

# Weekly Newsletter



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**Parent Consultations** - Please note that parent appointments for 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January can be booked from Monday online with the exception of Hornbeam Class, who can make arrangements via the office for Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January (5:00 to 7:00 pm) in lieu of 26<sup>th</sup> January. If you are trying to book and there are no more slots available, please see the class teacher to arrange to see him/her straight after school one day.

**Learning at home** – Each week we will be recommending a new app that you may wish to try with your children at home. This week's recommendation is 'Spellfix' where you have to work out a word from its definition and the choice of letters available. For younger children, this will need an older member of the children to join in whilst Y6 should be able to have a go on their own.

We are due to change the book reviews and photos of reading in unusual places very soon, so please keep sending them to school. All contributions should be given to Mrs Green in Breakfast Club or Elm Class. We are putting the finishing touches to our plans for World Book Day, but would like you to make sure you have a shoebox available by the end of February so that your child will be able to participate in one of the tasks.

**Parent survey** – Thank you to everyone who has returned the questionnaire. The deadline for the remaining questionnaires is Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. If you disagree with any of the statements, it is useful to have your name or specifically what you disagree with so that we know how to respond.

**Chinese New Year** – To welcome the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rooster, Mrs Horgan will be organising a chopstick challenge next week. The chopstick challenge is 'How many marshmallows can you pick up in 1 minute?' for KS1 and 'How many dry pasta shapes can you pick up in 1 minute?' for KS2. This fun activity will take place in school where chopsticks will be provided. These can be taken home for those who wish to practice. Ten children from each class, across both KS1 and KS2, will be selected at random to take part in this exciting challenge!

**Children's Book Club** – This will be held at Brentwood Library on the last Monday of the month from 11:00 to 12:00. It is for children aged 7 to 11 and will start on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**Sainsbury vouchers** – The voucher scheme will start again on 25<sup>th</sup> January. We are very grateful for your vouchers as it enables to get a lot of PE and cooking equipment at no cost. Please put your vouchers in the box in the lobby.

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

**Attendance – 97% target** – Congratulations to Elm, Hornbeam, Laurel and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year.

## Letters home

16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Menu for 19<sup>th</sup> Jan (KS1)

17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reception Road Safety Walk

18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Basketball match (Y4 and Y6)

20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 Parent Information Sessions

### **Forthcoming dates**

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Chopstick Challenge week  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Reception class road safety  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reception class road safety  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parent/teacher consultations (5:00 to 7:00 pm)  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Elder Class visit to Tesco, Gallows Corner  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parent/teacher consultations (3:30 to 5:30 pm)  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 5 road safety walk  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Science lesson at BCHS (Y5)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Elm Class visit to Tesco, Gallows Corner  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 to BCHS to see Lord of the Flies  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Reception health check  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Reception health check  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fundraisers Barn Dance  
18<sup>th</sup> Mar – 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

### **Congratulations**

**Bronze Certificates** went to James Goodwin, Laila Cakir, Sofia Bourote, Skye Jones, Theo Michael, Dermot Gupta, Ethan Mistry, Amber O’Leary, Max Delow, Ellie Gray, William D’Silva, Missy Tiller, Sophia Lee, Charlie Raghavan and Sonny Bridson.

**Silver Certificate** went to Charlie Wright.

**Well done to** our football team who beat Doddinghurst Junior School 3-1. The last match of the season is still to be rearranged but there is **no further football training**.