

Weekly Newsletter



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Mrs Musson – As you know, it is Jo Musson's last day at Holly Trees as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and will keep you updated with news as we receive it. She has asked that we pass on her extreme gratitude to all the parents who gave her a most fabulous gift. She was so touched by your generosity.

Talent at Holly Trees – I have seen some impressive writing from Rio Shaw, Moehab Jaafar, Rhiannon O'Hagan, Rhiannan Beasley and Bianca Chinolea demonstrating an excellent grasp of emotive language, accurate grammar and well-presented handwriting. Some of this work will be displayed on our WOW wall in the foyer.

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 basketball teams who both won their matches this week against St Joseph the Worker Primary and St Helen's Juniors respectively. There was great teamwork from all the children which led to the successes. Particular mention should go to Oscar Platten and Joe Curran who were recognised as Most Valued Players in their matches.

When is it a good time to see your child's teacher? – We have as much of an open door policy as we can and members of the Senior Team are at the school gate in the mornings. We try very hard not to make people wait for an appointment if they have something they wish to discuss. The class teachers, however, are really not available to discuss matters in detail before school as they are responsible for their classes as soon as the gates open. If you wish to see the teacher, it is best to do so after school or contact the school office to arrange to meet before the school gates open, which they will facilitate as much as possible. If you urgently need to speak to a member of classroom staff at the start of the day, then please be aware that you may have to wait until someone else is available to supervise the children and their learning.

Parking – Thank you to everyone who parks sensibly, safely and with respect for our neighbours. However, I cannot begin to understand why anybody with children would park illegally or block neighbours' private property demonstrating to their children that rules do not matter. We regularly deal with neighbours who are rightly unhappy at parents' parking and I feel it is only fair that I notify you that I am advising anyone who complains about illegal parking to contact the police.

Football Club – Football Club is cancelled on Thursday next week as there is a match against Long Ridings.

Eleven Plus – Details about registering your child for the 11+ are on the parents' noticeboard. Please let the office know before half term if you would like to order practice papers.

Sainsbury Vouchers – Please put your vouchers in the box in the entrance hall. Many thanks.

Fun with French Sponsored Learning Activity – The Fundraisers hope you and your children are enjoying practicing your French vocabulary and phrases for our 2016 sponsored learning challenge! Teachers will be 'testing' participating students during the week commencing 1st February so please encourage your family and friends to give generously to help spur the children on to success.

Rag Bag closed – Just a friendly notice to let you know that the Fundraisers are NOT currently accepting clothing donations for Rag Bag. We are investigating other options for cash-for-clothes and hope to have an update for you very soon.

Holly Hobbies - This term Holly Hobbies will be running on 2nd and 9th February and 1st and 8th March in the small hall from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We will be making costumes and props for the Year 4 play. If you have any spare time and would like to help at any of these sessions, please come along. Tea and biscuits provided! Many thanks.

Fun with French sponsored learning challenge - The Fundraisers are nearing their final target of £25,000 for the Music Practice Room and need your help to make it over the hurdle! They will be launching their latest fundraising event this Monday: a Fun with French Sponsored Learning Challenge. Children will be encouraged to learn some simple French vocabulary or phrases (depending on their age) by the beginning of February in exchange for sponsored donations from your family and friends. Best of all, if you are a UK taxpayer, then an extra 25p Gift Aid can be claimed on top of every £1 donated!

Breakfast Club – There are limited spaces available every day at Breakfast Club.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Maple, Mulberry, Spruce and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu - Week 3 of the new winter menu.

Letters home

25th Jan – Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk

27th Jan – Football match

Forthcoming dates

3rd Feb – Y3 Fire Safety talk

4th Feb – Football match v Long Ridings

11th Feb – Football match v St Peters

12th Feb – Y5 & Y6 Road Safety walk

15th to 19th Feb – half term

25th Feb – Elder Class visit to Pizza Express

4th Mar – Elm Class visit to Pizza Express

5th Mar – Fundraisers Jazz Night

11th Mar – Able Maths Day

15th Mar – Y4 performance of Pied Piper – evening

16th Mar – Y4 performance of Pied Piper – afternoon

16th Mar – Y6 visit to church for Easter Cracked

17th Mar – Y5 visit to Science Museum

17th Mar – Fundraisers disco

24th Mar – last day of Spring term

11th Apr – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Lily Chignell, Wajih Alam, Archie Gadsdon, Scarlett Bauers, Thomas Phillips, Callum Donovan, Oliver Oldfield, Priscilla Perkes, Emma Wright, Millie Montgomery and Moehab Jaafar.

Silver Certificates went to Jasmine River, George Whitehill, Anya Jeffries, Daniel Warren, Jessica Llewellyn, Bianca Chinolea and Bobby Burfield.

Gold Certificate went to Rebecca Smith.

Pen Licences went to William Clark, Elviene Squire, Ella Stammers and Rhiannan Beasley.

Headteacher's Award went to Chloe Andrews.