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Sponsored Hop

The Holmewood Hop will take place on July 5th and 6th. This will be an enjoyable event and important way for us to raise funds for educational outings. All sponsorship money should be handed in to the office.

Parents of children returning in the autumn term

You are invited to a returners meeting on Wednesday 11th July; this will be an opportunity to talk about your views and suggestions for the forthcoming academic year.

Please remember that school dinners can be paid for by BACS, details available from the office. If your child has special dietary requirements, you must tell the class teacher or key worker in order to ensure your child's needs are met. Free School Meals application forms are available from the office.

Annual 'Summer Social'

This will take place on Thursday 12th July from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. This exciting event marking the end of another year at Holmewood has become a tradition in our community. It is always great fun, providing an opportunity for new and old families, and staff to socialise. It is also an opportunity for children leaving to say goodbye to their friends and staff. Family tickets are issued for admission.

We are looking for a volunteer DJ, so do let us know if you can help on the afternoon.

Notices will be on display in classrooms for you to sign up to contribute a traditional dish, home-made speciality, or any other food to share. Every year, the contributions of food offered by families have illustrated the diversity of cultures and nationalities that we share and enjoy in our community; let's hope this year will be just as successful!

Leavers

Reports for children transferring to primary school will be given on Friday 13th July. Leaver's parents and children are invited to meet their key person between 9.00 and 10.00am on Friday 20th July.

Parents will also receive a Leavers Questionnaires and it would be helpful if you could complete and return this to the office before your child leaves. The leavers' questionnaire is very important to us as your honest comments provide valuable information, which assists us to review our provision and shape it to meet the needs of our children and families in our community.

We very much hope your child has enjoyed a positive early years' experience at Holmewood and that they will take with them happy memories and a positive approach to learning at this early stage of their academic career, progressing with confidence onto their next stage of learning.

The staff and governors at Holmewood and Treehouse would like to thank you for your support and wish you the very best for the future. Please keep in touch, as it is always nice to hear how our past pupils are doing and the progress they have made.

In the past, parents of children leaving have suggested that unwanted Holmewood sweatshirts or T-Shirts in good condition could be returned to the school for resale at a lower cost. We are more than happy to do this and invite you to leave any donations with the office.

Holiday Phonics Session

On Monday 16th July, we will be holding two, 15-20 minutes, holiday phonics sessions where we will look at the pronunciation of different sounds (phonemes) and how to break up (segment) and blend sounds in words. Using this you will be able to play games with your child that will help them to develop their phonological awareness. There will be a morning session will be at 9.20am and the afternoon session at 2.45pm.

Pirate Show

On Wednesday 18th July there will be a morning end of year show. Afternoon children should arrive at 9.30am and must be collected promptly at 10.45am; they are welcome to return for the afternoon session at 12.45.

Zoolab Workshops – Looking after living things

On Thursday 19th July, the last day for children, there will be workshops across the day so that all children can enjoy these interactive events, learning about different creatures.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5th July	Downstairs classroom Holmewood Hop
Friday 6th July	Upstairs classroom Holmewood Hop
Wednesday 11th July	Returning Parent's meeting
Thursday 12th July	Annual Summer Social
Monday 16th July	Holiday Phonics, 9.20 am or 2.45pm
Wednesday 18th July	Morning Pirate Show
Thursday 19 th July	Zoolab Workshops
Thursday 19th July	End of Term. Children finish at their <u>usual time</u>.
Friday 20th July	Parent Conferencing Leavers 9.00 – 10.00am
Monday 10th September	Children Return at their <u>usual</u> time. Children moving into the main nursery will be given a starting date and time.