

# HOLYOAKES FIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

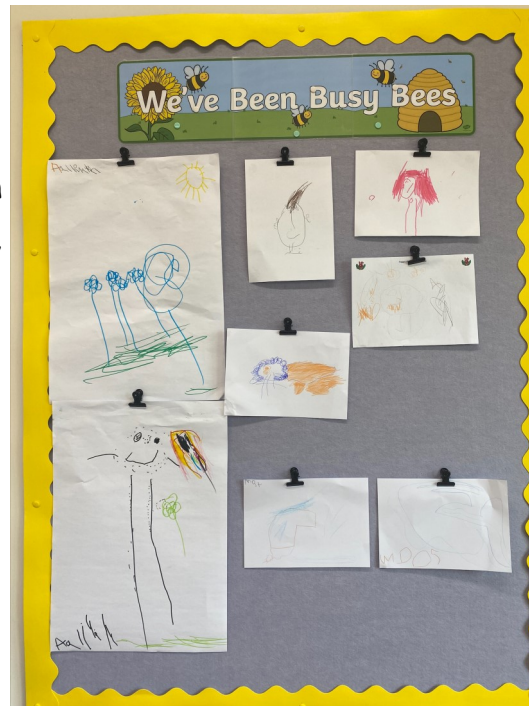
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Happy Friendly Fun Safe

## This week at Holyoakes:

This week in nursery we have welcomed lots of new children who have settled in well. The children have been encouraged to be independent when arriving in the morning by taking off their coats and putting away their belongings. We have been exploring the room and a range of activities, including the creative table. Here is some of the work they have produced.



## MCAS App:

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already signed up to use our new MyChildAtSchool system. Please could ensure you download and sign into the MCAS APP as this is where all communication from school will be received too. If you are still having problems signing up please contact [support@bordesley.it](mailto:support@bordesley.it) who will be able to help. It is important that we have the correct email address for you in order to sign you up to the new system.

## Important Dates:

Tuesday 3rd October: Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5th October: Harvest Festival

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October: Parent Consultations

Monday 30th October–Friday 3rd November: Half Term

Monday 6th November: TED – School closed to all pupils

Friday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Fayre

Thursday 14th December: Christingle

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December: EYFS Nativity & KS1 Concert

Friday 22nd December: Christmas Party Day



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### Year 4 Bikeability:

On Monday a letter was sent to all year 4 parents regarding our forthcoming Bikeability event in school. This is a great opportunity for the children to improve their cycling skills and also learn vital road safety tips.

Thank you to all parents who have already returned consent forms to school, can we please ask that all forms are returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 18th September.

### World Fitness Day:



On Thursday 21st September, everyone in school will be taking part in World Fitness Day. Every hour throughout the day classes will take part in an exercise activity to keep them moving and energised.

All children are invited to come to school for World Fitness Day dressed in their school PE kit or tracksuit.

### Open afternoon:

On Wednesday 20th September, we would like to warmly invite parents and carers to our school open afternoon.

Hopefully, your children will be your tour guides, firstly of their own classrooms before taking you around other parts of the school.

Parents and carers are asked to follow the timetable below as far as possible. We appreciate that some of you will have children in different year groups. If this is the case, please start with the youngest of your children before making your way further up the school.

Nursery and Reception	2.30 pm
Year 1 & 2	2.40 pm
Year 3 & 4	2.50 pm

Teachers will remain in their classrooms to ensure all pupils are collected. We ask that all children are collected by 3.00pm at the latest unless they attend Funzone. If you collect your child before 3.00pm please ensure you tell the class teacher so that all children can be accounted for.

There will be a drop in MCAS surgery during the open afternoon in the main foyer, this is for any parents/carers having issues with the MCAS app.



### My Healthy Lunchbox:

Lunch is an important meal for children. It provides energy and nutrients to keep them going throughout the afternoon.

If your child brings a packed lunch please remember that we strongly advise that the contents should be healthy.



### Healthy Lunch Box Tips

A healthy sandwich or equivalent, a piece of fruit, some vegetables or salad and a pot or tube yoghurt. Water to drink (No fizzy drinks please).

Please limit the amount of crisps and biscuit/cake bars (**no chocolate bars or sweets**).

Please can parents refrain from sending anything containing nuts as we have several children with nut allergies and even being close to them could be very serious for them.



### Attendance Stars

Every week the pupils enjoy finding out which class has had the best attendance. Last week's results were really good for our first week back, with **Elm, Fir and Maple class**, all achieving an amazing **99%**.

They were closely followed by Ash and Birch both with **97%** and Willow class with **95%**.

### Leave of absence request:

Since the start of the school year, we have received an increasing number of term time holiday requests. Please be aware, term time holiday requests will not be authorised and could result in a fine.

### Phonics Workshop:

Parents of nursery and reception children are invited to attend a phonics workshop on Friday 29th September at 9am, this will take place in the main school hall.

During this workshop, we will share how phonics is taught in school to aid you in supporting your child at home.



Free!

# How to tackle toilet and potty avoidance

A free webinar for parents and carers

Monday 9th October 10am - 12.30pm

To book please visit [eric.org.uk](http://eric.org.uk).



## Homework:

We have changed the way we will be doing homework this year, to make it more manageable for parents and allow the children to be more creative in the way they show their learning. Each child year 1-4 will be sent home with a homework book, which will have a grid of activities inside for each half term. These can be completed in any order, we would like the children attempt all the tasks on the grid throughout the half term.

Completed tasks should be brought into school weekly to show their class teacher. This will be in addition to home reading and any websites on the children's year group newsletters.

