

Weekly Newsletter



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Brentwood Station

We had a great day at Brentwood Station celebrating its 175th birthday. The children who attended had won our competition and made everyone from Holly Trees very proud with their work and their behaviour. They enjoyed the history from John Fryer, meeting the mayor and listening to the band playing in the ticket office, but the highlight seemed to be the birthday cake. Thank you to Laurie Edmonds and the TfL staff who co-ordinated the event.

Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting the Year 6 cake sale this week. They raised about £250 for Hall Mead School in Kenya.

Jazz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jazz Night. It raised £365 towards the Fundraisers' projects.

Fundraisers

The Fundraisers are currently raising money to continue to provide ParentMail for everyone at Holly Trees, to pay the majority of the costs of the Y6 beach party, to enable us to buy the top quality interactive class-sized computer screens and to buy a music room with heating, ventilation, CCTV and accessibility for individual music lessons, that will benefit all our children by enabling us to use our mentoring area, library and small hall for their original purposes and booster sessions for children of all ages. Come along to the Summer Fair on Saturday to have fun and raise money that will help all of our children to make the most of their learning.

Open afternoon

Following a misunderstanding by the Brentwood Gazette, I would like to reiterate that our Open Afternoon on 14th July from 3:00 to 6:00 pm is for current children's families only and is not open to prospective parents. Parents may arrive any time after 3:00 pm to see their children's work, thank staff for the year, ask staff any questions relating to children's reports, which your child will bring home on Monday, and meet next year's teachers. In addition, there will be the following information stands in the hall from 3:00 to 5:00 – Brentwood Extended Services, Young Carers and Crossroads, School Nurse, Governors and Chairman of Governing Body.

Ofsted inspector

The good news is that, after intensive training and selection processes, I have qualified to continue working as an Ofsted inspector from September 2015. This will mean that Holly Trees gets the latest information about inspections and requirements as soon as they are available. It also enables me to visit other schools to see other examples of good practice, although I must say that, so far, I have returned from inspections glowing with pride at what Holly Trees has to offer.

The bad news is that I have four final days of induction to complete before the new term gets going. Two of these days are during the summer holiday, but the other two are statutory and the dates are non-negotiable. The first day I have to attend is on Wednesday, 22nd July and the last is on Monday, 7th September. I did contact Ofsted to say that these days were not convenient as I neither wanted to miss the last day of the school year, especially for Year 6 (who were in Reception when I joined Holly Trees) nor the first day that all the children return to school for a new academic year. Unfortunately, there was no leeway with these dates and so I shall be saying my farewells to Year 6 on Tuesday, 21st July.

Parentmail migration to PMX

We will be migrating to Parentmail PMX from 10th July. Please make sure you register and would also ask you to download the Parentmail PMX app.

Parental communication

We are looking at how to make communication between parents and school more effective and detailed guidance will be available next week. However, in the meantime, please do check out my 'Mrs Masters' Facebook page which is at www.facebook.com/MrsPMasters. We have also set up a Twitter account on @HollyTreesSch.

KS2 Transition Meeting

On Monday 6th July at 2:45pm, there will be a transition meeting for parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 in the school hall. This is an opportunity for parents to find out about the differences between upper KS1 and lower KS2.

Year 6 photo request

Please could you let us have any photos of the children throughout their time at Holly Trees. If they are happy to share them, we would like to put them on a montage through a laptop at the Year 6 party. These photos will not be shared in any other capacity and will be deleted after the party. If you and your child are happy with us, please give the photos to Carolyn Williams, Angela Waddington, Vicky Green or Sarah Humphries so that we can get a file together. Many thanks.

Menu

Week 2 of the menu - please see the website for the new summer menus.

Letters home

- 26th June – Y6 – Shakespeare Rocks
- 30th June – Rounders Tournament
- 1st – Y1 & Y2 – Universal Free School Meals data collection
- 1st – Letter from Maike Baumgart
- 2nd – Dance Club performing at Summer Fete

Forthcoming dates

- 4th July – Summer fete
- 6th July – 2:45 pm Y2 to Y3 transition meeting for parents
- 6th July – Y6 play – 7:00 pm evening performance
- 7th July – Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops
- 7th July – Y6 play – 7:00 pm evening performance **only**
- 9th July – writing session with author Elen Cadecott
- 9th July – EYFS to Y1 transition meeting for parents (2:45 pm)
- 14th July – Open evening (3:00 to 6:00 pm)
- 16th July – Y6 leavers theatre trip
- 17th July – Y6 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 Georgia Carlton-Borrie, Douglas Muncey, David Shotunde, Aman Manoj, SDavid Inacio, Jessica Latham, Louie Field, Phoebe Fisher and Lenny Foster.

Silver Certificates went to Elisa Huen, Ameya Kotian, Mckenzie Freight, Charlie Wright, Freya Carr, Harry Stock, Jake McGovern, Dev Vemula, Sam Donovan and Tomas Mason.

Well done to the children who participated in District Sports this week.