

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Holly Trees Got Talent

The excitement mounts! Next Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, the children will be performing to their peers in the annual Holly Trees Got Talent competition. Sneak previews of the line-up reveal some yet to be seen acts which promise a morning of great enjoyment for all. Please send your child with either a 50p or £1 coin if they wish to vote for their favourite act. **One coin equals one vote regardless of either denomination.** The School Council have decided all proceeds will go to The Hall Mead School in Kenya.

## Year 3 trip

On behalf of our Year 3 children, I would like to say a very big thank you to those who helped out in the rain on Thursday. Despite the weather, the children really benefitted from the visit.

## Year 6 SATs

I would like to say very well done to our Year 6 children for their fabulous attitude during their tests this week. Big thanks also need to go to parents and staff who helped the children to be prepared for a challenging week. Thank you.

## Sports Day

This year's Sports Day is planned for Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. The infant children will start their event at 9:30 am. All children will then have an early lunch so that the junior event can start at 1:00 pm. Children will be asked to wear a PE shirt in their owl team colour.

## A cashless school

After requests from parents, we have registered to become 'cashless'. After half term, we will start to take online payments for school dinners, trips etc., with a view to taking no cash for these services from September. If you have any questions about how this will affect you, please see Lucy Wicker, School Business Manager.

## Sainsbury Vouchers

Please bring in any vouchers you have as we will be ordering soon. Many thanks.

## Infant children's free lunches

On Thursday there is a school census. We receive more funding to spend on our children's learning according to how many EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children take advantage of the free lunch that is offered that day. We have changed the menu to one of the children's favourites, so please order your infant child a school dinner on Thursday. Obviously, the free lunches are available to infant children every day and, of course, junior children continue to be able to purchase a meal for just £2.20 per day.

## Healthy Snack

May I remind you that the only snack children may bring to school is fresh fruit or vegetable, that is not in a packet or bag. This supports our Healthy School status as well as reducing litter. Infant children continue to have their snack provided through the Government Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

## Menu

Week 2 of the menu - please see the website for the new summer menus. Please note that on Thursday, the meal will be swapped with Friday – Birds Eye Omega 3 Chunky Fish Finger with ketchup or mayonnaise or Mediterranean Tart served with chips, garden peas/sweetcorn and salad bar followed by Ambrosia Strawberry Rice pot or Yeo Valley Organic Fruit Yoghurt or fresh fruit. Thursday's meal will be served on Friday.

### **Forthcoming dates**

19<sup>th</sup> May – CEOP meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 visit to British Museum  
21<sup>st</sup> May – Holly Trees Got Talent  
w/c 25<sup>th</sup> May – Half term  
1<sup>st</sup> June – Non-pupil day  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June – children return to school  
4<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos  
8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Crucial Crew  
11<sup>th</sup> June – Inflatables Day  
12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June – Bikeability  
16<sup>th</sup> June – Early Years visit to Tropical Wings  
18<sup>th</sup> June – Able Writers Day  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Jazz Night  
4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer fete  
7<sup>th</sup> July – Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops  
7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 play  
9<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS to Y1 transition meeting for parents  
14<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening (3:00 to 6:00 pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers theatre trip  
17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers disco  
22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of summer term  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September – children return to school

### **Letters home**

11<sup>th</sup> – EYFS visit to Tropical Wings  
11<sup>th</sup> – Jazz night  
14<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Quarter Finals  
15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 visit to British Museum

### **Attendance – 97% target**

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm, Larch and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

### **Congratulations**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Jessica Scharvona, Tristan Garvey, Charlie Dines, Reggie Green and Max Delow.

**Silver Certificates** went to Casey Melpous, Anesu Before, Connor Bashford, Alexander Deakins, Elexis Bartlett-Avant, Theo Grut and Lucas Sharma.

**Gold Certificate** went to Naomi Earle.