

September Newsletter to all Parents & Carers

To: All parents, carers and adults associated with 1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group.

This newsletter aims to provide you with key information as we start the new term.

Welcome Back to the New term!

A hearty welcome back to you all from a long (and sometimes hot) summer break. We trust you are all well-rested and looking forward to a new term with 1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group!

- In particular, welcome to our new Beavers as you start your journey with the Scouting Movement – and Movement is the right word as we are looking forward to seeing you grow in your abilities, confidence and experiences!
- Good luck also to the former Beavers moving up to Cubs and former Cubs moving up to Scouts – keeping moving!

Term Start Dates

We promised to improve our communications to you all, so we're starting straight away with a year-view of our term dates, which is now posted under Parents/ Term dates on our website:

[Click here](#) to go to the Term dates link, which includes the September start dates & times (clue: this week for Scouts, next week for Beavers/Cubs).

We've aligned with the Holmes Chapel school calendars to give you as much early planning information so you can to better manage holidays and school breaks.

Subscriptions are Now Due

– DIRECT DEBIT now used for all Sections

At the AGM in June, we were pleased to keep the subs at £35 per term. We trust you see this as great value and as we are a registered charity please check the gift-aid so we can claim the tax-relief.

Based on a successful pilot, we have now rolled out the Direct Debit subscription payment system to all Sections.

- If you previously registered (Scouts & Cubs) and your child hasn't moved sections, payment will shortly be taken.
- If your child moved sections from Cubs to Scouts* or is a Beaver, you'll soon receive an email with a link to set up a new Direct Debit.

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Direct Debit really simplifies our processes and we encourage you to use it as the primary payment method. However, please discuss with your Section Leader if you have any concerns.

(*Please note that if your child changes sections, the DD system requires a new one to be re-set up).

Term Calendars now populated on our Website

In our stated aim to improve communications, we are starting to populate the regular evenings events on the website so that you can plan ahead and read any special instructions if needed for the event.

Go to our website [HERE](#) and search your respective sections (on the top banner) for the activity list.

We are also developing a general events list (such as Harvest Festival etc.), so again you can plan ahead (coming soon).

The best way to find out what's going on is still to attend the closing ceremony on each evening, where your Section Leader will give you a full debrief on what's going on. Here are some tips to parents/carers:

- Come early at least 5 mins before flag-lowering.
- Make your way all the way into the room, don't be afraid to go to the far side, rather than bundle around the doors.
- Please don't stay on the stairs – come on in! a) you're a fire hazard and b) how are you going to hear what's going on next week if you can't hear the Leader?
- Plus, your kids see you joining in visibly!

Parent Helpers

Without our DBS'd parent helpers, we would be rather deplete of adults helping the kids have a great time, so we really appreciate all that you do!

We are planning to improve our event planning and give rotas for our parent helpers, which we hope will help you plan your availabilities and support to us better.

If you want to help out further as a Leader, talk to any of us – it is very rewarding and you get full training.

Once again, we are looking forward to a great new term with you all!

Yours in Scouting

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Facebook

If you haven't already joined our closed Facebook group, please search for 'Holmes Chapel ' and then the name of your section (for example Holmes Chapel Willow Beavers) and request to join.

No information is shared there that isn't included in emails, but we do often post photos and news from events there so you can see what we are up to when out and about