

Weekly Newsletter



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Staff news – Hilda Mehmet, Inclusion Manager, has been involved with Holly Trees for many years, first as a parent and then as a member of staff. She has decided that now is the right time for her to move on and she will be very much missed by everyone at school. Her work and commitment have always been of the highest quality and I know she has supported many families and children over the years. If you would like to pass on your best wishes to Hilda before she leaves next Friday (24th June), I know she would appreciate seeing you.

In September, Emma Palmer will be taking on the role of Inclusion Manager and is looking forward to meeting you in this capacity.

As you know, Sue Fleming left Holly Trees recently and I would like to thank the kitchen staff for continuing to provide excellent meals for the children until our new chef, Ian Speirs, starts on 27th June. There will be the opportunity to meet Mr Speirs during our Open Afternoon on 14th July.

Lastly, I need to inform you that Mrs Barnwell, Mr Singh and Miss King will be moving on to new adventures in September and more details about their replacements will follow in due course.

Sports Day – We will be using the same format for Sports Day this year as we did last with KS2 in the morning and EYFS/KS1 in the afternoon. Details of exact timings will follow in next week's newsletter.

Open Afternoon (14th July) – Parents/carers are invited to see their children's work and meet current and future teachers from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on 14th July. If you are not planning to come until late afternoon, your child should still be collected at the usual time.

Internet safety – It has come to our attention that there is a fairly new website, Omegle, which encourages children to 'speak to a stranger'. We are concerned that some of our children appear to know about this website and have even admitted to using it. Please make sure that your children never use the internet without your supervision so that they stay safe. On Tuesday at 5:00 pm, we are offering a parents' e-safety session (CEOP) at school. If you have not attended this previously or for some years, I do suggest that you try to attend. This is not an appropriate session for children to attend.

Sun safety – Summer, it is rumoured, is on its way. Please ensure your child has a sunhat and that you apply sun cream before coming to school.

Year 6 play – Year 6 are preparing to put on their production of The Keymaster. The performances will be on Monday, 11th July at 1:45 pm and Tuesday, 12th July at 7:00 pm. Tickets will initially be limited to two tickets per family for each performance. These will be available nearer the time.

EYFS to Year 1 Transition Meeting - Parents from Apple and Acorn are invited along to an informal meeting with Mrs Hooper and Mrs Priest on Tuesday 12th July at 2.45 in the school hall. We will discuss some of the changes that the children will encounter as they move from Early Years to Year 1 in September. We hope to see you there.

INSET day – 23rd June – Because our school will be used as a Polling Station on the day of the EU Referendum, there will be no school that day. Please be aware that Year 6 children attending BCHS next year will be required to go to BCHS on this date for induction.

Preparing for the Summer Fete - Save the date 2 July in your diary. This year, the Fundraisers are asking the parents of each class to organise a stall. We have plenty of games in the shed that you can use – or you might want to come up with fresh idea of your own! We'll be sending out more information to

parents next week to explain the set up – in the meantime, you may want to think about who you will nominate to be your stall leader.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Elm, Hornbeam, Larch and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu – Week Three of the new summer menu. There will be a few small changes in the menu for a couple of weeks until our new Chef Manager starts. Desserts will be mainly yoghurt and fruit. You will be notified of any main meal changes by Parentmail.

Letters home

13th – Summer Break Multi-Sports Camp (via Parentmail)

17th – District Sports (selected children)

Forthcoming dates

21st June – Internet safety meeting for KS2 parents

23rd June – school closed for polling

24th June – Fundraisers' Brain Storm evening

27th June – District Sports

30th June – Y1 visit to Barleylands

1st July – Y5 History Off the Page

2nd July – Summer Fete

5th July – Y5 Wild Forest Gym

6th July – Holly Trees Talent Competition

8th July – Sports Day

11th July – Y6 afternoon play performance – 1:45 pm

12th July – Y6 evening play performance – 7:00 pm

12th July – EYFS to Year 1 transition meeting in the school hall - 2:45 pm

22nd July – last day of term

14th July – Open afternoon (3:00 to 6:00pm)

21st July – Y6 Leavers' assembly – pm

21st July – Y6 Fundraisers' treat to Izumi – 6:30 pm

22nd July – Last day of summer term

5th Sept – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Theo Michael and Amour Gardner Sweeney.

Silver Certificates went to Ellie Gray, Sophia Blakemore, Afzal Hussain, Jessica Latham, Prince Soluta, Grace Power, Aydin Malik, Jake Dowling and Grace Chege.

Headteacher's Award went to Paige Hawtree.