

Weekly Newsletter



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School budget – You will be aware that education funding is in the news at the moment. Holly Trees is no exception and this year's budget has come in £30,000 short of last year's funding despite costs rising. I would like to assure you that we are finding ways to ensure your children will not suffer from this reduction, but we do ask parents to pay debts on time and in full.

Year 6 SATs meeting – On Monday, 27th March at 3:30pm we will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents in Spruce Class to discuss the arrangements for this year's SATs tests which start week commencing 8th May.

Year 6 Booster Clubs – Our Year 6 children are working incredibly hard (as are their staff) and we feel that expecting them to attend early morning lessons, in addition to their class time, is no longer necessary. As a result, the Monday and Wednesday morning clubs will not run from now.

Fundraisers' news – I started running my own Dixieland jazz band when I was in my late teens. I have continued to do so and have kept the band's name 'Paula Jackman's Jazzmen' even when I got married. It is my band that is performing on Saturday, 18th March to raise money for the Fundraisers who are buying our children more books. If you would like to join us for an evening of light music and entertainment with a fish and chip supper, or you know someone who is a jazz fan, please book tickets using the booking form that has been sent home or via <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/jazz/>

Parking - Request for parking politeness. Some parents choose to use the rear access to the school site (off Kavanaghs Road). This was originally made available as an access to school to enable parents to walk from that side of the area rather than drive to the congested Vaughan Williams Way.

It has turned out that many people using this access are now driving there causing considerable parking problems and concerns for pedestrians' safety. Although this was not the original intention, this is not illegal.

However, there is an unmade up road running behind the houses by the small car park, which is private property and parents must not use this – it is not a right of way. In addition, if parents are asked not to use it, quite rightly, by the residents, there is never an acceptable reason for rudeness, swearing or aggression shown to the residents. It does the school's reputation no good, is a bad example to children and is not a decent way to treat people who are just defending their property. Please think before parking there and always treat others in the way you would like to be treated. Thank you to those who always support our reputation and the rights of our neighbours.

Eco Club – We are holding a competition to make a poster to represent the school's Eco Charter. The posters will be used around the school and in classes. There will be prizes for the ones chosen to be used around the school. This needs to be no bigger than A3 and your child's name and class should be on the back. Please return to Acorn Class by Monday, 20th March.

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.

Menu – Week 1 of the menu. Please follow this link: <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

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

Letters home

6th Mar – EYFS trip to Barleylands

6th Mar – Y5 & Y6 cross country

9th Mar (sent out on 10th) – Y4 play and tickets

Forthcoming dates

14th Mar – Cross country

16th Mar – Regional Finals Tag Rugby

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

27th March – Y6 SATs meeting at 3:30pm in Spruce Class

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Liana Gamblin, Teja Copar, Luke Donovan, Chloe Ellis, Harry Shorter, Urte Valkertyte, Holly Woodhams, Harry Preston, Fimi Akinyede, Sophia Blakemore, Mustafa Gherici, Dimitrios Tsatsa, Logan Izzet, Muthu Ramanathan and Hettie Gevaux.

Silver Certificate went to Albert Crowther Barnes.

Gold Certificates (for story shoeboxes) went to Amy Maher, Oscar Wyatt, Harrison Williams, Albie Berner, Holly Woodhams, Tyler Woehrle, Mina Reeves, Hettie Gevaux, Kara Edwards, Anya Jeffries, Freddie Nelson and Isla Montgomery.

Pen Licence went to Eira-Mia Higgs.

Headteacher's Award went to Cain Smith.