

# Weekly Newsletter



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**Year 6 SATs meeting** – On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm we will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents in Spruce Class to discuss the arrangements for this year's SATs tests which start week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**INSET days** – In response to parental feedback, the previously advertised INSET day on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 is being moved to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

Please note the next non-pupil day is on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May when the school is being used as a polling station.

**Social media** – I have now undertaken the management of our Twitter account (Holly Trees Primary School) and it is being updated regularly. Please have a look in case you wish to retweet any news.

**Holly Hobbies** – From the Easter holiday, Holly Hobbies will no longer run as a weekly event due to lack of apparent interest. It is a shame that it has not been better supported as the crafts learnt have helped to produce resources for our children in school. There will still be occasions when we offer opportunities for adult learning and these Holly Hobbies events will be advertised in the newsletter.

## Fundraisers' news

Jazz Night	(Tomorrow) Saturday, 18 March 2017, 7.30 pm Mrs Masters and her jazz band will be presenting a couple of sets of traditional jazz standards. Over 16s only. Tickets cost £16, including a basket meal, and are available at: <a href="http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/jazz">http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/jazz</a>
Easter holidays	Take part in a stroll around Brentwood at your leisure at a time of your choosing. Directions will be provided for a route around town helping you to answer questions and spot where pictures were taken. Further details to follow.
School Disco	Thursday, 18 May 2017 For school pupils only. Show your classmates your latest dance moves after school.
Bags2School	Wednesday, 24 May 2017 Let us help you clear out your worn out or outgrown clothes and raise money for our School. Bags will be distributed about a week beforehand.
Inflatables Afternoon	Tuesday, 20 June 2017 An afternoon after school for fun and laughs on a school field full of inflatables. All children do need to be accompanied by an appropriate adult. <b>Volunteers are required to supervise the event on the day.</b> The arrangements are all in place and last year's organiser will mentor you but is unable to attend the actual event. Please contact <a href="mailto:hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk">hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk</a> if you are able to help.
Penny Mile	Friday, 23 June 2017 Last year's event was a huge success so please start hunting for lost small change and collecting to see if your class can collect the most.
Summer Fair	Saturday, 8 July 2017 The school year comes towards a close with food, games and activities (in the sunshine we hope!).

**Forest School** – As we know, Forest School is very popular with the children. Should you wish to further hone your family's outdoor skills there will be sessions on Sunday afternoons – 1:30 to 4:00pm from 5<sup>th</sup> March at Abbots Hall Farm, Great Wigborough, CO5 7RZ. The cost is £8 per child per session or £36 for six weeks. Choose any weeks as they do not have to be consecutive. First trial session is £6 per child. These Sunday Forest Schools are run by Essex Wildlife Trust.

**Children arriving before school** – This morning a number of Year 6 boys decided to leave the area by the school gate in Vaughan Williams Way to run round to the rear gate entrance. Their behaviour and language were not acceptable and is being addressed by school staff. I wanted to draw it to the attention, however, of parents who trust their children to remain by the school gate until the start of the school day as some have clearly proved themselves untrustworthy in this respect. Should there be a repeat of this type of behaviour, sanctions will include disallowing their involvement in fixtures where they would represent the school.

**Science poster competition** – British Science Association's annual poster competition theme is 'Change'. The poster can be about whatever types of change you like. It is a UK-wide competition with the chance to win an array of prizes.

Some ideas:

- What different types of change can we examine in nature?
- How can energy change during reactions?
- What amazing colour changes exist?
- How has our world changed over the years?
- How can science change the world in future/

We can only enter ten posters as a school. Entries must be 2D and on A4 or A3 paper only. (Photos of 3D models will be accepted.) Original designs only – no templates. Please put name and age on the back. All entries must be returned to school by **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Eco Club** – We are holding a competition to make a poster to represent the school's Eco Charter. The posters will be used around the school and in classes. There will be prizes for the ones chosen to be used around the school. This needs to be no bigger than A3 and your child's name and class should be on the back. Please return to Acorn Class by Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Easter Holiday Club** – I am pleased to tell you that Foundation Sports, who offered PE lesson coaching until we were able to employ our own member of staff to do so, will be running a Holiday Club throughout the Easter holidays with the exception of Good Friday and Easter Monday. The sessions will start at 8:00am and finish at 6:00pm following parental requests for full day care during the school holiday.

**Computer error** – If you feel that your child's attendance was incorrect on the slips you received at half term, please ask at the school office,

**Menu** – Week 2 of the menu. Please follow this link: <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

**Attendance – 97% target** – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Laurel and Maple for having over 97% attendance for last week.

### Letters home

- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 play and tickets
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – PPG questionnaire (PPG children only)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5 & Y6 basketball match
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y3 & Y4 basketball match
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y6 visit to the Globe Theatre
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Athletics Club (selected pupils)

### Forthcoming dates

- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fundraisers Jazz night
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y4 play evening performance
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Y4 play afternoon performance
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 & Y6 Queens Theatre performance of Alfie Strange
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 SATs meeting at 3:30pm in Spruce Class
- 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Bank Holiday
- 18<sup>th</sup> Apr – children return to school

26<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y4 visit to Hampton Court Palace  
27<sup>th</sup> Apr – EYFS trip to Barleylands  
2<sup>nd</sup> May – Group photos  
4<sup>th</sup> May – school closed for Polling Day  
8<sup>th</sup> May – start of SATS week  
18<sup>th</sup> May – summer disco  
19<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 visit to Globe Theatre  
24<sup>th</sup> May – Bags for School collection

### **Congratulations**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Kayden Bowes, Gabriel Borbinha, Eva Zinonos, Emme Enticknap, Emmie Phillips, Olivia Simmons, Vinnie Slattery, Keira Harman-Day, Deanna Lewis, Joseph Chege, Sadie Shilling, Chloe Andrews and Matilda Gamble.

**Silver Certificates** went to Kieron Ramsey, Emma Wright, Kai Davies and Sonny Marshall.

**Gold Certificate (for story shoeboxes) also** went Michaela Angeles.

**Pen Licences** went to Sam Cumming and Natalie Clements.

**Headteacher's Award** went to Sadie Shilling

Well done to our cross-country squads and Tag Rugby team.