

Weekly Newsletter



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Feedback on reintroduction of cold meals

We had a meeting last Friday with governors, kitchen staff and a catering adviser on how we might move towards offering a cold lunch option again following parental requests. At the moment, we are facing lots of obstacles which are making the option very difficult to implement in line with nutritional standards and Local Authority guidance. The main issue is around the regulation that we cannot offer bread as the only carbohydrate food given to a child every day. Obviously this makes sandwiches and baguettes awkward. We are holding another meeting before the end of term and will update you accordingly.

Talented writers

Four of our Year 5 writers attended a workshop this week with children from other schools, all of whom have a talent for writing. The children represented Holly Trees superbly and their writing has been published on www.lendmeyourliteracy.com. Well done to Millie Waters, Jessica Llewellyn, Rhiannon O'Hagan and Louise Clements.

Early Years WWF

On Thursday, 29th January, EYFS will be having a penguin day to raise money for The World Wildlife Fund. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a penguin and/or dressed in black and white. If you would like to make a donation of £1, this can be put towards the sponsorship of a penguin. It will be a fun day with lots of penguin themed activities.

Quiz Night

The Fundraisers are holding their next annual Quiz Night on Friday, 6th February for adults. Please see the flyer that was sent out. It starts at 7:45 for a 8:00 pm start and is by ticket only (£5.00). Tickets can be bought via the booking form or online at <http://hollytrees.ticketsource.co.uk>. Booking online will incur a small admin fee. Come along for an enjoyable evening and help raise money for our children's benefit.

Second hand uniform sale

We are having our next second hand sale on Wednesday, 28th January from 2:30 to 3:30. Items with school logo cost £1 and all other items are 50p. If you have outgrown school uniform/PE kit/book bags, the Fundraisers would love to take it off your hands and recycle it to raise funds for the school. We will sell on items in good condition and donate the rest to Rag Bag. If you have any to donate, please bring items in to the school office before next Wednesday. If you would like to become an active fundraiser and help to raise money for Holly Trees to provide extra resources for your child, please contact hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk.

Mike Chapman

Congratulations to Mike Chapman who has taught guitar at Holly Trees for 20 years. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact the school office. Thank you Mike – here's to the next 20!

Monitoring reading

Children are at school for less waking time than they are at home. Therefore, we remind you that we expect reading practice to be done at home on most days. Next week we will start vigilant monitoring of children's reading diaries and Year 6 planners. If no adult has signed the diaries over the week at home, you will be contacted. If your child reads independently, you can still sign the diary having discussed their reading with them rather than actually hearing them read. Thank you to all the parents who already support their children's learning in this way.

Cleaner cover

We are looking for people who would be available at short notice to cover absence for our cleaning staff, including the possibility of a 6 to 8 week period in the future. This would be for after school, 3:30 to 6:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

Menu

Week 2 menu - please see the website for our menus. Please have a look at our exciting new Winter menus.

Letters home

20th – Forest School for Apple class
23rd – EYFS – Penguin Day

Forthcoming dates

28th Jan – Fundraisers 2nd hand uniform sale – 2:30 to 3:30 pm
6th Feb – Fundraisers Quiz Night
w/b 16th Feb – Half Term
5th Mar – World Book Day
14th Mar – Y6 Masterclasses at BCHS
17th Mar – Cross country at Weald Park
16th Mar – Dance competition at BCHS
w/b 23rd Mar – Y4 play (dates to be confirmed)
26th Mar – Queens Theatre visit to school (Little Red Riding Hood)
26th Mar – Fundraisers school disco
27th Mar – School breaks up for Spring break
13th Apr – School closed for teacher training
14th Apr – Children return to school
7th May – School closed for Polling Day (INSET for staff)

Attendance – 97% target

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Alexander Harvey, Aganthira Rajamanickam, Jennifer Joseph, Riley Hooper, Dexter Jackson, Sauda Rahman, Keira Harman-Day, Chloe Golding, Joshua King, Thomas Carter, Callum Bendelow, Ellie Gray, Mina Reeves, Harrison Neall and Amy Maher.

Silver Certificates went Lee Coppin and Harley Lyons.

Headteacher's Award went to Reece Clifford