

Weekly Newsletter



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Learning at home/World Book Day – In preparation for this event on 2nd March, we are asking children to turn a shoebox into a book. The contents of the box should illustrate what the book is about with models, pictures or information, whilst the front of the shoebox can look like a book. We suggest this could be an activity for the half term holiday. On the day, there will be other book related activities which will involve children being able to share and discuss a favourite book. Please note, by popular request, the children will not be asked to dress up on this day and should wear normal school uniform.

Supporting children's spelling – Following research, we will no longer be sending home spelling lists to learn for the week. All children should have brought home KS1 or KS2 word lists and these will shortly be posted on the Homework Page of the school website. During each week at school, children will focus on a new spelling pattern in their learning and parents will be notified of which pattern is being studied on the weekly planning sheet. This has far more impact in supporting children in applying spelling rules than just learning spellings for a test.

Year 6 Fundraisers – The Year 6 Owl Captains had a fabulous Bake Sale yesterday, raising just under £300, which will be shared equally between their chosen charities. Thank you to everyone for your cake and financial contributions. Their individual charity events will be publicised as soon as they are planned.

Staff news – After half term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Wicker, our School Business Manager, as she moves on to her new job. I would like to thank Lucy for everything she has done over the past 3 years. Mrs Sue Meurs will be taking on the role of Bursar until we appoint a new School Business Manager in September.

Staff vacancies – We are looking to appoint a dinner lady/man (MDA) to start full time in September with the opportunity to cover staff absence before then. The role is for 1 hour 40 minutes per day at an hourly rate of £8.97. If you wish to have further details or to apply, please ask in the office. We are also seeking to appoint someone to help with cleaning the school from 3:15 to 6:45pm., on a cover basis, although this could become permanent. Again, the rate of pay is £8.97 per hour and details can be obtained from the office.

Year 6 morning clubs – Both Monday and Wednesday clubs will resume on the week beginning 27th February at 8:00am. Please note this is not the first week after half term. On Monday mornings, any Year 6 children may now attend if they wish to improve their mathematical skills further. The Wednesday club remains by invitation only.

Easter Holiday Club – I am pleased to tell you that Foundation Sports, who offered PE lesson coaching until we were able to employ our own member of staff to do so, will be running a Holiday Club throughout the Easter holidays with the exception of Good Friday and Easter Monday. The sessions will start at 8:00am and finish at 6:00pm following parental requests for full day care during the school holiday. More details will follow after half term.

Elected Parent Governor – Congratulations to Alex Reeves for his re-appointment as Parent Governor. Thank you to everybody who cast their votes.

Fundraisers' Barn Dance – There will be a family barn dance on Saturday 25th February. Tickets are available from <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/barndance> and cost £7 per adult, £5 per child and £20 per family.

Half term – We wish you all a happy half term and will see you again on Monday, 20th February.

Danish Menu – 23rd February, 2017 – The menu will be Danish meatballs with gravy or stuffed peppers served with potatoes and mixed vegetables followed by Danish apple cake or jelly, yoghurt or a variety of fruit. This menu supports Year 4's learning about Denmark and the Vikings.

Menu – Week 1 of the menu when we return after half term. Please follow this link:

<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Please note that Monday's and Thursday's menus will be swapped. On Monday it will be pasta and Thursday will be the Danish menu.

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Beech, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Maple, Mulberry and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance for last week.

Letters home

8th Feb – Y4 Basketball match

9th Feb – Running Club (via Parentmail)

9th Feb – Gymnastics Club

Forthcoming dates

21st Feb – Fundraisers meeting

21st Feb – Able Writers Day

23rd Feb – Danish menu

23rd Feb – Basketball v Long Ridings

25th Feb – Fundraisers Barn Dance

28th Feb – Music for Schools parents meeting

2nd Mar – World Book Day

17th Mar – Y6 Easter Cracked at Methodist Church

18th Mar – Fundraisers Jazz night

21st March – Y4 play evening performance

22nd March – Y4 play afternoon performance

24th March – Y5 & Y6 Queens Theatre performance of Alfie Strange

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Charlie Westwood, Ariana Kaflanova, George Berner, Frankie Gadsdon, Jessica Latham, Charley Fletcher, Theo Harvey, Louis King, Ella Kitchener, Jessica Scharvona, George Clayden, Elexis Bartlett-Avant, Amelia Mason-Braham and Joshua King.

Silver Certificates went to Zach Humphreys, Eve Liddard, Ben Waddington and Maddie Enticknap.

Headteacher's Award went to Ben Chad.