

Weekly Newsletter



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World Book Day – Next Thursday will be World Book Day and, as you know, we have asked the children to turn a shoebox into a story. In previous years we have seen some very creative and imaginative examples and we look forward to seeing what your children devise this year. On the day there will be a book swap and if children wish to participate they should bring **one** book to swap, which should be brought to Elm Class and put in the correct Year Group box.

D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything and Read. During the World Book Day, the school bell will be rung three different times and all members of the school community (adults included) will 'drop everything and read' to celebrate the wonders of a good book.

School Meals – Subsequent to the Governors' Resources Meeting, the decision has been taken to increase of a school meal to £2.30 from September 2017. This cost has not changed for five years and still represents excellent value.

Breakfast Club – In line with inflationary costs, as above, the cost of Breakfast Club will be £4.50 from September 2017. The Governors wanted parents to have as much notice as possible of these unavoidable increases.

Staff news – We are saying goodbye to Miss Wicker, our School Business Manager, today as she moves on to her new job. I would like to thank Lucy for everything she has done over the past 3 years. Mrs Sue Meurs will be taking on the role of Bursar until we appoint a new School Business Manager in September.

Fundraisers' news – Last chance to buy your tickets for the Barn Dance tomorrow, available on the door or at <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/barndance/> Your next opportunity to have some fun will be on the Jazz Night, 18th March starring Mrs Masters' very own band. Tickets available at <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/barndance/jazz/>

Staff vacancies – We are looking to appoint a dinner lady/man (MDA) to start full time in September with the opportunity to cover staff absence before then. The role is for 1 hour 40 minutes per day at an hourly rate of £8.97 whilst the job is temporary. Once this position becomes permanent, the rate reduces to £8.14, but the employee also has 4-5 weeks paid holiday in addition to the 38 term time weeks worked.. If you wish to have further details or to apply, please ask in the office.

Easter Holiday Club – I am pleased to tell you that Foundation Sports, who offered PE lesson coaching until we were able to employ our own member of staff to do so, will be running a Holiday Club throughout the Easter holidays with the exception of Good Friday and Easter Monday. The sessions will start at 8:00am and finish at 6:00pm following parental requests for full day care during the school holiday.

Menu – Week 2 of the menu. Please follow this link: <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Elm, Larch, Maple, Mulberry and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance for last week.

Letters home

21st Feb – Y6 Basketball play off on 27.2.17

21st Feb – Able Maths Day

22nd Feb – Regional Finals Tag Rugby – 16.3.17

9th Feb – Gymnastics Club

Forthcoming dates

25th Feb – Fundraisers Barn Dance

28th Feb – Music for Schools parents meeting

2nd Mar – World Book Day

16th Mar – Regional Finals Tag Rugby

17th Mar – Y6 Easter Cracked at Methodist Church

18th Mar – Fundraisers Jazz night

21st March – Y4 play evening performance

22nd March – Y4 play afternoon performance

24th March – Y5 & Y6 Queens Theatre performance of Alfie Strange

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Jessica Bone, Marcus Cheng, Gabriel Banfi-Julca, Mayeda Rahman, Scarlett Barker, Harriet Leary, Noah Williams, Ryan Adams, Grace Campbell, Deborah Shotunde, Charlie Rose, Louie Field, John Ellis, Laith Khafaji, Cristina Oniceanu, Yasmine Bourote and Poppy Jackson.

Basketball – Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 basketball team who won convincingly in their first league match of the season against Long Ridings. The new team worked superbly together to achieve this magnificent result.