

# 26th April Newsletter



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## Message from Headteacher

### Holidays during term-time

I am concerned about the number of requests for time off for holidays during term-time. I appreciate that the cost of holidays significantly increases through the school holidays but I would urge families to avoid taking children out of school.

Please be assured that I take absolutely no pleasure in having to inform families that fines for missed school apply. Fines for holidays or school irregular attendance are payable directly to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

However you will appreciate that we are bound by national and local policy on applying fines where holidays are taken. We belong to a cluster of local schools and share an agreed policy on absence during term-time and when fines apply. This shared local policy is formulated in line with guidance issued by the Department for Education.

**Fines are £60 per each parent, per each child, which rises to £120 each if you do not pay within 21 days.**

Over this term, children in many year groups will sit national tests. In addition, we begin the process of supporting children's transition to the next year group and new teachers. Please, wherever possible, avoid taking your child out of school during term-time.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our golden ticket winners who were drawn out on Monday.

Jack, Alice, Jacob, Daisy and Oliver are all celebrating with their prizes.

Well done everyone for your fantastic attendance during the Spring Term.



# Message from Headteacher (continued)

## Friendship Force

Our new Friendship Force group are now in action with further training planned over coming weeks to ensure that they play an active role in keeping children in our school family happy and getting on well.

The Friendship Force team leaders, Sofia, Leo, Esmæ, Eric, Daisy and Oliver, distributed the new lanyards for Force members so that they can be easily identified on the playground if needed. We hope that the Friendship Force will build the skills over the coming term to support children in managing relationships positively, offer support and to ensure that nobody feels left out or lonely. The enthusiasm shown so far by Friendship Force members is outstanding and I have no doubt that they will do a fantastic job.

## PTA Summer Fair

Thanks again to our wonderful Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who are doing a brilliant job organising this year's Summer Fair. This will take place on Friday 7th June. As ever, any offers to volunteer on stalls would be appreciated. Please email [hoolepta@yahoo.com](mailto:hoolepta@yahoo.com) if you are able to help out.

## Parent Support

We work hard to try to keep traffic flowing and to promote responsible road use and parking around our site.

I mentioned recently about trying to recruit a team of volunteers to help ensure that children are safe when crossing in front of the Sykes Cottages building. If you would like to help with this, please get in touch.

## Endurance - Mrs Jeffs

Our school family is so proud of Mrs Jeffs for the hard work, endurance and enthusiasm she has shown to complete the London Marathon. Mrs Jeffs began her training in August and has kept on going over many months to achieve this feat.

It is fitting that the school value we are looking at this term is endurance. What better model of keeping on going-ness than this!

Congratulations, Mrs Jeffs, and thank you for giving our pupils another model of perseverance, dedication and endurance that they can draw on when they face their own challenges in the future.



FRIDAY 7TH JUNE | 3.30PM TO 5.30PM



JOIN US  
FOR THE

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**SUMMER FAIR**



**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**TOMBOLA | RAFFLE**

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**CANDY FLOSS | BOUNCY CASTLE | GAMES**

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**FOOD STALLS | BRIC-A-BRAC STALLS**



# Sports News

**Last Friday**, some of the netball team attended a netball event hosted by Year 9 Upton High School pupils. They had a fantastic time involving team building games, netball skill drills and a mini tournament to finish a successful day. Well done to Sienna, Azra, Sylvia, Pippa, Maddison, Ruby K, Chloe G, Rosie, Daisy T, Elise, Francesca, Maisy, Daisy R, Beau and Evelyn for their fantastic determination and effort!

**On Monday** some Year 4 footballers went to Upton High School to take part in several football activities. The afternoon finished with a mini tournament and Hoole CE Primary came first. Fantastic girls!

We were also really lucky to have Charlie from Cheshire Cricket to coach our KS1 children. All the children took part in skills and activities which developed their hand-eye coordination and their team work. We have passed on our thanks to Cheshire Cricket as Charlie was an excellent coach.

**On Tuesday** it was the 2nd round of Football league matches against St Werburgh's & St Columbia's Primary School.

The Year 5-6 Girls Team put in an excellent performance and displayed some great skills, technique and teamwork. Despite dominating most of the match and pressuring their opponents goal, they were unfortunately unable to make it count with the match finishing in a 1-1 draw. Great job girls! We received a lovely message from their Junior School Leader.

'I particularly wanted to say how impressed I was with both the attitude of the girls, staff and the parents from Hoole at the match we hosted. It was a pleasure to referee the match in such a positive environment with girls who enjoyed playing the game and spectators who supported them in such a pleasant way.

Our Year 3-4 Team were as pleased as punch to get the chance to represent our school and thoroughly enjoyed their match. They all played with sheer enthusiasm and showed flashes of great footballing skills. Despite losing 3-0, they all enjoyed the experience and can't wait to play for our school again.

The Year 5-6 boys entertained a strong St Werburgh's & St Columba's team and knew they would be in for a tough match straight from the first whistle. Both goal keepers were stars of the show with some amazing saves and bravery under pressure. Our team really gave it their all and battled hard for the whole match and were unlucky not to score. The game ended with the score at 6-0 to the visitors but the boys can still be proud of their performance.

Bring on the next match!





Shakespeare Club present

# HAMLET

By William Shakespeare

A tragic tale of  
betrayal, and revenge

- 16th and 17th May at 6pm-

Free tickets available from the School Office



Shakespeare Club present

# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

By William Shakespeare

A tale of love, wit, and  
mistaken identities

- 23rd and 24th May at 6pm-

Free tickets available from the School Office





# Chester Duck Race

Thank you to all our families who joined us on the Groves to watch our Duck bob down the river last Saturday at the annual Chester Duck Race!

Our wonderful Duck tried his best however despite his determination and perseverance, he was one of the last to finish! You can't win them all but you can always take part and do your best!

The race was organised by The Countess Charity, who raised a MASSIVE £31,200 for the Countess of Chester Hospital. Wow!!



# Birthdays

**ISAAC,  
LAWSON,  
ALEXA, AND  
IVY!**

Many happy returns  
to all our birthday  
buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book!



# School Dinners

In replacement of the normal menu on **Thursday 16th May**, we will be holding an American themed feast! On the menu will be hotdogs (pork/veggie), served with curly fries and peas or beans. Dessert will be a chocolate cake or a selection of mouthwatering fruit slices!

A selection of sandwiches and jacket potatoes will also be available on this day.

If your child would like to order a school lunch for this event, there's no need to pre-book; just let us know on the day. The usual £2.70 cost applies or free for those children in receipt of Free School Meals and for children in Reception and Key Stage 1.



Please note that on **Thursday 2nd May**, our school hall will be used as a Polling Station for the local Police Commissioner elections.

This means that our children will eat their lunches in their classrooms so our Catering Team will only be able to provide sandwich bags for children who order a school dinner.

No hot meals will be available on this day.





# Letting Their Light Shine

We have an abundance of children to celebrate this week!

Henry C recently passed his guitar prep exam!

Aimee competed in her first swimming gala last weekend representing Ellesmere Port Swimming Club. She competed in 5 races - including the very challenging butterfly! She finished second in one of her individual races and help her team win the cannon relay at the end!

Christopher achieved his Orange Belt in his Mixed Martial Arts class!

Phoebe competed at the EPC Easter gymnastics competition!

Ethan has completed his 7 day challenge and has raised £320 for Claire House Hospice!

Ethan, Daisy, Hamish and Jack attended a Rugby Tournament at Sandbach RUFC. They played 6 matches throughout the day starting at 10am. finishing at 3pm - phew!

Elliot and Oliver spent their birthdays looking after elephants in a sanctuary in Thailand over Easter Holidays!

Maya was awarded her 25 meters award swimming award!

Teo was Man of the Match in a recent football match!

Sam is an incredible artist and has been beavering away at home creating the most wonderful dragon pictures.

Sophia attends Ellesmere Port Gymnastic Club and participated in a competition at the weekend, coming first place in Vault!

Norah attends Deeside Gymnastics Academy and earned a shiny medal for her fantastic skills.

Sophie dances with Silhouetts Dancing Clubs and earned a trophy and certificate for her fantastic dancing!

Alice and Gabriel participated in the the foam-tastic Colour Run, with Gabriel raising a massive £185 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd!

Varunan achieved his brown belt in Kick Boxing through Temple Martial Arts(TMA) which is the penultimate achievement with only black belt being left!





# Letting Their Light Shine



Eleanor plays for Vicars Cross Dynamos and was awarded Player of the Match after she scored a goal!

Niall was awarded a tremendous medal from his hockey team for participating in the North-west Hockey final, in which his team came second place!

Sofia passed her 10 metres swimming award!

Jacob has moved up a level and is now a green belt in Martial Arts!

Connie achieved her 75 metres swimming badge last week!

What an incredible lot you all are!

If your child has an amazing achievement that should be celebrated in our newsletter, please email [lizfoy@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:lizfoy@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) with a brief description and a photograph.

## Let's celebrate!

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

**Leo B**

**Ethan C**

**Melissa A**

**Daniel H**

**Esmay A**

**Yasir A**

**George C**

**Maisy R-P**

**Lyra D-E**

**Johnny W**

**Zofia Z**

**Muntaha I**

**Anna P**

**Can G**

**Rupert O'C**

**Olivia S**

# Key Dates

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|-----------------|--|
| 26th April      | Catch up 3-4 Dodgeball Club (2/2)          |
| 30th April      | Year 3 Trip                                |
| 1st May         | Catch up 3-4 Football Club (3/3)           |
| 2nd May         | School Dinners: Sandwiches only            |
| 2nd May         | House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am              |
| 3rd May         | Y3 Showcase at All Saints' Church (1.45pm) |
| 6th May         | Bank Holiday (school closed)               |
| 9th May         | 3-4 Football Club (summer term) begins     |
| 10th May        | Y1 Showcase at All Saints' Church (1.45pm) |
| 10th May        | 4-6 Dodgeball Club (summer term) begins    |
| 13th - 17th May | Year 6 SATs Week                           |
| 15th May        | Y4 Showcase at All Saints' Church (1.45pm) |
| 16th May        | House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am              |
| 16th May        | Hamlet performance 6pm                     |
| 17th May        | Hamlet performance 6pm                     |
| 22nd May        | YR Showcase at All Saints' Church (1.45pm) |
| 23rd May        | Much Ado About Nothing performance 6pm     |
| 24th May        | Much Ado About Nothing performance 6pm     |