

# HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### Forthcoming dates

20.11.17 – Year 3 work sharing  
20.11.17 – Year 6 7pm Parent Information Session  
21.11.17 – 5 a side football - Years 3 & 4  
21.11.17 – Yr 6 Parent Information Session at 2.15pm  
21.11.17 – 7pm Sports Forum  
22.11.17 – Langhelt Cup Football against Herrington Hse  
23.11.17 – Bags4School collection  
24.11.17 – Year 3 Chelmsford Museum  
27.11.17 – Year 2 work sharing  
28.11.17 – Year 5 Drumming Showcase at 2.30pm  
29.11.17 - Football match against Long Ridings  
1.12.17 – Choir to Southwark Cathedral  
**1.12.17 – Last day for Salvation Army Donations**  
4.12.17 – Year 1 work sharing  
4.12.17 – Santa's Grotto 3.30-5.30pm  
**5.12.17 – Last Pass Football**  
5.12.17 – Flu Immunisation Sessions  
7.12.17 – Year 6 Christmas Unwrapped Methodist Church  
**8.12.17 – INSET DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED**  
12.12.17 – Year 1 Christmas Play, 2pm  
12.12.17 - Year 6 height /weight measurements  
13.12.17 – Years 3&4 Brentwood Theatre/Narnia, am  
13.12.17 – Year 1 Christmas Play, 2pm  
14.12.17 – EYFS parents Carol Singing 1.30pm  
15.12.17 - Year 2 History off the Page  
18.12.17 – Santa's Secret Shop  
18.12.17 – Evening Carol Singing @ 6pm  
19.12.17 - Christmas School Dinner  
**20.12.17 – Last Day of Term**

### Letters Home

13.11.17 – Ofsted Report  
13.11.17 – Forest School letters, Years 3, 4 & 5  
15.11.17 – Parentmail Years 3/4 Narnia helpers  
17.11.17 – Year 6 Parent Information Sessions

### Well done to

**Bronze Awards went to** Abigail Austin, Jessica Bone, Marley Burnett, Frankie Gadsdon, Violet Scott, Phoebe Fisher, Grace Power, Louie Field, Holly Woodhams, Amelia Lawford, Habibur Hussain & Alexander Guerovski

Music for Schools Awards went to Charley Skeggs, Douglas Muncey, Deanna Lewis & Wiktor Mielczarski

**Golden Owl Badge went to** Woody Sansom

### Sporting news

Next **Sport's Forum** meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7 pm

**5 a Side Football** Our next sports partnership event will be Year 3/4 football on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Langhelt Cup Football**, Holly Trees Football team playing Herrington House 3.30pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Football Match** Holly Trees Football team playing Long Ridings 3.30pm, 29<sup>th</sup> November

### Attendance

97% target – Congratulations to – Elder, Elm, Larch, Laurel, Mulberry & Spruce Classes

### NEW WINTER MENU!

#### MONDAY

MEAT FREE MONDAY\*\*  
Tomato and Basil Pasta bake  
Garlic Bread  
Salad bar selection

Fresh Fruit Platter

#### TUESDAY

Local Butcher's Sausage or Linda McCartney Vegetarian sausage Creamy Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Sweetcorn  
Homemade Apple and Pear Crumble with custard

#### WEDNESDAY

Local Butcher's Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots Broccoli Florets

Winterberry Jelly and Cream

#### THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala Wholegrain and White Rice or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Naan Bread/Salad Bar

Homemade Chocolate and Orange Sponge with chocolate sauce

#### FRIDAY

New\*\* Fishwich – Fish Fillet in a crispy crumb with lettuce and mayo in a bun/Omelette Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn Salad Bar

Homemade Fairy Cakes

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**Basketball Success** – It is very pleasing to report that both our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 basketball teams won their matches this week, with the older children winning all six of the sessions they played. There were many excellent individual performances, with Charlie Raghaven and Robbie Muncey being awarded Most Valued Player, but the real strength lay in the superb teamwork demonstrated by our children. Very well done to all concerned.

**Forest School** – Forest school continues to go from strength to strength at Holly Trees with children extremely keen to participate in the activities. This week saw the last session for the current groups with new groups starting next week. Year 4 on Monday pm, Year 3 on Wednesday pm and Year 5 on Thursday pm. Letters have been sent home for the children invited to attend but fear not, all children in Years 1,2,3,4 & 5 will have the opportunity to come during this academic year. Remember to provide your children with a change of clothing appropriate to the weather, including a coat!

**Calculations Guidance** – Many parents are keen to support children with their learning and to help facilitate this we have now published guidance on how we teach the four basic operations in mathematics. This guidance is available on our website by following the links Children, then Home Learning. It contains detailed advice and pictorial representations of current pedagogy, which we hope will be of use.

**Card Competition** – Today was the deadline for the Mayor's Christmas Card and Poetry Competitions. There were many lovely entries and we hope to hear in due course whether any of our children have won.

**Work Sharing** – Year 3 parents are invited to go to the hall at 8.55am on 20<sup>th</sup> November to share their children's work with their youngsters. Children whose parents cannot attend will stay in class for assembly. Parents need to be at school by 9am at the latest so that the children can be collected from registration as a group, rather than disrupting the learning of those in class throughout the session. Children will need to be back in class ready to learn by 9.30.

**Coats & Bags** – There are a number of children who are still coming to school without a coat despite the winter weather approaching. Please remember that children play and learn outside in all weathers and it is your duty to ensure that they are correctly dressed. They need to bring named coats to school even if they travel to school in a car.

**Salvation Army** - This year our Christmas charitable collection will be with the Salvation Army. We are asking if you are able to donate either unwrapped gifts for children up to 16 years of age (new not used), chocolates or biscuits. Items should be delivered to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Salvation Army put together hampers for local families in the Havering and Brentwood areas.

**Mathletics** – There is only limited time left to sign up for this valuable maths resource, which is only available for Years 1 to 6. It is £6 for an annual subscription (normal price £59) sign up and pay on SIMS AGORA. **You must sign up by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Parentmail App** – In the interests of going green as an ECO School we are introducing forms and reply slips on Parentmail to save you completing and returning paper acknowledgements. We are also due to be launching our Holly Trees Primary School App on IOS and Android very soon, so look out for further updates.

**Kitchen Assistant** – We have a vacancy for a daily General Assistant in our busy kitchen, term time only. If you are interested in applying for this position please call into the office for an application pack. **Closing date Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.**