

Weekly Newsletter



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Polling Day – 5th May - Just to remind parents that school will be closed to children on 5th May as the school is being used as a Polling Station. I would like to reassure parents that we have no choice in the school being a Polling Station – we have tried refusing in the past but to no avail.

INSET day – 23rd June – Because our school will be used as a Polling Station on the day of the EU Referendum, there will be no school that day.

Road safety – Some of our Year 6 children walk to and from school without their parents and many do so safely and sensibly. However, some have been reported to us by neighbours for their unsafe running across roads repeatedly. If you decide that your child can be trusted to come to school unaccompanied, please ensure that he/she understands the importance of staying safe.

Musical Soiree (19th May) – It is the time of year again when we invite the musicians in school to perform for friends and family. The event will start at 7:00 pm and more details will follow very soon.

Clubs cancellations – Next week there Year 6 Spelling Club on Tuesday morning due to their trip and on 26th April, there will be no after school French Club. There are spaces available for this club. Please see Mrs Bright in Holly Class after school on Tuesday.

Next Fundraisers Meeting - Come along to the next Fundraisers meeting on Tuesday, 19 April at 8pm at Zizzi's (upstairs). There's no obligation to order food or drink. We'll be talking about circus plans, inflatables day and the summer fete – we'd love your input!

Circus tickets - Circus tickets are selling quickly! We only have an allocation of 600 tickets for 14 May and want to ensure that Holly Trees families get the best chance to see the talented circus performers. You can buy online with a credit/debit card (please note there is a separate booking fee) or with cash/cheque at the school gate in the afternoon. Look out for a friendly Fundraiser wearing a green floral apron!

Preparing for the Summer Fete - Save the date 2 July in your diary. This year, the Fundraisers are asking the parents of each class to organise a stall. We have plenty of games in the shed that you can use – or you might want to come up with fresh idea of your own! We'll be sending out more information to parents next week to explain the set up – in the meantime, you may want to think about who you will nominate to be your stall leader.

Matched giving donation from Shawbrook Bank - Thank you to parent Trudy Crook for requesting a matched giving donation from her employer, Shawbrook Bank. The bank has given an extremely generous donation of £1,000 to the Fundraisers!

Second hand uniform sale raises £80 - Thank you to Fundraisers volunteers Velda Wells, Caroline Horden and Annie Chai for organising this week's Second Hand Uniform Sale, which raised over £80.

Cleaner needed – We are looking to appoint a cleaner to cover sickness absence. This post requires the successful candidate to work for 2 hours per day after school at £8.30 per hour during term time. We are looking to make this appointment as soon as possible. If you are interested, please see the school office for details.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Elm, Hornbeam, Larch, Maple and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu – We will be starting the new summer menu on Week One from next Monday. Details are available on the school website.

Letters home

- 11th – Forest School with Mr Hocking
- 11th – (via Parentmail) Y6 SATs meeting
- 12th – Y3 visit to Colchester Castle
- 13th – Basketball matches for Ys 3 & 4 and Ys 5 & 6

Forthcoming dates

- 18th Apr – SATs meeting for Y6 parents
- 19th Apr – Y6 visit to the National Gallery
- 19th Apr – Fundraisers meeting at Zizzi's (8:00 to 10:00 pm)
- 22nd Apr – Y2 visit to Colchester Zoo
- 28th Apr – EYFS visit to Tropical Wings
- 5th May – school closed for polling
- 14th May – Happy's Big Top circus
- 19th May – Musical Soiree
- 25th May – Y4 visit to Hampton Court
- 30th May to 3rd June – Half term
- 6th June – non-pupil day
- 10th June – Class and group photos
- 13th, 14th & 16th June – Y6 Bikeability
- 15th June – Y6 Crucial Crew
- 15th June – Author visit
- 23rd June – school closed for polling
- 24th June – Holly Trees Got Talent
- 30th June – Y1 visit to Barleylands
- 1st July – Y5 History Off the Page
- 2nd July – Summer Fete
- 8th July – Sports Day
- 22nd July – last day of term
- 5th Sept – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went Henry McGilway, Harriet Leary, Calvin Marshall, Noah Williams, Harry Izatt, Fimi Akinyede, Olsi Plori, Leonardo Canoro-Theodore, Louie Field, Tristan Hersant, Layla Smith, Sophia Lee and Billy Williams.

Silver Certificate went to Jasmine Stringer.

Gold Certificate went to Amber Brazier.