

HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th 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 21st November at 7 pm

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

Langhelt Cup Football, Holly Trees Football team playing Herrington House 3.30pm, 22nd November.

Football Match Holly Trees Football team playing Long Ridings 3.30pm, 29th November

Attendance

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

NEW WINTER MENU!

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
MEAT FREE MONDAY** Tomato and Basil Pasta bake Garlic Bread Salad bar selection <u>Fresh Fruit Platter</u>	Local Butcher's Sausage or Linda McCartney Vegetarian sausage Creamy Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Sweetcorn <u>Homemade Apple and Pear Crumble with custard</u>	Local Butcher's Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots Broccoli Florets <u>Winterberry Jelly and Cream</u>	Chicken Tikka Masala Wholegrain and White Rice or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Naan Bread/Salad Bar <u>Homemade Chocolate and Orange Sponge with chocolate sauce</u>	New** Fishwich – Fish Fillet in a crispy crumb with lettuce and mayo in a bun/Omelette Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn Salad Bar <u>Homemade Fairy Cakes</u>

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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 20th 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 1st 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 30th 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 24th November.**