



20th January 2023

# Holden Clough Newsletter

## This week in 6AH

### Stars of the Week

Jalal & Lola	1JS
Ivy & Penny H	1GE
Ahmed & Harry	2GG
Charlie & Inaya	2DH
Hashim & Isabella	3LD
Harrison & Lorcan	3DL
Eesa & Keira	4SP
Inaya & Olivia	4DP
Haid & Kornel	5JH
Adam & Eni	5CH
Henley & Joshua	6AP
Ibraheem & Mehak	6AH



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### Dates to remember

- 26.01.23 - Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning at 9am
- 30.01.23 - Young Voices concert.
- 02.02.23 - Academy conversion meeting for parents in the hall at 5pm.
- 03.02.23 - NSPCC Number Day.
- 12.02.23 - Instalment 2 due for Year 6 residential to London.

6AH have been looking at the components of blood (platelets, plasma, white blood cells and red blood cells). Last week, we even made our own blood using every day materials. We represented plasma using water, white chocolate chips as white blood cells, food colouring and cheerios as red blood cells and rice krispies as platelets!

# Proposed Strike Action

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the main teaching union, National Education Union (NEU), has declared four days of strike action on the following days:

- **1 February: All schools in England and Wales.**
- **28 February: North and north-west England, Yorkshire and Humber.**
- **15 and 16 March: All schools in England and Wales**

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that school is likely to be closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. In this event, alternative childcare arrangements will need to be made by parents/carers.

It is also recommended to start to plan alternative arrangements for the other dates listed above.

The strike has been declared because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over a fully-funded, above inflation pay rise, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation.

I will write to you again next week to confirm whether the strike action on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 is taking place.

Holden Clough Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr Kordemir

## Coffee Morning 9.00am in the hall



Come along to our informal Coffee Morning for your opportunity to:

- Find out more information about the Mental Health Support Team.
- Meet Harriet, the Mental Health Practitioner allocated to Holden Clough.
- Meet socially with other parents.
- Find out more information about common mental health difficulties, and the referral process for the service.



## NSPCC Number Day 2023

On Friday 3rd February 2023, pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt, self-made items etc.). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.



**Please use ParentPay to donate.**

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services like Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support.

Thank you.  
Mr Ellison  
Assistant Headteacher

## Reporting Absence

If a child is absent from school for any reason, the Parents/Carers must:

Contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence using one of the following methods:

**Telephone** - 0161 330 5248. You can either speak to a member office staff or select option 1 which will direct you to a 24hr answering service which is dedicated to pupil absence. Please give your child's name, class and the reason for their absence; please give as much detail as possible.

**Email** - [attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk) please give name of child, class and details of absence. Again, you can request a 'callback' if you wish to speak to someone.

Not well/under the weather are not satisfactory reasons for absence.

You must update the school daily unless agreed otherwise with the attendance team and provide medical evidence for all appointments within school time.

Please do not use Class Dojo to report absence.

Any unreported absence is a cause for concern. In the event that we are unable to contact you for 2 consecutive days we may visit your home address in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.

Please do not be offended if the amount of time your child is absent from school due to illness is challenged. If absence due to illness exceeds 3 days it will not be authorised without evidence being provided.

## Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 9th January 2023

### KS1

1st - 1GE 95.5%

2nd - 2DH 95.36%

3rd - 1JS 94.5%

### KS2

1st - 6AP 100%

2nd - 3DL 97.78%

3rd - 4SP 97.41%

