

Weekly Newsletter



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Green Flag

Excellent news for Holly Trees School as we have had our green eco status revalidated this week. Our assessor was suitably impressed with both the physical environment of the school and positive attitudes displayed by our Eco-Hero representatives. However, this prestigious award is due to the whole school community working together to look after our precious planet. Well done everyone.

Musical Soiree

It was another wonderful evening last night as we all enjoyed the performances of so many talented children. The range of instruments available for children to learn continues to expand and to see such a high standard from children so young is truly inspiring. Thank you to everybody who supported the event and for the hours of practice needed at home to reach this standard.

Year 5 trip

Our day out at Danbury was an unqualified success with all the children working collaboratively as teams, as well as facing personal challenges. The somewhat inclement weather did nothing to dampen anyone's spirits and, indeed, helped with the character building nature of the day! Great fun was had on the obstacle course, at the archery range and during the bushcraft sessions.

Milk

We are no longer able to offer free school milk to all KS1 children due to a changes in Government funding. However, parents are able to sign up to the Coolmilk scheme for subsidised milk if they wish. Further information is available at the office.

Valuable items

Please be aware we are unable to guarantee that items brought into school will come home again undamaged. Therefore, it is advisable to avoid bringing anything of value into school, including things which may be valuable to children such as trading cards and the like.

Forthcoming Year 3 trip

Year 3 are booked to visit the Council Offices on the morning of 14th May. However, as this falls during SATs week where LSAs are needed to assist with Year 6, we need at least six more adults to volunteer to accompany the children. If you would like to join us then please see the class teachers.

Kitchen Assistant

We have a vacancy for a kitchen assistant. If you are interested, please call into the office for an application pack or apply on line at www.essexschooljobs.co.uk. The closing date is 15th May and interviews will be held on 19th May.

Menu

Week 3 of the **new** menu - please see the website for our menus.

Forthcoming dates

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
6th May – Y4 visit to Hampton Court
7th May – School closed for Polling Day (INSET for staff)
11th May – Y6 SATs week
14th May – Visit to Council Offices
19th May – CEOP meeting

20th May – Y5 visit to British Museum
21st May – Holly Trees Got Talent
w/c 25th May – Half term
1st June – Non-pupil day
Tuesday, 2nd June – children return to school
4th June – Class photos
8th June – Year 6 Crucial Crew
11th June – Inflatables Day
12th, 15th, 17th & 18th June – Bikeability
16th June – Early Years visit to Tropical Wings
18th June – Able Writers Day
27th June – Jazz Night
4th July – Summer fete
7th July – Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops
7th July – Year 6 play
9th July – EYFS to Y1 transition meeting for parents
14th July – Open evening (3:00 to 6:00 pm)
16th July – Year 6 leavers theatre trip
17th July – Year 6 leavers disco
22nd July – Last day of summer term
Monday, 7th September – children return to school

Letters home

27th – Y5 Activity Day at Danbury

Attendance – 97% target

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm, Larch and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Deborah Shotunde and James Barker.

Silver Certificates went to Wiktor Mielczarski, Aydin Malik, Alexa Stanley, Sonny Bridson, Amber Brazier, Grace Whitehill and Lewis Westcott.

Headteacher's Award went to Rhiannon O'Hagan.