

Weekly Newsletter



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A Family Activity – This Saturday the Brentwood FairTrade Group has a stand at the Strawberry Fair from 12-6pm on Shenfield Common. Since Holly Trees is the only FairTrade School in Brentwood, we suggest that you call in at the Summer Fayre and take part in the FairTrade quiz and crafts. Don't forget to tell the stall holders that you are from Holly Trees.

As advanced notice of some holiday homework, you may want to consider taking your children to practise their swimming either at the beach or at a swimming pool. Swimming is a life saving skill and we do urge you to take your children swimming so that they can make the most of the qualified coaching that they receive in Year 4.

Summer Camp – We are pleased to be able to offer a Summer Break Multi Sports Camp lead by Foundation Sports. See the Parentmail flyer sent 9th June for further details.

Name it – Our lost property box is overflowing with discarded items. Those that are clearly named will be returned to their rightful owners however there are very many items which have no names whatsoever and therefore make the process of returning property far more difficult. **Please do ensure all items of clothing brought into school are clearly named.** We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment. Any that is not collected by Thursday 22nd June will be cleared out so do have a look to see if your child's belongings are in the box.

Staff vacancy – We are looking to appoint a Midday Assistant to start in September or sooner. The role is for 1 hour and 40 minutes per day and the pay rate is £8.14 per hour. If you would like further information or an application form, please ask at the office.

Dates for the Fundraisers Diary – Tuesday 20th June: We will be holding our annual Inflatables Afternoon after school. This is open to all Primary School children as long as they are accompanied by an adult. For more information see the Parentmail Flyer. **Tuesday, 27 June 2017:** as Wimbledon fortnight gets going, a non-uniform day themed White, Purple and Green. Pay whatever you are able to wear any clothing you have in any (or all!) of the three colours. There will be a themed lunch at school on that day too. Strawberries and cream will be on sale in the playground at school pick-up so bring a picnic blanket and hope for good weather! **Friday, 7 July 2017:** the Fundraisers will be serving hot drinks at Sports Day so no need to stop off in the High Street - your Holly Trees barrista will be there to serve you (instant coffee) instead! **Saturday 8th July:** will see our Summer Fayre from mid-day with activities and fun for all the family.

Dog Awareness – Thank you to all the parents with dogs who leave them outside the school gate when collecting their children. Some people, however, are leaving the dogs completely unsupervised and when they become restless, this is distressing some young children. Please ask someone else to oversee your dog while you bring your children to school.

Staff News – Miss Bryant has started to return to work after her maternity leave so that she will be full time from September. I would like to thank Mr Lawler who has been covering during Miss Bryant's maternity leave as he has offered some memorable learning to Maple Class since he joined us. We shall make the most of his talents in the remaining few weeks of this term before he leaves us to start his new job in September.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club is now full. If you find yourself with an 'emergency situation' please make sure you contact Mrs Taylor and do not just drop your child off at school.

Athletics Club – The last session will be Wednesday 28th June.

Goodnight Mr Tom – We are very excited that Nick Robinson, the child actor in the film Goodnight Mr Tom, will be visiting Year 5 and 6 children on Wednesday 28th June. If these children would like to plan any questions to ask him as additional homework it will help them to make the most of his visit.

NEW MENU – Week 3 of the New Summer Menu. Please follow this link:
<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Attendance – 97% target – Birch Class, Elder Class, Elm Class, Holly Class, Hornbeam Class, Larch Class, Laurel Class, Maple Class, Mulberry Class and Sycamore Class

Letters home/Parentmail

- 12th June – ‘Oliver in the Park’ Year 6 trip
- 12th June – District Sports
- 14th June – Basketball Match Year 3/4
- 14th June – Basketball Match Year 5/6
- 14th June – Gymnastics Year 5/6
- 16th June – Year 5 Wild forest Gym, final arrangements

Forthcoming dates (Please be aware there have been some changes to dates)

- 19th June – Wild Forest Gym, Year 5
- 20th June – Inflatables Afternoon
- 21st June – Wat Tyler Country Park Trip, Year 1
- 23rd June – Able Writers Day, Year 5
- 26th June – Celebration of Music for Schools at Chelmsford Cathedral
- 27th June – Non Uniform Day – Wimbledon Theme (white, purple, green)
- 27th June – Bikeability
- 28th June - Bikeability
- 29th June – District Sports at Brentwood School
- 30th June – Authors’ Day at BCHS, Year 5
- 30th June – Year 6 Forest School Day
- 30th June – Author’s Day at Brentwood County High School, Year 5
- 3rd July – Colchester Castle, Year 3
- 4th July – Year 6 Play, 1:45pm, no toddlers allowed but creche available
- 4th July – Year 6 play, 7 pm (no toddlers)
- 5th July – Holly Trees X Factor Talent Show
- 6th July - Skipathon
- 7th July – Sports Day (KS2 9.20am, KS1 & Early Years 1.30pm)
- 8th July – Summer Fair 12pm – 2pm
- 11th July – Laurel Class visit to the Buddhist Centre
- 12th July – Larch Class visit to the Buddhist Centre
- 17th July – Year 6 to Oliver in the Park, pm
- 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.45 pm
- 21st July – Last Day of Term, children can be collected from 2pm

Congratulations to

Bronze Certificates went to Ollie Taylor, Scarlett Butcher and Calvin Marshall

Silver Certificates went to Missy Tiller, Ellie Dorrell, Drini Plori, Amelia Lawford, Leonard Canoro-Theodore, Tharun Vijay, Wood Sansom, Charlie Rose and Theo Michael

Head Teachers Award went to Tharun Vijay