

# HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> December 2017



### Forthcoming dates

- 15.12.17 - Year 2 History off the Page  
15.12.17 – School of Rock Choir singing at The Meads, am.  
18.12.17 – Non Uniform Snowy Owls  
18.12.17 – Santa's Secret Shop, all day  
18.12.17 – Evening Carol Singing at 6pm  
19.12.17- Christmas School Dinner  
19.12.17 – Christmas Jumper Day!  
**20.12.17 – Last Day of Term**  
**3.1.18 – RETURN TO SCHOOL - SPRING TERM**  
9.1.18 – Year 4 Swimming starts  
10.1.18 – Able Maths Day (Year 3)  
15.1.18 – Pass Football starts  
15.1.18 – Year 2, History off the Page  
15.1.18 – Year 5 Norfolk Parent's meeting 3.30pm  
18.1.18 – Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30  
22.1.18 – Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30  
22.1.18– Year 5 Road Safety Walk, am  
23.1.18 – PDSA Assembly  
29.1.18 – EYFS work sharing  
5.2.18 - Year 6 work sharing  
**12.2.18 – FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
19.2.18 – Year 5 work sharing  
26.2.18 – Year 4 work sharing  
5.3.18 - Year 3 work sharing  
12.3.18 – Year 2 work sharing  
19.3.18 – Year 1 work sharing

### Letters Home

There were no letters home this week.

### Well done to

**Bronze Awards went to** James Reeves, Chloe Ellis, William D'Silva, Theo Grut, Ben Phillips, Jasmine Stringer, Gabriel Borbinha, Evangelos Tsatsa, Tharun Vijay, Ryan Adams & George Bourne

**Golden Owl Badges went to** Lily Dench & Theo Harvey

**Headteacher's Award went to** Robert Muncey

**Snowy Owls Triumph** – Congratulations to the Snowy Owls for winning this term's closely fought Owl Points competition, they will have the privilege of wearing non-uniform this Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Sporting news

We have some exciting additional sports clubs starting after Christmas. There will also be changes to finishing times and arrangements for existing clubs. Full information will be sent home next week.

There are no Girls' Multi Sports and Football Clubs next Wednesday.

### Attendance

97% target – Congratulations to – Larch, Laurel & Spruce Classes

### NEW WINTER MENU!

#### MONDAY

All day Breakfast! (chipolata Bacon Scrambled Egg) or All Day vegetarian breakfast (quorn chipolatas and scrambled egg) Hash Brown, Baked Beans/Mushroom/Tomato

**Pancakes with Sliced Banana and Maple Syrup**

#### TUESDAY

##### **CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY**

Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Veg, Roast Potatoes, Sausage wrapped in bacon or Festive Vegetarian Option or Quorn Fillet

**Snowman Ice Cream or Mince Pies**

#### WEDNESDAY

Oven Baked Birds Eye Omega 3  
Chunky Fish Fingers or  
Omelette (v)  
Crispy Chips Garden Peas Salad Bar

**Ice Cream Pots**

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**Year 1 Nativity** – Our Year 1 Children and Staff surpassed themselves in their performances of The Nativity this week. Well done. A great way to start the festive season. Many thanks to LV Insurance for donating a wonderful Christmas Hamper which was raffled at the Year 1 Play, we raised £88. The lucky winner was Paul Donovan. With your kind donations we have raised a grand total of £243.34 to be split between Year 6 chosen charities and Performing Arts budget for the school.

**School Christmas Card** – Congratulations to Chloe Andrews for designing our School Christmas Card which is on display on our Bee Proud Wall.

**Carol Singing** – Please do join us for half an hour or so on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm on the playground for our annual carol singing. There is always a lovely family feel with songs both traditional and modern to get you in the festive spirit.

**Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day** – The children will be sitting down to enjoy their Yule Tide feast on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, no pre-booking necessary, payments through SIMS Agora as usual for Years 3 to 6. All are invited to wear their best Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt in addition to their usual school uniform.

**Heart Radio's Breakfast's Sleeps 'Til Santa!** – A group of year 2 children were interviewed by Alex from Heart FM this week. You can listen to them straight after the news on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30am and again at 8.30am.

**Last Day Arrangements** – Please note that Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be a full school day as usual, with Reception finishing at 3.10pm and the rest of the school at 3.15pm.

**Secret Gift Shop** - Holly Trees Fundraisers will be selling Christmas presents for the children to buy for a special grown up. Each child can buy a maximum of two gifts and each gift will cost £1.20. Payments must be made through SIMS Agora, **by 12 noon, Friday, 15 December.**

**Work Sharing Mondays** – We have had such a positive response to our work sharing Mondays this term that we have decided to continue them next term. Please see Forthcoming Dates for details. Because we are introducing these opportunities to see your children's work, we will be making changes to our previous Open Afternoon arrangements in the Summer Term.

**Parent Teacher Consultations** – The Spring Term dates have been set (see Forthcoming Dates). Appointments may be booked from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

**Children's Play Therapy** – Sadly Working 4 Children are no longer able to support our children. We are currently looking for an alternative provision for our children and families who find this service useful. I would like to thank Sue Pritchard and Frank Maguire for their help over the years.

**Eco Action** – A huge well done to Year 5 Forest School who chose to spend their session this week removing 20 black sacks full of rubbish and other sundry items from Warley Country Park. The area looks so much better and by a happy coincidence the Mayor happened to be walking his dog and was extremely impressed with our children's care for the environment. Holly Trees keeps the Green Flag flying!

**Merry Christmas** – I would like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and we look forward to continuing working with you after a well-earned break. There will be no newsletter next week and school resumes on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.