

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 1 Nativity – Well done to everyone that performed in the Year 1 play. The lines were well remembered and the costumes were amazing as well. I'm sure it's all got us in the Christmas spirit. The singing was lovely and the musicians played the music perfectly. Thank you to Holly Hobbies for making the background of the stage. It really stood out. The children's lines were well remembered and knew exactly when to say their line or two. The audience loved the play. Another well done to the Year1s and their teachers. I hope all the teachers are very proud of all the Year1s.

The Year1s should also be very proud of themselves and I'm sure their parents enjoyed it on Tuesday 13th and on Wednesday 14th.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

By Holly Mooney

Holly is absolutely right. We are all very proud of the way our Year 1 children performed this week. Many thanks to everyone who helped the children to be ready and to all those who gave to the retiring collection which will mean that we can donate £100 to a charity yet to be chosen by the School Council. The other £100 will support future performing arts events at school.

Staffing news – We wish Mrs Hagger a continued recovery after her fall downstairs.

Secret Santa's Gift Shop - £1 per present – maximum of 2 presents per child. Please ensure that you send in your money by Monday, 19th December if you would like your child to buy presents. Please send the money in to the class teacher, cash only, in a named envelope. The shop will be open for this day only.

Charity fundraising – I am very proud of the fundraising efforts undertaken by children at Holly Trees, past and present. There has been considerable fundraising over the last 12 months which has led to us being able to make donations to St. Luke's Hospice, Little Havens Hospice, First Step and Barrow Farm RDA. Well done everyone.

Running Club – This club has now finished and has been replaced with Boot Camp. Please return your slip by Monday if you wish your child to attend. There is a FREE trial session on Monday 9th January at 7:45-8:45am and should we get sufficient numbers the club will continue every Monday morning at a charge of £60 for the spring term (10 sessions). Please note that you will need to book the free taster session to take part.

Football kits – Please return your football kits to Mrs Hooper as soon as possible, as there are no more games this term.

Early Years singing – On Monday, 19th December at 2:30 pm the children in Apple and Acorn classes will be singing some Christmas songs for their families with mince pies for our guests. This will be an informal event to set the Christmas scene.

Carol singing – I would like to invite you all to join us at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, 20th December for community carol singing. There will be hot chocolate and mince pies. Wrap up warm, bring a torch and come and join the festivities.

Christmas lunch – Our school Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday, 20th December at the usual school meal price of £2.20. Should you wish only to pay for the school Christmas meal online, unfortunately we will have to pass on the transaction charge of 20p making the meal cost £2.40. If your child has the occasional meal and you put the minimum of £11 online, £2.20 will be deducted in the usual way. The

balance will not expire and can be carried over to next year and can be transferred to siblings. The lunch will comprise of traditional roast turkey or a vegetable parcel served with seasonal vegetables, stuffing and pigs in blankets followed by ice cream or a minced pie. There is no pre-ordering as dinner should be ordered on the day of the lunch, as usual. The vegetarian option is only available to those who we know to be vegetarians. On this day, we also invite children to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school sweatshirts. All other uniform should be worn.

Christmas holiday homework – We are setting the whole school the homework of having a fabulous time with their families and enjoying all of the cooking, decorating and present wrapping involved. If your child could have a go at reading and using Mathletics in the New Year before returning to school on 9th January, that would be great too.

Lost property – Please check lost property before the end of term as this will be emptied before next term.

Merry Christmas – I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a great start to 2017. We will not be writing the newsletter next week as I am sure it will get lost in the festivities and look forward to seeing everybody on Monday, 9th January.

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elm, Hornbeam, Laurel, Maple and Spruce for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year.

Menu – Week 1 of the autumn menu. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

On Monday, 19th December there will be homemade cheese and tomato pasta with garlic bread and a mixed salad followed by lemon drizzle cake. Tuesday, 20th December is the Christmas dinner and Wednesday, 21st December will be battered fillet of fish served with chips, peas or beans, followed by a variety of desserts.

When the children return to school on Monday, 9th January the menu will be Homemade cheese and tomato pasta bake served with garlic bread and mixed salad followed by a variety

Letters home

9th Dec- Mulberry class – BCHS science lesson

15th Dec – Year 5 choir visit

Forthcoming dates

19th Dec – Secret gift shop

19th Dec – Acorn and Apple classes singing for parents (2:30 pm)

20th Dec – Christmas lunch. Christmas jumper day. Carol singing (6:00 pm)

21st Dec – last day of term

9th Jan – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Evie Bowers, Frankie Judd, Jilan Parekh, Robert Westcott, Penny Blanchard, Riley Hooper, Freddie Moore, Olsi Plori, Grace Whitehill, Dylan Harvey, Tristan Hersant and Anesu Before.

Golden Owl Badge went to Hannah Long.