Thursday 8th June

The blue 'POD' at school will be used as a polling station on Thursday 8th June. School will remain open. Please note the following –

- Breakfast club will take place inside school – children will enter school by the main entrance.
- The car park will be particularly busy that day, if you can walk to school please do. **THE SCHOOL CAR PARK WILL BE LOCKED.**
- Staff will be available at the school gates to supervise children who walk into school by themselves from 8.45am and at the end of the day. Please do not allow children to come to school before this time.
- Y3 and Y4 will leave school by the main playground at the end of the day so please meet them there.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Long hair must be tied back. If you do find head lice, please ensure that your child's hair is treated before sending them into school. Treatments are available from your GP, clinics and chemists.

Awards

There are no Holgate Learning and Behaviour awards this week.

Lunchtime Awards – Rec Scarlet Noone, Y1 Maisie Dillon, Y2 Ava Harrison, Y3 Lily Calder, Y4 Arron Whittle, Y5 Rhiannon Fleming, Y6 Kaitlin Dainty

Birthdays – The following children will be celebrating their birthdays over the next two weeks –

Rec Jennifer Nodwell, Y4 Arron Whittle, Y2 Joe Gregory, Y2 Blake Kennedy, Y3 Olivia Marshall-Harker, Y3 Olivia Pollitt

We will have a birthday catch up in the celebration assembly first week back after half term.

A paper copy of the school newsletter won't be sent home every week but you can view the weekly newsletter on the school website.