

Weekly Newsletter



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Ofsted – As you know Holly Trees was inspected yesterday. I would like to thank parents and children for their positive comments to the Inspector which helped her to form such a great opinion of our school. Although the inspection is only for one day, you would be surprised how exhausting it is being under the microscope and I would also like to thank all the staff and governors for their hard work over time that will also be recognised in the inspector's letter which will be available to you in about a fortnight. Until her letter is published the outcome of the inspection is confidential but we are pleased that she recognised all of the strengths that lead to children learning so well at Holly Trees.

Year 2 Transition Meeting-20th September at 4pm – If your child is in Year 2 please come along to the meeting next Wednesday to find out about the higher expectations of learning in that year group.

Meal Prices – Please note that, as previously advised, school meals are now priced at £2.30 per day. A number of parents have allowed their children to have school meals without paying for them in advance. Debt letters are being sent out today and we would appreciate your paying what is owed by next week. If you owe more than £11.50 your child will not be given any further school meals until the money is paid as it does not help parents to get into debt.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club is now priced at £4.50 per day. Please be aware that we currently have no more spaces in Breakfast Club for Years 1 through to Year 6, We will advise you if/when there is any change. However, spaces are available for Reception Children.

Home Time – When you collect your children at the end of the school day please go home rather than letting the children have extra play time on the school grounds as this enables staff to carry out confidential or practical work that is difficult when children and parents are still on site. The gates will be shut at 3.40pm.

Mathletics – The school has decided to cease its subscription to Mathletics as school budgets are tight and we feel that other strategies are now available which are accessible by all pupils. However, because we currently subscribe parents can take out their own subscription for Mathletics at a significantly discounted rate of £6 for one year (normal home subscription costs £59 per year) as long as 61 parents or more take up the offer. If you are interested please pay £6 on Sims Agora and you will be sent a login/activation to start using Mathletics at home. This is not available for Reception Children.

Summer Reading Challenge – Any children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge (Animal Agents) should bring their certificate to school on Monday or Tuesday to show Mrs Collins (Mrs Collins works in our school library) as we will then present the children with a gold school certificate. Well done to all the children who have already brought in their certificates-72 to date!

Holly Trees Values – One of our core values is that of respect. Please ensure that this continues beyond the school gate and show respect with language and behaviour shown to our neighbours.

Amplify Drama Classes – If you would like your child to attend drama classes on a Saturday at Brentwood Baptist Church, at a cost of £39 for half a term or £6.50 per day then you can book a free trial at www.amplifyclasses.com/theatre-classes

A Message From Holly Trees Fundraisers - The Fundraisers' Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 3 October 2017 on 1st floor, Zizzi's, High Street, Brentwood. All Parents and carers are invited to vote for committee members for this school year and determine the projects to raise money for and the events held. You don't need to eat there to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

NEW MENU – Week 3 of the New Autumn Menu. Please follow this link:

<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Maple, Mulberry, Spruce & Sycamore Classes.

Letters home/Parentmail

12.9.17 – Year 6 Parent Information Sessions

13.9.17 – Able Writers Day 5.10.17

13.9.17 - Ofsted Inspection

14.9.17 – Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day 28.9.17 & Hatfield House Visit 2.5.18

Forthcoming dates

20.9.17 – 4pm Year 2 Transition Session

22.9.17 – Year 6 Residential Trip (back 25.9.17)

26.9.17 – 2.30pm Year 6 parent information session (same details as for 2.10.17)

27.9.17 – Author Visit for Year 4,5 & 6

28.9.17 – ‘Portals to the Past’ Year 4 workshop

2.10.17 – 7 pm Year 6 parent information session (same details as for 29.9.17)

5.10.17 – 9am Able Writers Day (Yr 5)

11.10.17 – Individual photographs

12.10.17 – 4.30-7pm Parent/Teacher consultations

17.10.17 – 3.30-6pm Parent/Teacher consultations

Congratulations To

Bronze Certificates went to Tyler Woehlerle, Ewan Collins, Rosie Stock, Logan Bonfield-Brown, Isabelle Lelievre, Oakley Collins, Amber Keen, Tommy Taylor, Ryan Kershaw, Andrei Stefaniu, Danny Mudd & Harry-James Keating.