

Weekly Newsletter



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Circus at Holly Trees – What a success the circus was on Saturday. The Fundraisers organised events before the circus and then all 600 people filed into the Big Top for fabulous entertainment. In addition to the fun had by everyone, the event raised over £3,000 which will be spent on our children's school lives. Particular thanks go to Mr Delow and Mr Harvey who both used their professional skills and time to help the event go with a bang. The homework at half term will be for children to use their maths, writing or other creative skills to produce a piece about circuses (as some people are worried by clowns, we do ask that children think of all aspects of a circus so that we can display their work in the corridor without causing any concern).

Results from Active Lifestyle poster competition – Well done to all the children who entered. There were over 2,300 entries and we are pleased to announce that Isabella Scharvona won 2nd place in the KS2 category. Her poster will be used in the countywide campaign and her entry has won the school £250 to spend on sports equipment. A huge achievement considering there were so many entries. Congratulations Isabella.

No smoking – I would like to confirm that our No Smoking Policy includes the use of e-cigarettes anywhere within the school grounds during school time and at evening and weekend events.

Internet safety – We constantly strive to keep our children safe in this technological age. There are two opportunities for parents to find out how they can help in this matter. On Wednesday, 25th May, our Years 5 and 6 children will be going to Becket Keys with five other primary schools for some e-safety training and in the evening parents are invited to an information session at 7:30 pm. Due to the number of people involved, this is only open to Years 5 and 6 parents and we ask that just one parent per family attends. **If you plan to attend, please notify the school office.** Also, any Holly Trees parents are invited to a CEOP session on Tuesday, 21st June at 5:00pm in our school hall. More information about this will follow.

School shoes – When parents are buying new school shoes for their children, please consider how smart these shoes are. Many companies seem to be marketing trainers as school shoes and these are not smart enough for school. School shoes should be the sort that can be polished because they are leather (or look like leather) and should not bear any brand name or symbols often linked to sportswear. In addition to children's school shoes, all children should bring plimsolls or trainers to school during this term for outdoor PE.

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.

Musical Soiree – Many of our children played to a packed hall yesterday at our Musical Soiree. The talents that were performed were incredible and a delight to hear. Well done to all of the children and music teachers for their contributions that made the evening so enjoyable. If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, please enquire at the school office for information.

School Journalists - Thursday evening the musical soiree took place. School of Rock started the performance with "Sing" and the audience were treated to a number of acts including "Jurassic Park" by Sam Anderson. At the interval outside some of the audience played various tunes on the kazoos provided by the school before the second part started. Once again a fabulous evening showing the many talents of Holly Trees boys and girls. *By Edmund Bass*

Staff news – On Friday we will be saying goodbye to Sue Fleming, our Catering Manager and Julie Hickman, MDA. Sue has been at the school for many years working in the kitchen and providing meals for our children. Now that she moves on to a role outside education, we wish her all the best for the future, with thanks for her commitment over the years. Julie has led the playleaders' activities during lunchtimes and we would like to thank her for this work which will be undertaken by Rebecca Ramsey after half term. We will also be welcoming Nicole Sterian to the MDA team after the holiday.

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.

Music room – At last we have received approval from the DfE that we can go ahead with the long awaited music room. Work is scheduled to start on 4th July and will hopefully be finished before the end of the school year. The official opening will take place in the Autumn term.

BCHS Master Classes – Many Year 5 children have received invitations to attend BCHS tomorrow. This is a great opportunity to experience secondary school learning but is by no means compulsory. If your Year 5 child is able to attend, I look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.

Lost Property – Please check the lost property box as it will be emptied at half term.

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

Menu – Week Three of the new summer menu.

Letters home

16th May – Summer Break Multi-Sports (via Parentmail)
16th May – Y6 Internet Safety
16th May – Ys 3, 4 & 5 Internet Safety
16th May – Y5 Sex & Relationships Education Programme (date change)
16th May – Ys 3/4 Basketball match
16th May – Ys 5/6 Basketball match
17th May – Y6 residential visit to Norfolk
19th May – KS2 Tag Rugby (via Parentmail)
19th May – KS2 Netball (via Parentmail)

Forthcoming dates

25th May – Y4 visit to Hampton Court
27th May – Non-uniform day (red, white & blue)
30th May to 3rd June – Half term
6th June – non-pupil day
10th June – Class and group photos
13th, 14th, 16th & 17th June – Y6 Bikeability
15th June – Y6 Crucial Crew
15th June – Author visit
21st June – Internet safety meeting for KS2 parents
23rd June – school closed for polling
24th June – Holly Trees Talent Competition
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
8th July – Sports Day
22nd July – last day of term
14th July – Open afternoon (3:00 to 6:00pm)
22nd July – Last day of summer term
5th Sept – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Olivia Simmons, Lee Coppin, Sapphire Lawrence, Chloe Andrews, Robbie Muncey and Georgie Franklin.

Silver Certificates went to Thomas Phillips, Alix Fisher, Callum Bendelow and Moehab Jaafar.

Gold Certificates went to Anya Jeffries, Casper Jeffries, Rhiannon O'Hagan, Frederica Bisceglia, Thomas O'Hagan, Poppy Knowles, Julia Nibbs-Ramsay, Angela Dwyer, Bobbi McGovern, Randolph de Vera, Preya Patel, Isabella Scharvona and Bianca Chinolea.

Headteacher's Award went to Edmund Bass.