



30th June 2017

Summer Fair

Please join us this weekend for our Summer Fair from 11am to 1pm. There will be lots of food and fun for all. Every penny raised will go to the school!

Thank you for your ongoing generosity – it makes a huge difference! One of the ways we have used funding this year is to provide the curriculum days with the 'Nomad Rangers.' As many pupils say this is one of their favourite events each term we consider this money well spent. The Nomad Rangers develop 'forest skills' based on a different curriculum focus each term. We have also paid for the theatre visits this year when we watched 'Charlotte's Web, 'The Railway Children' and 'Crucial Crew.' We have provided small subsidies to school trips and bought extra play equipment. Next year we will continue to fund the Nomad Rangers experiences for each class and improve the quality and quantity of the big play equipment in the playground and on the field.

Y5 Secondary Taster experiences

Y5 went to the Dean Trust on Wednesday afternoon to experience an afternoon in a secondary school. They had a fabulous history lesson and enjoyed meeting the friendly staff and pupils.

On Monday 10th July, Y5 will be visiting Up Holland High for most of the day. Shevington usually hold their taster day in the early autumn. All the taster experiences focus on different areas of the curriculum and are usually great fun.

Football

Well done to the Y5 and Y6 Football teams who both won their matches this week. Both games were excellent and we are very proud of you!

James Denny and Craig McCann Visit

We had a very enjoyable time with Commonwealth diver James Denny on Tuesday afternoon. We were also very pleased to welcome an unexpected visit from cyclist Craig McCann who has represented Great Britain in the Para Olympic Games. Both athletes put us through our paces with a fitness circuit. James then shared his passion for sport and determination to succeed with the pupils and answered lots of questions. Craig and James shared their hopes for the World Championships and the Tokyo Olympics. We wish them well for the future and thank them both for a wonderful and inspirational afternoon. James Denny was very touched by the wonderful posters and information sheets prepared by the children for homework.

Crucial Crew

Y5 had a great time on Thursday morning with Y5 pupils from other schools finding out how to be safe in a number of scenarios. It was a great morning and we are very appreciative to Wigan Council for providing our pupils with this opportunity.

Important safeguarding information regarding Snap Chat

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send pictures or videos to each other which 'disappear' after being viewed. Users can set a maximum length of time that the pictures are visible for (up to 10 seconds), although users can also set a series of images which can be viewed for 24 hours called a 'Story'.

A dangerous new feature has been added to snapchat called SNAP MAP.

Snap maps enable a user to share their locations with each other so you can see where they are and what's going on around them.

As this new feature shows your precise location pinpoint on a map – we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person.

To prevent children sharing where they are with other users, you can adjust the location settings:

- Ghost Mode: you are the only person who can see your location on the map.
- My Friends: means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location.
- Select Friends: allows users to look through their friend list and decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location.

Remind your child to use Snapchat sensibly and to only share their location with people they know in person, never with a stranger. This could be a very dangerous feature if used incorrectly. This information is on the 'families' section of the website under 'on line safety' in a helpful guide supplied by St. Michaels CE High School in Chorley.

Y6 Leavers BBQ

A letter has been sent out today regarding a 'Beach Party' BBQ at school for our Y6 pupils at 6pm on 14th July at school. There is no cost for this but we would ask pupils to bring their own drinks.

A reminder of 'other Y6 dates'

- Y6 Leavers assembly followed by refreshments (tea/coffee and cake) at school on Friday 21st July – 9.30am start.
- Before the Y6 children leave on 21st July the whole school makes a tunnel for them to walk through so we can clap, cheer and encourage them on their way – Y6 parents and Grandparents and family members are welcome to watch/take photos etc. The 'tunnel of love' will take place at 3.15pm
- Y6 Leavers Meal at Sorrento's Restaurant – Friday 21st July

Congratulations Dylan!

Huge congratulations to another of our fantastic Y6 footballers Dylan, who has been taken on by Rochdale Academy. We are extremely proud of him and this great news is thoroughly deserved! For those who don't know Dylan, he is a wonderful pupil with great academic ability and a very caring personality. You are a great role model Dylan – we will be cheering you on!

PSFA Disco- Friday 7th July

There will be a school disco next Friday, 7th July. The theme for the disco is 'Holgate goes to the movies'. There will be music from your favourite films, lots of fun and games and prizes for the best costumes. Fancy dress is optional, this is just for fun so please don't go to any additional expense.

Infants	6.00pm – 7.00pm, cost is £2.00 which includes refreshments
Juniors	7.15pm – 8.30pm, cost is £1.00 and there will be small tuck shop and hotdogs for sale.

School trips

Wednesday 5th July – Year 4 – Greenslate Farm, Orrell
 Thursday 6th July – Year 2 – Chester Zoo
 Monday 10th July – Year 1 – Pets at Home, Wigan
 Thursday 13th July – Year 5 – Bispham Hall
 Thursday 20th July – Year 3 – Bispham Hall (letter to follow)

Up Holland Festival of Music 2017

The school choir will be taking part in Up Holland High School's Festival of Music on Tuesday 4th July. Tickets are on sale from the school office.

Awards

Holgate Hero Behaviour Awards – Rec Olivia Wade, Y1 Oscar Twist, Y2 Connor Higham, Y3 Lucy Herbert, Y4 Katie Jones, Y5 Alfie Hurst, Y6 Ellis Nurdin

Holgate Hero Learning Awards – Rec Harry Chatterley, Y1 Katie Worrall, Y2 Mateo Labraña, Y3 Lewis Porter, Y4 Olivia Cordner, Y5 Cassandra Quinn, Y6 Lydia Radcliffe

Lunchtime Awards – Rec Maeve Bahan, Y1 Ella Carr, Y2 Connor Higham, Y3 Sapphire Gaskell, Y4 Ben Bancroft, Y5 Paige Mayo, Y6 Emily Fisher

Birthdays – Y6 Leo Birkett, Y5 Ben Galbraith, Y4 Katie Jones

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.