

# Weekly Newsletter



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**Jeans for Genes (23<sup>rd</sup> September)** – Thank you to everyone who donated to this charity. We will be sending over £200 in memory of Philippa Deamer. If your child came to school in non-uniform today and forgot to bring a donation then please deliver it to the office by Monday.

**Year 6 early morning clubs** – There will be no arithmetic or spelling clubs next week. They will resume on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Holly Trees harvest** – Many thanks to Nathan Donovan and Vinnie Slattery who helped Mr Holman harvest our apples last week. They were delicious and were used by Mr Speirs to make apple crumble at lunchtime.

**Staffing news** – Miss Bryant will start her maternity leave next week and we would all like to wish her lots of happiness when her baby arrives.

As you know, Mrs Kirby and Mr Hocking share the teaching responsibility of Maple Class at the moment. We are looking to appoint a full time permanent teacher for January with whom Mr Hocking would continue to liaise to offer smooth transition for the children as long as we are satisfied that we have found someone who meets our high expectations. As soon as we know any further details we will keep you informed.

**School toilets** – Please remember our facilities are for the school community, not public facilities. You should not plan to need to use school toilets during the school day except in emergencies.

## Extra-curricular activities –

Monday	Recorders with Miss Burden (lunchtime) FS Running Club (before school) Y6 arithmetic club – Mrs Masters (before school) PASS football – KS2 (after school)
Tuesday	BCHS netball for Y6 (lunchtime) Table tennis club – run by Y6 (lunchtime) BCSWT Supaclub (lunchtime) PASS football – KS1 (after school) French club (after school)
Wednesday	FS netball (before school) Y6 spelling and grammar club – Mr Hocking (before school) Eco club – Ms Butler (lunchtime) School of Rock (lunchtime) Karate (after school)
Thursday	Girls football – Y3 & Y4 run by Y6 (lunchtime) FS Y3 & Y4 tag rugby club (after school)
Friday	Maths club – Mrs Dawson (lunchtime) Y5 & Y6 football refereeing club – Mr Hocking (lunchtime) Lego Club – Mr Collins (lunchtime)

**Family Fun Day** – Thank you to everyone who helped to run the event last Saturday or who came along and enjoyed the activities. The weather held off and a good time was had by all.

## Dates for the Diary

The Fundraisers have begun to put together a calendar of activities and social events for this year to raise money for new fiction books for the classrooms and licences for new apps for the class iPads. **Please note**

that the **AGM on 4.10.16 has been brought forward to 7:30 pm.** Further to tomorrow's Family Fun Day, please save the date in your diaries for the following:

9 am, Wednesday, 28 September 2016	Coffee morning Stay back after school drop-off if you can to chat with other parents over a coffee and biscuit.
7.30 pm, Tuesday, 4 October 2016	Fundraisers' AGM Further details to follow.
3.15 pm, Tuesday, 18 October 2016	Second-hand Uniform Sale Plain and logo-ed uniform available at school pick-up.
Half-term, October 2016	My Art Project Get ahead for Christmas with your own artwork made into cards and gifts.
Friday, 4 November 2016	Firework Display A professional display of fireworks on our school field with hot food and drinks available to buy.
Tuesday, 8 November 2016	Bags2School Please bring outgrown or old clothes at school drop-off to be recycled. No towels or bedlinen unfortunately.
Thursday, 8 December 2016	Christmas Grotto Meet Father Christmas and receive an early gift together with entertainment available in the School Hall.
Monday, 19 December 2016	Secret Santa Gift Shop Pupils can buy a surprise present for someone special.
Spring Term 2017	Barn Dance Jazz Night Sponsored Walk School Disco
Summer Term 2017	Race Night [adults only]
A Thursday in June 2017	Inflatables Day Various bouncy castles and inflatables on the field after school.
July 2017	Summer Fete

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

**Menu** – Week Two of the new autumn menu. Please check out our exciting new menu on the school website. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

### Letters home

No letters

### Forthcoming dates

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y6 return from Aylmerton  
 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Fundraisers Coffee morning  
 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y4 Anglo Saxon day  
 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fundraisers AGM  
 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fun of the Fair menu  
 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y3 visit to Chelmsford Museum  
 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y6 parent information meeting (2:30pm and 7:00pm)  
 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – School closed to pupils – parent/teacher consultations  
 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – flu immunisation  
 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – BCHS Masterclass in morning  
 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – individual school photos  
 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3:15pm Fundraisers' second hand uniform sale  
 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – last day of half term  
 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – children return to school

### Congratulations

**Bronze Certificates** went to Chloe Golding, Caitlin O'Sullivan, Naomi Earle, Hollie Freeman, Teigan Partis-Ford, Thomas Philips, Mae Crowther-Barnes and William Clark.

**Headteacher's Award** went to Matilda Gamble