

# HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### Forthcoming dates

**24.11.17** – Year 3 Chelmsford Museum  
**27.11.17** – Year 2 work sharing  
**28.11.17** – Year 5 Drumming Showcase at 2.30pm  
**29.11.17** - Football match against Long Ridings  
**1.12.17** – Choir to Southwark Cathedral  
**1.12.17** – Last day for Salvation Army Donations  
**4.12.17** – Year 1 work sharing  
**4.12.17** – Santa's Grotto 3.30-5.30pm  
**5.12.17** – Last Pass Football  
**5.12.17** – Flu Immunisation Sessions  
**7.12.17** – Year 6 Christmas Unwrapped Methodist Church  
**8.12.17** – **INSET DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**12.12.17** – Year 1 Christmas Play, 2pm, adults only, creche & tickets available via sims agora  
**13.12.17** – Years 3&4 Brentwood Theatre/Narnia, am  
**13.12.17** – Year 1 Christmas Play, 2pm, adults only, tickets available via sims agora  
**14.12.17** – EYFS parents Carol Singing 1.30pm  
**14.12.17** - Year 6 height /weight measurements  
**15.12.17** - Year 2 History off the Page  
**18.12.17** – Santa's Secret Shop  
**18.12.17** – Evening Carol Singing at 6pm  
**19.12.17** - Christmas School Dinner  
**20.12.17** – Last Day of Term  
**3.1.18** – RETURN TO SCHOOL - SPRING TERM  
**29.1.18** – EYFS work sharing  
**12.2.18** – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

### Letters Home

21.11.17 – Tag Rugby Tournament 5.12.17

### Well done to

**Bronze Awards went to** Xander Harvey, Mina Reeves, Oliver Oldfield, Arissa Malik, Aisha Jasmin Birem, Oscar Platten, Jasmine Callaby, Ashley Calder, Amelia Mason Braham, Wiktor Mielczarski & Tristan Hersant.

**Silver Award went to** Morrighan Charles

**Pen Licences went to** Kylesh Anpalahan & Dimitrios Tsatsa

### Sporting news

**Football Match** Holly Trees Football team playing Long Ridings 3 pm, 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 3/4 Football** Well done to our girls' and boys' teams for winning some of their matches in the tournament this week. We did not progress to the finals but Amber Brazier and Grace Campbell were talent spotted by Chelsea.

**Langhelt Cup** Our school football team was knocked out this week by Herrington House, 2-0.

**Gymnastics Club** After Christmas there will be a club for younger children - watch this space!

**Tag Rugby Tournament** – 5.12.17 at Old Brentwood Rugby Club 1pm

### Attendance

97% target – Congratulations to – Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Laurel, & Maple

### NEW WINTER MENU!

#### MONDAY

All day Breakfast! (chipolata Bacon Scrambled Egg) or All Day vegetarian breakfast (quorn chipolatas and scrambled egg) Hash Brown, Baked Beans/Mushroom/Tomato

Rice Crispie Cake

#### TUESDAY

Pork Meatballs in Rich Tomato Sauce  
Or Quorn Balls in Tomato Sauce  
Wholegrain and White Rice  
Salad Bar

Iced Biscuits

#### WEDNESDAY

Local Butcher's Roast Chicken  
Yorkshire Pudding Gravy or Golden Vegetable Loaf  
Roast Potatoes Fresh Carrots/Green Beans

Homemade Rice Pudding

#### THURSDAY

Homemade Minced Beef Hotpot or Vegetarian Mince Hotpot/Broccoli and Cauliflower Florets Sweetcorn

Homemade Apple Eves Pudding and Custard

#### FRIDAY

Oven Baked Birds Eye Omega 3 Chunky Fish Fingers or Omelette (v)  
Crispy Chips Garden Peas Salad Bar

Ice Cream Pots

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**Forest School** – Forest school continues to go from strength to strength at Holly Trees with children extremely keen to participate in the activities. This week saw the last session for the current groups with new groups starting next week. Year 4 on Monday pm, Year 3 on Wednesday pm and Year 5 on Thursday pm. Letters have been sent home for the children invited to attend but fear not, all children in Years 1,2,3,4 & 5 will have the opportunity to come during this academic year. Remember to provide your children with a change of clothing appropriate to the weather, including a coat!

**Calculations Guidance** – Many parents are keen to support children with their learning and to help facilitate this we have now published guidance on how we teach the four basic operations in mathematics. This guidance is available on our website by following the links Children, then Home Learning. It contains detailed advice and pictorial representations of current pedagogy, which we hope will be of use.

**Spelling Guidance** – In addition to the word lists on our website, teachers are adding the focused words for each week to the planning sheets that you receive by email to let you know where to start with the lists.

**Work Sharing** – Year 2 parents are invited to go to the hall at 8.55am on 27<sup>th</sup> November to share their children's work with their youngsters. Children whose parents cannot attend will stay in class for assembly. Parents need to be at school by 9am at the latest so that the children can be collected from registration as a group, rather than disrupting the learning of those in class throughout the session. Children will need to be back in class ready to learn by 9.30.

**Salvation Army** - This year our Christmas charitable collection will be with the Salvation Army. We are asking if you are able to donate either unwrapped gifts for children up to 16 years of age (new not used), chocolates or biscuits. Items should be delivered to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Salvation Army put together hampers for local families in the Havering and Brentwood areas. Thank you for the donations we have already received.

**Mathletics** – There is only limited time left to sign up for this valuable maths resource, which is only available for Years 1 to 6. It is £6 for an annual subscription (normal price £59) sign up and pay on SIMS AGORA. **You must sign up by 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Children In Need** – Last week many schools celebrated Children In Need. At Holly Trees we let our school council choose the charities we support and we often raise money for Hall Mead School in Kenya as we know all the funds go straight to their children. Our next charity fundraising opportunity will be after the Year 1 Christmas Play.

**Visiting Locations** – We still have space to display work from children who have visited woodlands and parkland. Even if you did not visit these locations in the summer holiday, children can bring in any work they produce following visits at any time.

**Year 6 Clubs** – The Year 6 Mathematics and Handwriting Clubs will finish next week until after Christmas. Children invited to these clubs will receive new invitations in January.

**Year 1 Christmas Play** – Parents can now book tickets. There is an allocation of 2 tickets per child, per performance. There are two performances on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December. A creche is available on 12<sup>th</sup> December only at a cost of £4.50. Admission is by ticket only. All tickets can be booked through sims agora. If there are surplus tickets left then there is the ability to book additional tickets for other family members (no children). You will be sent an email on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December if you are successful with your request.

**Santa's Grotto** - There are a limited number of tickets available for Santa's Grotto and Mr Happy's Magic Show taking place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please log in to sims agora to book. First come first served.