

# Weekly Newsletter



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**PE Kits** – Please check that your children’s plimsolls still fit as we have a few children who are a little uncomfortable wearing their PE footwear.

**Photograph permission slip** – We recently sent home a letter to KS2 parents asking permission for us to use photographs in our social media. We did not send it to KS1 as there has already been a suitable permission slip returned by these parents when their children were admitted. The KS2 letter only asks for a positive permission to be granted which means that we do not know, if the slip has not been returned, whether permission is denied or just that the letter has not been returned. We ask that any parents wishing to give permission return the slip by next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, at the latest or we will assume permission is denied.

**School values** – One of our core values is respect. Today children were asked to observe two minutes silence to show respect for the memory of those who have given their lives for us in the past.

**Operation Christmas Child** – The shoeboxes need to be in school by **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you to everyone who has already brought in a Christmas shoebox.

**School Journalists – Fireworks Fun** - On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November Holly Trees had their Family Fireworks Night. As people entered Josh Gleaves was playing his acoustic guitar. When Josh had run out of songs to sing, he passed over to the band Losing Teeth.

At around seven o’clock everyone gathered by the orange fencing that the fireworks company had put up earlier that day. The fireworks company were called Fireworks Crazy. There were Catherine wheels, rockets and lots of loud explosions.

People oohed and aahed as the fireworks went up in the sky. You could see every colour of the rainbow in fireworks. When it was all over everyone applauded. They didn’t want it to be over so soon. The fireworks had lasted twenty-five to thirty minutes.

Lots of families were at the event. Around 1300 tickets were sold! All those tickets belonged to people who really enjoyed the evening of fireworks and food. The money raised is being used to buy new class reading books. *By Hannah Long*

**Fundraisers – Santa’s Grotto and entertainment from Marko Sparko – Thursday, 8 December 2016**

The Fundraisers have been able to contact Father Christmas, who has offered to visit Holly Trees after school on Thursday, 8 December 2016 to check what gifts children are hoping for at Christmas. Tickets will go on sale at [SIMS Agora](#) from Monday, 14 November 2016 until Thursday, 1 December 2016 at £4.50 for each child aged 3 or older. Children aged 2 or younger are free. You can meet Father Christmas at either:

- 3.30-4 pm
- 4-4.30 pm, and
- 4.30-5 pm

In the Main Hall, Marko Sparko, will be providing more entertainment and magic, which is all part of the same ticket.

Drinks and sweets will also be available at additional cost.

**Attendance – 97% target** – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Maple, Mulberry and Spruce for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year.

**Menu** – Week 2 of the autumn menu. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

## Letters home

10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby festival

## Forthcoming dates

15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 & 6 Tag Rugby festival

17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Football match v St Helens (home)

21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Y6 parent session (afternoon or evening)

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Football match v St Mary's

24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bags 2 School collection

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Football match v Brentwood Prep (away)

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – School of Rock Westminster Cathedral Carol Concert

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Football match v Long Ridings (away)

8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Grotto

9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Ys 3 & 4 visit to 'Through the Looking Glass'

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance – a creche will be provided for pre-school children so that parents can attend this performance. A letter will follow.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Secret gift shop

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch and carol singing (6:00 pm)

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Christmas parties pm

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – last day of term

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – children return to school

## Congratulations

**Bronze Certificates** went to Jake Dowling, Millie Preston, Oliver Hooper, Oscar Platten, Sauda Rahman, Oliver Oldfield, Jessica Edwards and Joshua Lawford.

**Silver Certificates** went to Evie Green, Jake Stanley, Holly Mooney, Ryan Empson and Petra Ndukwe.

**Gold Certificates** went to Isabella (Apple), Harrison (Birch) and Petra (Spruce) for having their Christmas card designs chosen to be used as our school Christmas card.

**Pen Licences** went to Hannah Campbell, Anna Gray, Leila Martin, Teigan Partis-Ford, Isabella Bauers, Jeremiah Ajanlekoko, Ella Kitchener and Oliver Oldfield.

**Music for Schools Merit Certificate (Bronze Award)** went to Hester Gevaux.

**BCHS Masterclass Certificates** went to Jay Evans – **for basketball**, Ethan Jones, Hayden Jasper, Tilly Felton, Theo Harvey, Thomas O'Hagan, Robert Muncey, Jasmine Leaver – **for Graphics**, Hannah Campbell, Anna Gray, Archie Silverstone, Jake Sainsbury, Emily Pinder – **for Maths**, Herrick Asante, Joshua Lawford, Jessica Edwards, Kieron Ramsey – **for PE**, Chloe Andrews, Ashley Before, Aisha-Jasmin Birem, Tia Chaplin, Mae Crowther-Barnes, Liam Czop, Alix Fisher, Harrison Williams, Leila Martin – **for Science**.