

Weekly Newsletter



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Staff news

I am pleased to tell you that Becky Burden is making a good recovery from a procedure that has been carried out on a brain tumour. We are hoping that she will be well enough to return to school during next week but, in the meantime, Hornbeam Class is being taught by our own staff, who already know the Holly Trees expectations.

We also have a few staff who are leaving the Holly Trees team at the end of this school year. Sue Ambrose has been an LSA at the school for several years, working in the classroom, supporting children who have English as a second language and at Holly Hobbies, our parent group. Sue has decided to spend more time with her family but has agreed to continue offering Holly Hobbies on a weekly basis. Tina Bastable has been a Holly Trees stalwart for many years teaching our younger children, although in recent times she has also offered Forest School to children of all ages. It seems hard to believe that she is retiring at the end of this year but has also agreed to continue with the Forest School work next year, for which we are very grateful. Jess Holme has been at Holly Trees for five years teaching KS2 and running our amazing Dance Club. She has decided to do some travelling next year and will be visiting some fabulous places around the world. I hope she will keep in touch so that we can map her journey. Lastly, we will be saying goodbye to Alice Sabin, who recently returned from maternity leave. She currently travels from near Saffron Walden to get to work but has been successful in being offered a job near home from September. We wish all these staff well and I am sure we will keep in touch.

We will be welcoming Vicky Nash and Steph Hake to the teaching team in September while Hazel Horgan will work with us full time. Children will be able to meet their new teachers a few times before the end of the school year.

Being ready for PE

We have become aware that some children are bringing expensive trainers to school for PE. Footwear for our PE lessons and playtimes should be the sort that children are happy to leave in school with their PE kits all week. If trainers are too expensive to leave in school overnight, they should not be brought to school. We have been asked by Essex County Council to remind parents that children have to do PE as part of the curriculum but must not wear jewellery for these lessons. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the school holiday so that the earrings may be removed by the time the children return to school.

Brentwood Tattoo

Come and experience the pomp and pageantry of the Brentwood Tattoo at Brentwood County High School on Saturday, 11th July. There will be performances by Brentwood Imperial Youth Band and the gates open at 5:00 pm. Bring your blankets and pre-Tattoo picnics. Refreshments will be available on site.

Brentwood Station

Thank you and well done to all the Years 4 to 6 children who took part in our competition to help celebrate Brentwood Station's 175th birthday. All entries will earn the children an Owl point, but the winners, who will visit the station on Wednesday morning are – Taylor Brazier, Hannah Long, Anya Jeffries, Stephanie Brown, Ben Chad, Sonny Marshall, Ella Stammers, Henry Nelson, Daniel Warren, Freddie Nelson, Jessica Hart and Petra Ndukwe.

Cake Sale

Y6 will be holding a cake sale during playtime on Wednesday, 1st July. All cakes will cost 50p and proceeds will go to Hall Mead School in Kenya.

Menu

Week 1 of the menu - please see the website for the new summer menus.

Forthcoming dates

27th June – Jazz Night

29th July – District Sports Yr 6

3rd July – 2:00 pm Y6 dress rehearsal (parents with toddlers may attend this performance)

4th July – Summer fete

6th July – 2:45 pm Yr2 transition meeting for parents

6th July – Year 6 play – 7:00 pm evening performance

7th July – Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops

7th July – Year 6 play – 7:00 pm evening performance **only**

9th July – writing session with author Elen Cadecott

9th July – EYFS to Y1 transition meeting for parents

14th July – Open evening (3:00 to 6:00 pm)

16th July – Year 6 leavers theatre trip

17th July – Year 6 leavers disco

20th July – Owl team non-uniform day

22nd July – Last day of summer term (children may be collected from 2:00 pm)

Monday, 7th September – children return to school

Attendance – 97% target

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly Larch, Maple and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Congratulations

Bronze Certificate went to Jessica Marai.

Silver Certificates went to Oliver Tinworth, Chloe Andrews, Kartik Akolia, Joshua Mussett, Ryan Empson and Max Andrews.

Gold Certificates went to Lola Callaby, Denhem Minors, Ethan Jones and Sharnell George.

Pen Licences went to Jerome Wildman and Emma Blake.

Headteacher's Award went to Thomas Hooper.