

# Weekly Newsletter



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**A School Visitor** – Year 5 & 6 were very excited when we had a visit from Nick Robinson, the actor who played William Blake in Goodnight Mister Tom. He answered their question about acting, school work, producing theatre productions and roles he would like to play in the future. The children got so much out of his visit and asked brilliant questions.

**Sports Provision** – I would like to thank Mr Brock for his work over the last couple of terms as he leaves Holly Trees next week. In the Autumn Term we are welcoming back Foundation Sport with coaches Luke Reynolds and Sam Oakes. In addition to PE coaching in lesson time we will also be offering Running Club on a Wednesday morning, Football Club for the school team on a Wednesday after school, Girls' Multi Sports for Key Stage 2 on a Thursday morning and Gymnastics Club for Upper Key Stage 2 on a Thursday after school. All of these clubs, with the exception of Football, will be chargeable and more information will follow on Monday to confirm numbers for the clubs so that they can start at the beginning of September.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm I invite any parents to join me at school to plan how support can be offered to enable Holly Trees to improve their outcomes in sport even further. This Sports Forum will meet termly and we hope many of you will come along to share your ideas so that we can add to our Basketball, Cross Country and Tag Rugby successes from this year.

If your child enjoys running then the 2k Park Run for juniors takes place every Sunday from 9am, which is free. You will need to register on line beforehand at [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk).

If your child has participated in any school teams this year please ensure we have the kit returned next week. You might also like to donate any PE kit that your children have outgrown to the school so that all children can participate in lessons even when they forget to bring their own change of clothes.

**Holiday Activities** – We are setting your children the challenge for the summer holiday, of visiting a park, a beach, some woodland, using public transport and going swimming somewhere (especially those going into Year 4). Having met the challenge, we ask the children to produce a photo or a piece of written work, art work, maths, etc, to bring to school on 5<sup>th</sup> September as their work during that week will use their holiday homework. I look forward to seeing how creative they will be.

**Staff News** – Next week we say goodbye to Carlyne Williams, who has supported children's learning for many years at Holly Trees as well as working with parents to produce the most amazing creative resources for school. We wish her a relaxing future and look forward to her popping in to school to help if she can find the time. I would also like to wish Steve Lawler all the best in his new job. He has offered boundless enthusiasm and commitment to our school while he has been covering Julie Bryant's maternity leave. We are very grateful to him.

**Holly Trees Factor** – Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> saw the finals of our annual talent show held in the main hall. This year we adopted a slightly different format in having six categories to ensure a range of talents were showcased, and showcased they were! The school was treated to some beautiful singing, incredible acrobatics and stylish dance moves, amongst other things. However, the popular vote went to Thomas Carter for his piano recital, which he had arranged himself. A worthy winner and a big well done to all of our highly talented participants.

**Basketball Success** – A very big well done to our Basketball Teams. To our Years 5 & 6 Team for getting through to the Semi Finals and our Year 4 Team for winning the Semi Finals and Finals on the same night! The best Basketball team in Brentwood!!

**A Big Thank You From Year 6** - Thank you to everyone who took part in our Year 6 fundraising: The Cake Sale; Snowies' Lemonade Stall (afterschool); Eagles' Stress Balls; Barns' Name The Teddy; Tawnys' Sweet Raffle; The Skipathon. We are very grateful for all your generous donations. Please can any money be paid in by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Thank you. Your money will be given to any of the four owl teams. The owl team charities include, The British Heart Foundation – Tawny Owls (the red team), Essex Air Ambulance – Snowy Owls (the green team), St. Francis Hospital – Barn Owls (the blue team) and Snap – Eagle Owls (the yellow team). The grand total for the amount raised will be announced next week. *Written and Reported By Holly Mooney and Hannah Long*

**From the Fundraisers** - Thank you to all those of you who gave your time on Saturday to set up and run a stall at the Fair. We couldn't have run it without you. Details of how much was raised will follow shortly but we hope that everyone enjoyed the fun and games.

**Breakfast Club** – Please can you check your child's book bag next week for any letters chasing outstanding monies.

**Dictionaries For Life** – We would like to thank the Brentwood a Becket Rotary Club for donating 60 new dictionaries which have been given to Year 4 children to use at home and bring to school to use.

**Piano Lessons** – Mike Johnson has one space for the Autumn Term, if you are interested please contact the school office. It's on a first come first served basis.

**Last Day of Term** – Please note that we will be finishing early at 2pm on the last day of term. The back gate will be open from 1.55pm but will be locked at 2.15pm for security reasons. Any children who cannot be collected at 2pm will be supervised until the end of the normal school day (3.15pm).

**Well Done Holly Trees** – As we celebrate our best results in every part of the school, we are drawing to the end of this academic year. I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils every success in the future as they have demonstrated a fabulous attitude to learning throughout their time with us. I would also like to thank all the staff for their dedication and commitment to helping our children be prepared for the next stages of their lives.

Because it is likely to be quite hectic next week there will not be a newsletter for the end of term but I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the usual time.

**NEW MENU – Week 1 of the New Summer Menu.** Please follow this link:  
<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

**Attendance – 97% target** – Beech Class, Birch Class, Elder Class, Hornbeam Class, Larch Class, Laurel Class and Maple Class

#### **Letters home/Parentmail**

12.7.17 – Year 6, Sex & Relationships Education Programme

13.7.17 – Musical Performances, Seven Arches Nursing Home

13.7.17 – No Before /After School Sporting Clubs, except Basketball, next week

#### **Forthcoming dates**

17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 to Oliver in the Park, pm

18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Beach Party 6.30pm to 8.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.45 pm

21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term, children can be collected from 2pm

5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

#### **Congratulations To**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Hollie Freeman, Lexie Brown, Ayden Sajid, Leila Martin and Parker Maher,

**Silver Certificates** went to Jack Simpson-Hatton, Riley Hooper, Kimberly Chen, Harry Preston, Lily Chignell, Luca Spurin, Jack Golding, Michael Gabbett, Lili-May Ward, Ethan Abrahams, Isobelle Gray, Kyan Sansom, Layla Smith, Kartik Akolia, Lola Slattery, Charlie Raghaven, Luke Summerfield-Butler, Isabella Scharvona, Gracie Field, Archie Silverstone and Jake Sainsbury.

**Gold Certificates** went to Archey Mizen-Pheby and Tilly Crook

**Pen Licences** went to Tilly Felton, Emmie Phillips and Matilda Gamble

