

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 4 play – Thank you Year 4 for putting on a very entertaining play of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears!* Congratulations to everyone who was in the play. A special well done to Jessica Scharvona (Goldilocks), Parker Maher (Father Bear), Isobelle Gray (Mother Bear) and Oscar Platten (Baby Bear). A special thank you to Elexis Bartlett-Avant who was understudy for Mother Bear and was needed at the last minute with very few rehearsals left, as Isobelle was sadly absent. Thumbs up to all the rest of the cast, everyone was great and a pleasure to watch! Thank you to Mrs Dawson, Miss Burden and Mr Cameron for putting together this production. *By Hannah Long (school journalist)*

School security – You may well have noticed that we are now closing the perimeter gates at 3:30pm each day. This is to ensure the safety of staff and children who are here after hours.

Athletics Club – Athletics Club will continue to run after school on Wednesdays until the end of June under the auspices of our coach, Dan Brock.

Support for children and families – Sue Pritchard and Frank McGuire will continue to work with us. However, they will now be in school on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00am.

Comic Relief – We have been asked why we do not support Comic Relief as a school. The reason is that the charities we support are chosen by the School Council and Owl Captains and they have selected to fundraise for other charities this year. Should the children choose to support Comic Relief next time, the school will be right behind them!

Mrs Masters' absence next week – I will, unfortunately, not be at school for the last 4 days of this term as I am having elbow surgery on Tuesday next week. It's nothing serious (I hope) but does need sorting out so I have arranged for it to have as little impact on school time as possible. Mr Hocking will be available to answer any questions or queries you have in my absence and I hope to see you all at the start of the Summer Term.

Staff news – Next week we celebrate the end of an era when Marilyn Reading finally retires as Office Manager after 26 years of service to the school. We would like to thank Marilyn for all her hard work and dedication, the place just won't be the same without her. Happy retirement.

Basketball – Congratulations to the Y3 and Y4 basketball team on their victory over Hutton All Saints last night. We won four sessions, lost one and drew one to achieve a convincing win. The team played superbly and the line up was Luke Hawtree, Samuel Eade, Kaylan Burnett, Ollie Cumming, Lee Evans, Kyan Sansom, Samuel Keen and Jake Dowling.

Year 6 SATs meeting – On Monday, 27th March at 3:30pm we will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents in Spruce Class to discuss the arrangements for this year's SATs tests which start week commencing 8th May.

Science poster competition – British Science Association's annual poster competition theme is 'Change'. The poster can be about whatever types of change you like. It is a UK-wide competition with the chance to win an array of prizes.

Some ideas:

- What different types of change can we examine in nature?
- How can energy change during reactions?
- What amazing colour changes exist?
- How has our world changed over the years?

- How can science change the world in future?

We can only enter ten posters as a school. Entries must be 2D and on A4 or A3 paper only. (Photos of 3D models will be accepted.) Original designs only – no templates. Please put name and age on the back. All entries must be returned to school by **Tuesday, 18th April**.

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 3 of the menu. Please follow this link: <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elm, Holly, Laurel and Maple for having over 97% attendance for last week.

Letters home

17th Mar – Y3 visit to Mayor's office

Forthcoming dates

27th Mar – Y6 SATs meeting at 3:30pm in Spruce Class

27th Mar – Y3 visit to Mayor's office

17th Apr – Bank Holiday

18th Apr – children return to school

26th Apr – Y4 visit to Hampton Court Palace

27th Apr – EYFS trip to Barleylands

2nd May – Group photos

3rd May – Y2 visit to Colchester Zoo

4th May – school closed for Polling Day

8th May – start of SATS week

18th May – summer disco

19th May – Y6 visit to Globe Theatre

24th May – Bags for School collection

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Oakley Collins, Madison Hames, Isabella Cockerton-McCreath and Annie Anju.

Merit Certificates for the rest of KS1 will be awarded on Monday.