

# Weekly Newsletter



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**Reminder - Year 6 parent information sessions** – If your child is in Year 6, please consider coming along to one of the sessions on Monday (2:30 pm and 7:00 pm) so that you can support your children's learning at home.

**Operation Christmas Child** – Many thanks to those who sent in Christmas shoeboxes. We had 258 boxes collected and will let you know their destination as soon as we are informed.

**Early Years singing** – On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm the children in Apple and Acorn classes will be singing some Christmas songs for their families with mince pies for our guests. This will be an informal event to set the Christmas scene.

**Choir** – We are very excited that our choir will be singing at Westminster Cathedral on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. A letter is being sent home today with all the details for choir members. If your child is in the choir and in Year 5 (who are on a trip today), the letters can be collected from the school office.

**Christmas lunch** – Our school Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at the usual school meal price of £2.20. The lunch will comprise of traditional roast turkey or a vegetable parcel served with seasonal vegetables, stuffing and pigs in blankets followed by ice cream or a minced pie. There is no pre-ordering as dinner should be ordered on the day of the lunch, as usual. The vegetarian option is only available to those who we know to be vegetarians. On this day, we also invite children to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school sweatshirts. All other uniform should be worn.

**Christmas cards** – Our Christmas postbox will be near the lift downstairs from Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Any Christmas cards posted there must have the **child's name, preferably surname and/or class and year group** on the envelope.

**Christmas holiday homework** – We are setting the whole school the homework of having a fabulous time with their families and enjoying all of the cooking, decorating and present wrapping involved. If your child could have a go at reading and using Mathletics in the New Year before returning to school on 9<sup>th</sup> January, that would be great too.

## **Fundraisers – Santa's Grotto and entertainment from Marko Sparko – Thursday, 8 December 2016**

The Fundraisers have been able to contact Father Christmas, who has offered to visit Holly Trees after school on Thursday, 8 December 2016 to check what gifts children are hoping for at Christmas. Tickets will go on sale at [SIMS Agora](#) from Monday, 14 November 2016 until Thursday, 1 December 2016 at £4.50 for each child aged 3 or older. Children aged 2 or younger are free. You can meet Father Christmas at either:

- 3.30-4 pm
- 4-4.30 pm, and
- 4.30-5 pm

In the Main Hall, Marko Sparko, will be providing more entertainment and magic, which is all part of the same ticket.

Drinks and sweets will also be available at additional cost.

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

**Menu** – Week 1 of the autumn menu. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

### **Letters home**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Y6 parent information sessions
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Y1 parents invite to the Nativity
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Football match v Brentwood Prep School
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Westminster Cathedral details for the choir

### **Forthcoming dates**

- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 parent session (afternoon or evening)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Football match v Brentwood Prep (away)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – School of Rock Westminster Cathedral Carol Concert
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Football match v Long Ridings (away)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Grotto
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Ys 3 & 4 visit to 'Through the Looking Glass'
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance – a creche will be provided for pre-school children so that parents can attend this performance. A letter will follow.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Secret gift shop
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Acorn and Apple classes singing for parents (2:30 pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch. Carol singing (6:00 pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – last day of term
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – children return to school

### **Congratulations**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Harry Izatt, Lee Coppin, Lee Evans, Zane Clark and Luke Hawtree.

**Silver Certificates** went to Emma Blake and Sam Cumming.

**Gold Certificates** went to Tilly Crook and Oliver Wyatt.

**Pen Licences** went to Kitty Forrest-Hopkins, Sam Anderson, Henry Nelson and Yuan Yu.

Well done to the football team who drew 2 all against St. Mary's.