

3rd March Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

I am delighted that we have extended our clubs offer even further for this half term. We have added Digital Wizards and a netball club run by North West Panthers netball team. Both clubs run for this half term but there will be another opportunity to join Digital Wizards in the summer term as a second five week course will run.

As ever, I thank my staff team and our external partners for their commitment to running these clubs after school to provide even more opportunities for our pupil to develop new skills and shine brightly.

Another exciting addition to our clubs offer has been driven by a wonderful group of Year five leaders.

Vihaan, Caleb, Alex and Lucas had the idea that a chess club would be an interesting opportunity for children to play chess in school. The boys, who are all avid players, were keen to ensure that other pupils had the chance to learn about chess. Rather than having this idea and doing nothing about it, the boys have shown enthusiasm and tenacity in working with us to make this idea come to life. I am pleased to inform you that we have held our first chess clubs this week – one session for experienced players and one for beginners.

The first sessions have been a great success and I hope that this is something we can develop further over coming terms. I am so proud that pupils have the confidence, drive and enthusiasm to approach us with ideas and suggestions for enriching our school. I am even more proud that they show the determination and commitment to make things happen!

Please note that the Spring Term Clubs run right up to 31st March.

Parents' Evenings

Thanks to all parents/carers who attended Parents' Evenings this week to discuss your child's progress and current learning targets. If you were unable to attend, please contact school to arrange a discussion with your child's teacher as soon as possible. We are currently in the process of contacting families who were unable to attend to ensure that we meet with you this half term.



Message from Headteacher continued

Safeguarding Children in the Community

I am aware that there have been reports recently about a man who has been seen approaching children in the local parks. The man usually starts to engage with children by talking to them and trying to join in their games. We are working with our local PCSO, Keith Bartlett, in relation to this. This is particularly concerning to us as we know that many of our older children attend the parks with their friends unaccompanied.

The last report of this individual being seen in our area was during the half term break. Cheshire Police are keen to have a conversation with this individual but as yet, they have been unable to speak to him as he has left the park before they arrive.

PCSO Bartlett has provided the following advice. If parents/carers are concerned regarding any individual in the local parks, they should contact the police and then remain highly vigilant for their children and others. Parents/carers should not approach the individual but wait for Cheshire Police to arrive. Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance. We will continue to work in partnership with PCSO Bartlett and Cheshire Police.

Learning Hub

We are so proud to host a weekly Learning Hub at our school. This has been running over recent months at Hoole with parents/carers attending engaging in free courses organised by the Cheshire West & Chester Adult Learning Unit.

Parents/carers are invited to enrol for the latest course which focuses on English skills. The free course starts at school on 7th March and runs every Tuesday morning until 23rd May 2023 from 9.15am – 11.30am.

The course covers areas including writing, punctuation, sentence structure, speaking and listening. This would be ideal for anyone wishing to brush up their own skills and knowledge to be equipped to support their child's learning at home.

The course is run in a friendly environment in the school hall. Refreshments are provided and this is a great opportunity to connect with other parents/carers.

Calling all members of the
Chester Community!

 Cheshire West
and Chester

COME AND JOIN US FOR

FAMILY ENGLISH

Gain an adult
Functional Skills
English
qualification

A fun, friendly and free
12-week course

Pick up tips and
ideas for supporting
children to develop
their English skills

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING
7TH MARCH – 23RD MAY 2023, 9:15AM – 11:30AM
(FREE REFRESHMENTS SERVED FROM 8:50AM)
THE LEARNING AND SKILLS HUB
at Hoole Primary School
(School Hall Entrance)



To book a place, please text **07775 717122**

 **Adult Education**
Cheshire West and Chester

Phonics Workshops

This year, to support the teaching of early reading we have introduced an exciting new phonics programme called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds'.

Parents and Carers of pupils in Reception and Year 1 are invited to a 'Little Wandle' phonics and reading evening here at school.

The workshops will enable parents and carers to find out how we teach reading from the early stages and how this then feeds in to a child's journey to becoming a fluent, confident reader. We will show parents and carers what a phonics lesson in school looks like for the children as well as play some games to show you how the children learn. We will also give plenty of tips about how you can give valuable support when reading with your child(ren) at home.

All children in Year One will take part in the National Phonics Screening Check in the Summer term. We will explain what this is, how it works and how we can work together to prepare your child(ren) for it. Please note that the workshops are adults only.

Our Year 1 Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Phonics Evening will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 15th March

Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Venue: Hoole Church of England Primary School

Our Reception Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' Phonics Evening will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 8th March

Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Venue: Hoole Church of England Primary School

If you would like to attend either of these events, please book your place by filling in the form on the School Website or School Spider app, under the Surveys and Forms tab.

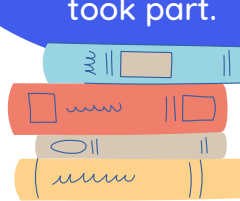
Please note that to access the survey, you will need to be signed in.



World Book Day



In celebration of World Book Day, there was a vast array of wonderful book-based costumes on show in school! There was so much originality, imagination and creativity displayed by all the children and staff who took part.



Year 4 Roman Trip



On Thursday, year four visited the Grosvenor museum in Chester. After a long walk, we got started on our first activity. We became members of the Roman Army lead by the Roman centurion. We popped on our body armour, picked up on shields and marched on through the streets of Deva. When we arrived at the amphitheatre, we stood in different battle formations such as the turtle, wedge and counter cavalry.

Other activities included a workshop led by the museum staff who guided us through Roman history and were blown away by our knowledge! We became archaeologists when looking at Roman artefacts. We also spent time in the museum looking at the wonderful displays and art galleries. We were very proud when various of the public commented on their manners as well as their behaviour in the museum and knowledge about the Romans too! We are proud of them all!



Ambitions



Miles
Age 6

When I grow up I would like to be an ambulance driver or a policeman. I want to catch criminals or I want to do Mummy's job. I want to save people.

PTA Events

Non-uniform Day Friday 10th March

Our amazing PTA will be holding an Easter chocolate treat stall at the end of term. To support this, we are inviting pupils to come to school wearing their own clothes on Friday 10th March in return for a donation.

We would warmly welcome donations such as Easter Eggs, chocolate bars or boxes of chocolate/confectionery. Donations can be brought to school with pupils on the non-uniform day.



PTA EASTER CHOCOLATE STALL

31st March 2023

Join us outside school at hometime for a scrumptious feast of chocolate delights!



Sports News



The Year 5-6 Girls' Football Team continued their undefeated run in the league this season at Catholic High yesterday.

The girls displayed some impressive skills and technique, combined with some super team play.

They won with a 2-0 victory over Christleton Primary School. Well done team!

Comic Relief



**COMIC
RELIEF**

Non-uniform Day Friday 17th March

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please make a donation via the School Gateway if you can.

We are supporting Comic Relief on Friday 17th March, raising funds for families less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking families to donate if they can. We will also have a range of comic relief merchandise for sale at the School Office and we will be holding an exciting competition for those children having a school dinner to win red noses and key-a-rings!

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to give what you can. All donations will be passed on to the charity.

Easter Lunch



**EASTER
LUNCH**

Wednesday 29th March

To celebrate Easter we will be serving a traditional roast dinner with roast chicken, roasted and mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables along with special Easter biscuits!

(vegetarian selection also available)

Easter Service



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

29TH MARCH

1.45PM

Children will be at All Saint's Church for the Easter Service on Wednesday 29th March. This service is for pupils only. Please can all children come to school in full uniform, sensible shoes and with a coat as we will be walking to the church. Year 5 are asked to come to school in their PE kits for their morning PE lesson and bring their uniform in a bag to change into and Henry Class need to bring a change of footwear for their morning Forest School session.

Birthday Celebrations

HEIDI, HONEY,
HEATH, GEORGE,
ARIANWEN, AVA,
LOIS, ZUHA,
AHAAN AND
PHOEBE

Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book.

Meet Our Team!

Meet the Teacher



Mrs Stirk
Year 2 teacher
Music Subject Lead

ABOUT ME

Hi, I'm Mrs Stirk. I have recently returned from maternity leave and have a little boy who has just turned 1..

MY EXPERIENCE

I have been teaching since 2015 and have been at Hoole for the last 6 years. I have taught in various year groups across Key Stage 2.

FUN FACT

Since lockdown, I have enjoyed doing lots of sewing.

FUN FACT

I have an allotment and love growing fruit and veg!

Meet the Governor

I have been connected with the Hoole CE Primary and it's previous incarnations since 1997 and love being part of the school community. I work for Hoole Baptist Church as a Children's and Family Worker and enjoy living and working in the wonderfully vibrant community that is Hoole.

I have lived in Chester since coming here to study in 1993 and very much consider it home even though I grew up down in Surrey. Away from work, I love music – both listening to and playing a range of instruments. I always enjoy being outdoors. Give me mountains or a beach and I'll be happy for hours!



Letting Their Light Shine



We have eight shining stars this week!

Jacob trains in mixed martial arts and has progressed to an orange belt!

Harrison was awarded a medal from his football club for scoring a massive 9 goals over 3 matches!

Year 6's Kian has been scouted for Crewe FC and is going for trials in March!

Miles won a Hop Hop trophy for his wonderful dancing!

Jasmine was awarded Dancer of the Week at Streetdance Club!

Ruhaani is an amazing artist and painted these 3 gorgeous works of art!

Harley was offered a place to train with Newton Athletic Eagles!

Ana was awarded Gym Star of the Week for her wonderful jumping and landing skills!

Well done everyone - we are so proud of you!

Let's celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Maddie F

Evelyn S

Josiah D-H

Molly G

Caleb G

Joseph G

Gabriel V

Liberty B

Seren H-E

Saffy M-W

Nihan I

Teddy F

Hunter C

Jasmine S

Key Dates

3rd March	Y5-6 NW Panthers Netball Club Starts
3rd March	Y3-6 Digital Wizards Club Starts
7th March	Reception Vision and Hearing Tests
8th March	House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am
8th March	Ethos Club
10th March	PTA Non-uniform Day for Chocolate Donation
13th - 17th March	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (TGV Class)
15th March	Ethos Club
17th March	Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief
20th - 24th March	Year 5 Swimming Lessons (Voyager Class)
22nd March	House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am
29th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church
29th March	Easter Lunch
31st March	PTA Chocolate Stall
1st April	Easter Holidays
17th April	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
18th April	Summer Term starts
1st May	Bank Holiday (school closed)