

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 6 parent information sessions – Apologies that the letters to express interest to attend these sessions next Monday were not sent out to parents so I have rescheduled for **Monday, 28th November**. The letters will be sent home on Monday so that we know the numbers to expect.

Maple Class – As you know, Steve Lawler has been appointed to teach Maple Class from January. Unfortunately, Mr Hocking is going to need some time this term to look after a member of his family who is very ill. In order to give the children continuity, we have taken the decision that Mr Lawler will become Maple's class teacher from Monday. We are very lucky that he is able to start earlier and he will work alongside Mrs Kirby next week to ensure a proper handover. If you wish to meet Mr Lawler, please feel free to call in after school any day.

Mayor's Poetry Competition – Congratulations to Petra Ndukwe who won the Mayor's Poetry Competition which will mean that she will assist with switching on the Brentwood Christmas lights and have her poem in the Mayor's official Christmas cards. She will also receive a book token.

Fundraisers – Santa's Grotto and entertainment from Marko Sparko – Thursday, 8 December 2016

The Fundraisers have been able to contact Father Christmas, who has offered to visit Holly Trees after school on Thursday, 8 December 2016 to check what gifts children are hoping for at Christmas. Tickets will go on sale at [SIMS Agora](#) from Monday, 14 November 2016 until Thursday, 1 December 2016 at £4.50 for each child aged 3 or older. Children aged 2 or younger are free. You can meet Father Christmas at either:

- 3.30-4 pm
- 4-4.30 pm, and
- 4.30-5 pm

In the Main Hall, Marko Sparko, will be providing more entertainment and magic, which is all part of the same ticket.

Drinks and sweets will also be available at additional cost.

Bags 2 School clothing collection is on Thursday, 24th November. Please **do not** bring your bags in before Thursday as they will be refused due to lack of storage space.

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Hornbeam, Maple and Mulberry for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year.

Menu – Week 3 of the autumn menu. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Letters home

15th Nov – Y6 parent information sessions

16th Nov – Football match against St Maryis

Forthcoming dates

23rd Nov – Football match v St Mary's

24th Nov – Bags 2 School collection

28th Nov – Y6 parent session (afternoon or evening)

30th Nov – Football match v Brentwood Prep (away)

1st Dec – School of Rock Westminster Cathedral Carol Concert

7th Dec – Football match v Long Ridings (away)

8th Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Grotto

9th Dec – Ys 3 & 4 visit to 'Through the Looking Glass'

13th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance – a creche will be provided for pre-school children so that parents can attend this performance. A letter will follow.

14th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance

19th Dec – Secret gift shop

20th Dec – Christmas lunch. Carol singing (6:00 pm)

21st Dec – Christmas parties pm

21st Dec – last day of term

9th Jan – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Tyler Roberts, Seren Gale, Adam Beldi, Ashton Chapman, Jasmine Stringer, Lewis Westcott, Theo Grut, Tyler Chaplin, McKenzie Greight, Lyla Said, Ewan Hobbs, Ethan Abrahams and Kylesh Anpalahan.

Silver Certificates went to Harry Stock and Rhys Gale.

Music for Schools Silver Award went to Millicent Gevaux.

Headteacher's Award went to Sarah Phillips.

Year 5/6 rugby team for winning the local tournament, which means they will progress to the regional final.