

# Weekly Newsletter



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## **Golden Owl badges**

Congratulations to Isabella Scharvona for earning the first Golden Owl badge of the year. In order to earn the Golden Owl badge, a child must earn 50 points from certificates given over the years. Any gold certificate given earns 5 points, a silver is worth 3 and a bronze 1 point. If your child thinks he/she has earned a Golden Owl badge, certificates should be brought to me in the office. Good luck.

## **Learning powers**

Each week we will be introducing new meta-cognitive skill to the children which we will call learning powers. These are the skills that help children to learn how to learn. The first one, which will be introduced on Monday will be 'Concentration'. It would be great if you could ask your children to tell you what they have found out each week about the new learning power. Research shows that this focus can improve children's progress by up to 4 months.

## **Outstanding behaviour**

Well done to all of our children for their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning this week. No child has been brought to the attention of senior staff for the wrong reason for the whole week. With 415 children in school, this is quite an achievement. As a reward, the children were given a longer playtime today.

## **Cashless school**

Thank you to all of you who have already signed up and would remind you to sign up as soon as possible if you have not done so.

## **Mid-day Assistant**

We have a vacancy for a mid-day assistant. Please call into the office for more information.

## **Home School and e-safety agreements**

Thank you to everyone who has returned these agreements. If you have not yet done so, please could they be returned as soon as possible so that your children can continue to use IT equipment in school.

## **Public Health reminder**

We have received a reminder from the Public Health Authority that any child who has sickness or diarrhoea must remain absent from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

## **Defibrillator**

Many thanks to the Brentwood A Becket Rotary Club for donating a defibrillator to Holly Trees and for providing the training to use the equipment. We hope we never need to use the defibrillator but it is brilliant to have it should there ever be a need.

## **Secondary schools**

Please see the local press for details of dates and times when you can visit the local secondary schools with your Year 6 children to select your preferences for next year.

## **Clubs**

A letter is being sent home today with details of this term's clubs and out of hours activities.

## **Holly Hobbies**

Holly Hobbies/Adult Community Learning first workshop starts on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 1:15 pm in the small hall. You will learn a range of family first aid skills from being able to save someone's life to dealing with minor injuries found in the family home. This is a 'hands on' practical course where you will be able to spend time learning this vital skill.

## **Parenting group**

Incredible Years Programme – The Webster Stratton Incredible Years programme is a 12 week course which aims to prevent problem behaviours and provide strategies to promote social, emotional and academic wellbeing. The course is free and will run on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

## **Fundraisers**

The first Holly Trees Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of sports, storytelling, yoga, craft, various other activities and stalls, bbq, bar, refreshments, cakes. Bring your pennies to create a Penny Tree. Entry is free and a donation is requested for activities. Donations of cakes would be welcomed on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

The next Fundraisers meeting is on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00 am in school. Everyone is welcome.

## **Menu**

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

## **Letters home**

7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk form reminder

7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Norfolk meeting

7<sup>th</sup> – Home School agreement and e-safety agreement

7<sup>th</sup> – Y4 swimming

7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 – going home information

7<sup>th</sup>– Y3 visit to Chelmsford Museum

10<sup>th</sup>– Fundraisers Family Fun Day

10<sup>th</sup>– KS2 Basketball Club

10<sup>th</sup> – Y6 bee letter

### **Forthcoming dates**

19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Family Fun Day – 12:00 to 3:00

8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Non-pupil day

9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y6 Norfolk visit

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y3 visit to Chelmsford Museum

26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half term

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Individual photos

5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 – Great Fire of London theatre in school

6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Firework display

13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum

20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 visit to Essex Fire Museum

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – flu immunisation

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – carol singing

### **Congratulations**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Joshua Mussett, Tommy Anderson, Hayden Jasper, Kartik Akolia, Harrison Neall, Hanna Webb, Oscar Logan and Ryan Empson.