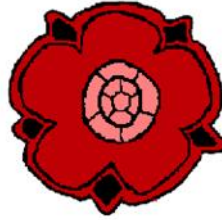


- Consultation on proposed changes to home to school transport—all school
- Warning about playing on icy waters—all school



17th December 2010

The Newsletter is also available on the school website at www.holgate.wigan.sch.uk

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Infant Nativity 2010

Many thanks to the children, staff, parents and the PSFA for once again working together to deliver a FAB-U-LOUS performance on both Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. We hope you enjoyed seeing how talented the children really are!

Free School Meals Important Changes Affecting Our School

School Funding Changes – “Pupil Premium”

The Government’s recent spending review and the Schools White Paper told us all about changes in the funding for schools. One of those changes affects the amount that we get from Government on the basis of **how many pupils take up free school meals**. This is called the “Pupil Premium”.

The more parents take up their child’s entitlement to free meals, the more funds the school will get to help the children. The Pupil Premium is expected to be approximately £430 per year per eligible child and we all know, **‘Every Little Helps’**

Children can have free school meals if their parents get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- The Guaranteed element of pension credit

Complete Wigan Council’s [free school meals application form](#) or contact Wigan Council on Wigan (01942) 828674 for more details.

Get help with the form from one of our local Life Centres:

- Marsh Green Library, Harrow Road, Wigan, WN5 0QL
- Wigan Council, Town Hall, Market Street, Leigh, WN7 1DY

Or

- Wigan and Leigh Housing Offices
- Council Tax Offices, Moore Street East, Whelley
- Wigan Civic Centre at Millgate, Wigan

If you are a tenant of one of the following Housing Associations you can visit their offices: *Arena Housing, Coops Foyer, Chequer Street, Wigan*

Why not do it today the easy way? - visit www.wigan.gov.uk

Click on “Apply for it” choose “Benefits” then “New Claim Form”

On behalf of the staff and governing body, best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!



Christmas Parties

YRD, Y1W & Y2S—Monday 20th December in the afternoon

(Children in Y1 & Y2 may go to the cinema in the morning in their party clothes if they wish).

Y3 & Y4—Tuesday 21st December in the afternoon

Y5 & Y6—Wednesday 22nd December, 11.00am—2pm

On the day of their party children can either come to school dressed for the party or get changed later.



Wigan and Leigh Hospice Toys and Derian House

Thank you to everyone who bought one of the Wigan and Leigh Hospice Toys. We managed to raise £324.00 for this very worthwhile cause. Many thanks also for supporting the retiring collections in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice at this year's Infant Nativity and whole school Christmas Carol Service.

Early finish

Don't forget school finishes at the earlier time of 2.15pm on Wednesday. If you have not already done so, please return the reply slip indicating how your child will be collected at the end of the day, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Services at St Luke's Church

Christmas day at 10.00am — Family Communion

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair made a profit of £1393.51. This is an excellent amount. A big thank you to everyone for all your support, chocolate and tombola donations, cakes etc and especially to PSFA members, staff, Diane Smith, Steve Downie, Gill McGuigan, Karen Cotton, Joanne Lea, Suzy Marsh, Tony Taylor, Mr Southern, Ashley Smith, Corinne Eden, Ryan Eden, Thomas Findler, Jordan Downie, Lucy Cotton, Imogen Gray, Nathan Oakes, Kiera Fisher, Ella Singleton and Isabella Farren who helped out on the day with setting up, serving on stalls and clearing up afterwards.

Spring Term 2011

The new term begins on Thursday 6th January 2011 with the whistle at 8.55am.

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th January 2011. All clubs will resume week commencing 10th January 2011.

Achievement & Celebration

Congratulations to this week's Award Winners

TEAM Award

Winners are:

YRD James Moston
Y1W Grace Findler
Y2S Ned Lea-Whelan
Y3CH Charlie Hair
Y4D Mia Ashcroft
Y5B Abbey Powell
Y6T Tabitha Ward

Literacy Award

Winners are:

YRD
Y1W
Y2S
Y3CH
Y4D
Y5B
Y6T

Numeracy Award

Winners are:

YRD
Y1W
Y2S
Y3CH
Y4D
Y5B
Y6T

Other Curriculum Awards:

Y6T Jordan Downie
Y6T Johnny Cunliffe
Y6T Kallum Corcoran
Y6T Ryan Eden

Birthday News

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday during next 3 weeks.

Y3CH Carrie Jennings
Y1W Luke Narayanan
YRD Lewis Rust
Y1W Milly Smith
YRD Luke Smith
YRD Holly Wellens
Y6T Kallum Corcoran
Y2S Ellie Porter
Y1W Emily Unsworth
Y4D Fraser Aubrey-Williams
Y2S Dexter Harrison
Y1W Zoe Heyes
Y3CH Megan Rogers

Physical Education, Physical Activity & School Sport Awards

Y2S Jena Gaskell
Y2S Matthew Pennington
Y3CH Charlie Hair
Y3CH Alex Hamer
Y4D Charlie Ratcliffe
Y4D Tamzin Corcoran
Y5B Elisha Donaldson
Y5B Imogen Gray
Y5B Molly Elliott
Y6T Stephanie Memmott
Y6T Cerys Cunliffe
Y6T Thomas Findler

Lunchtime Award

winners are:-

YRD Henry Lanfear
Y1W Sarah-Jane Harrison
Y2S Anna Kendrick
Y3CH Alex Hamer
Y4D Elisha Penn
Y5B Oliver Edwards
Y6T Kallum Corcoran

The next
Celebration
Assembly is
Weds 22nd
December at
11.00am.
Phone the
school office
to book your
place!

Admissions to Reception Class September 2011

If your child will turn 5 between 01.09.11 and 31.08.12 they can start school in Reception Class in September 2011. Application packs have been sent out. If you have not received a pack, please let the school office know. The closing date is 15th January 2011. School places will write to tell you where they can give your child a place on 26th April.

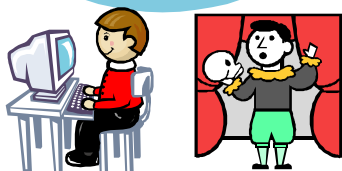
Dinner Money

Dinner money for next week will be for 3 days only, total £5.55.

Could we please request that dinner money for week commencing 3rd January is sent into school on Monday 10th January 2011 and not on the first day back after Christmas? Total for 7 days £12.95. Thank you.

Moor Road
Orrell
Wigan

Phone:
01942-776670



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Check here for important events

HOLGATE ExTrA EXTENDED LEARNING

MONDAY 3.30-4.30 PM - KS1/KS2 Computer Club with Mrs Breheny and Mrs Chriscole (£2.50 per week).

MONDAY 3.45 - 4.45 PM Singing Club at Newfold for 6 weeks starting Monday 10th January—see office for more information

TUESDAY 3.30-4.30 P.M. - KS1/KS2 Computer Club with Mrs Ward (£2.50 per week)

WEDNESDAY 3.30-4.30 P.M. Carolyn Leach Soccer Club for all children (£2.50 per week) See application form for details. **FULL**

WEDNESDAY 3.30 to 4.30 PM. KS1/KS2 Computer Club with Mrs Chriscole and Mrs Breheny (£2.50 per week)

WEDNESDAY 3.30-5.30 PM. Angela Shadwick Gymnastics Club (Private Letting £4 per week)

THURSDAY 3.30-4.30 P.M. - Junior Netball Y6 with Annette Hamilton - **FREE** - **Training cancelled for Winter months but will resume after February half term.**

THURSDAY 3.30-4.30 P.M - Y6 Football with Carolyn Leach **FREE** - See application form for details. **No lesson on Thursday 6th or 13th January 2011.**

FRIDAY 3.30-4.30 P.M. - Hockey Club with James Y5/Y6 - **FREE** - See application form for details. **No lesson on Friday 7th January 2011.**

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2010

Start: 2nd September

Half Term:

20th to 29th October

End: 22nd December

Spring Term 2011

Start: 6th January

Half Term:

21st to 25th February

End: 8th April

Summer Term 2011

Start: 27th April

Bank Hol: 2nd May

Half Term:

30th May to 3rd June

Ends: 20th July

LOW BANK
GROUND

10th-14th Jan 2011

SATS WEEK

9th-13th May 2011

PSFA EVENTS

03.12.10 Make &
Take

05.12.10 Christmas
Fair

Governing Body Meetings

Autumn Term

Full Govs (1)—29.09.10

Asset—03.11.10

Curriculum—04.11.10

Full Govs (2) - 08.12.10

Spring Term

Asset—26.01.11

Curriculum—27.01.11

Full Govs—16.03.11

Summer Term

Asset—18.05.11

Curriculum—19.05.11

Full Govs—29.06.11