

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Open afternoon

Our Open Afternoon on 14<sup>th</sup> July is from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Parents may arrive any time after 3:00 pm to see their children's work, thank staff for the year, ask staff any questions relating to children's reports, which your child will bring home on Monday, and meet next year's teachers. In addition, there will be the following information stands in the hall from 3:00 to 5:00 – Brentwood Extended Services, Young Carers and Crossroads, School Nurse, Governors and Chairman of Governing Body.

## Year 6

Really well done to our Year 6 children and everyone who has worked with them for our fabulous SATs results which are our best ever. The National percentage of children achieving Level 4 or more in all of Reading, Writing and Maths is 74%. The Holly Trees children have achieved an amazing 91% with 93% of the children making at least expected progress in Reading and Maths. All of them (100%) made expected progress in writing. As well as this great achievement, the Year 6 play 'Shakespeare Rocks' was well performed, amusing and offered great entertainment, as I am sure the whole audience would agree.

Next week most of the children are going to watch The Railway Children in London on Thursday evening. Because we will be returning late, the children have permission to come to school a little later on Friday morning. They will, however, need to be at school by 9:45 am.

On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, Year 6 families are invited to attend our Leavers' Assembly at 2:00 pm. Please arrive at about 1:50 pm so that we can start promptly at 2:00 pm.

## Mathletics

We have invested in a new mental maths strategy called Mathletics. This will enable children to play games against people from all over the world and do their mental maths homework online. The software will work on computers or tablets, but should children not have Internet access at home, Maths Club will provide them with the opportunity to do so in school. Next week we will be launching Mathletics in assembly, so ask your children for all the details so that they can use it over the summer holiday. Login details will be provided.

## Holly Trees Summer Camp

There are still some places available at our Summer Camp. It will be taking place week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A range of sports are being offered, including football, rounders, tag-rugby, netball, kwik-cricket, athletics, basketball, hockey, volleyball and ultimate frisbee. Please note that places are limited and are running out quickly. Payments must be made online and forms dropped into the office.

## EYFS – your junk is our treasure!

We are in the process of redeveloping our outside area, including our mud kitchen. Could you help us build up our collection? We are asking for donations of – twigs, cut logs, shells, pebbles, tyres, crates, cones, old saucepans/frying pans/bowls/plastic or wooden cooking utensils/jugs (obviously no knives), steering wheel, ship's wheel, wicker baskets, clean guttering and cable reels. Thank you very much.

## Fundraisers

Thank you to everybody who came to or helped at the fete last Saturday which raised £1,500 towards the new music room. We have raised £3,500 this term and a total of £13,930 for the year. We would also like to invite everyone to the last Fundraisers' meeting of the year on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at 8:00 pm in Zizzi

## Brentwood Art Trail

Please visit the Brentwood Art Trail if you haven't already done so, especially the Holly Trees artwork in the library.

## **Lost Property**

Please make sure you check lost property before the end of term as it will all be disposed of before the next school year.

## **Year 6 photo request**

Please could you let us have any photos of the children throughout their time at Holly Trees. If they are happy to share them, we would like to put them on a montage through a laptop at the Year 6 party. These photos will not be shared in any other capacity and will be deleted after the party. If you and your child are happy with us, please give the photos to Carolyn Williams, Angela Waddington, Vicky Green or Sarah Humphreys so that we can get a file together. Many thanks.

## **Menu**

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

## **Letters home**

6<sup>th</sup> – School reports

8<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Music Concert at Ursuline School

## **Forthcoming dates**

13<sup>th</sup> – Y3 attending Schools Music Concert at Ursuline School – 1:45 to 3:00 pm.

14<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening (3:00 to 6:00 pm)

16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 leavers theatre trip

17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 leavers disco

20<sup>th</sup> July – Owl team non-uniform day

21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers' assembly at 2:00 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of summer term (children may be collected from 2:00 pm)

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September – children return to school

## **Attendance – 97% target**

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

## **Congratulations**

**Silver Certificates** went to Callum Bendelow, Lola Slattery, Jasmine-Alyssia River, Sophie Paull, Georgie Franklin, Isabella Scharvona, Shylah Kerr and Kitty Cripps.

**Gold Certificates** went to Sara Alleesaib, Mwaka Chiwi, George Gadsdon, Kara Adamson, Olivia Claydon, Finlay Bendelow, Leila Martin, Madeleine Horden-Gray, Daisy Quelch, Megan Waddington and Andras Bernhardt.

**Headteacher's Award** went to Joshua Humphreys.

**Pen Licence** went to Jessica Marai.

**MSF Bronze Award** went to Sam Cumming and Lara King.

**MSF Silver Award** went to Finlay Bendelow.

**MSF Gold Award** went to Adam Williams.