

Weekly Newsletter



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Spring term consultations – We look forward to seeing many of you at your appointments with your children's class teachers on Monday.

EYFS WOW work – We have had some great learning in EYFS this week and I was particularly delighted to be shown Ryan Adam's and Tharun Vijay's subtraction work using numbers up to 20. In addition, Tharun had also spelt some words that need phonic blends independently.

Homework – In response to parental requests, we are now sending the weekly planning sheets from staff via Parentmail to inform you of what we intend teaching the following week and what the homework is. This means that you will receive an email informing you of the information and homework will no longer be posted on the homework page of the website. You should also bear in mind that the information about intended teaching can change during the week as, in line with good practice, our staff change their plans to meet the children's needs as the week and their interests progress.

Governor news – Monica Donegan has been involved with Holly Trees since 1985 when she joined as a teacher. Since retiring she has worked tirelessly as a governor championing the children's rights and being supportive to the staff. She has decided that she now deserves some more time for herself and her family and so is leaving the governing body. We are extremely grateful for everything she has done and look forward to keeping in touch as I am sure she will still attend school events. The governors are very pleased to have found a replacement for Monica as a co-opted governor, namely Derek Trollope who also has a history of having taught at the school but is now ready to take a more strategic role.

Holly Hobbies - This term Holly Hobbies will be running on 2nd and 9th February and 1st and 8th March in the small hall from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We will be making costumes and props for the Year 4 play. If you have any spare time and would like to help at any of these sessions, please come along. Tea and biscuits provided! Many thanks.

Fun with French sponsored learning challenge - The Fundraisers are nearing their final target of £25,000 for the Music Practice Room and need your help to make it over the hurdle! They will be launching their latest fundraising event this Monday: a Fun with French Sponsored Learning Challenge. Children will be encouraged to learn some simple French vocabulary or phrases (depending on their age) by the beginning of February in exchange for sponsored donations from your family and friends. Best of all, if you are a UK taxpayer, then an extra 25p Gift Aid can be claimed on top of every £1 donated!

Census Day – Thank you to the infant children's parents who supported us by sending in children in for a school dinner on Thursday. We reached our target with 96% taking the meal.

Breakfast Club – There are limited spaces available every day at Breakfast Club.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Birch, Elm, Elder, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Laurel, Maple, Mulberry, Spruce and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu - Week 2 of the new winter menu.

Letters home

18th – Menu change on 21.1.16

20th – Y3 & 4 - Basketball

20th - Y5 & 6 – Basketball

20th – School of Rock – Barnado’s Concert

Forthcoming dates

25th – Y6 Road Safety Walk

25th Jan – parent/teacher consultations

w/b 25th Jan – sponsored French event and chopstick challenge

26th – Y5 Road Safety walk

11th Feb – Football match v St Peters

15th to 19th Feb – half term

25th – Elder Class visit to Pizza Express

4th Mar – Elm Class visit to Pizza Express

5th – Fundraisers Jazz Night

11th – Able Maths Day

15th – Y4 performance of Pied Piper – evening

16th – Y4 performance of Pied Piper – afternoon

16th – Y6 visit to church for Easter Cracked

17th – Y5 visit to Science Museum

17th – Fundraisers disco

24th – last day of Spring term

11th Apr – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Bharath Manakkaparambil, Seren Gale, Ben Milton, Evie Bowers, Adisa Richards, Harry Preston, Sophia Blakemore, Grace Campbell, Dylan Hann, Jessica Latham, Laith Khafaji, Archie Brown, Jaden Freeman, Elmira Gunes, Harrison Coates, Lee Evans and Zane Ellerby.

Silver Certificate went to Elexis Bartlett-Avant.

Mathletics Bronze Certificates went to Lucas Sharma, Harrison Williams, Dimitrios Tsatsa, Georgios Tsatsa, Harrison Williams, Elexis Bartlett-Avant, Michaela Angeles, Eira-Mia Higgs, Jeremiah Ajanlekoko, Oliver Oldfield, Evan Ross, Maisy Wratten, Holly Mooney, Achillea Tsatsa, Harry Mooney, Muthu Ramanathan, Kartik Akolia, Ella Kitchener and Billy Williams

Mathletics Silver Certificates went to Eira-Mia Higgs, Aganthira Rajamanickam and Tomas Mason.

Headteacher’s Award went to Preyansi Patel.