

Weekly Newsletter



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Open Afternoon – We would like to invite all parents and carers to our open afternoon on Thursday 13th July from 3pm to 6pm. Please do come and join us to share in the children's wonderful work this year.

Welcome Miss Hall – We are delighted that Miss Hannah Hall will be joining our team next year whilst Kate Hooper is on maternity leave. Many of our younger children will already know Hannah as she has taught them over the last couple of years during staff absence. Unfortunately she already has a previous commitment on our Open Afternoon date, 13th July, and so will not be available for parents to meet her then. To enable parents to meet her before September I am able to tell you that she will be teaching the children who are currently in Acorn Class as they progress to Beech Class next year and will be available to meet parents after school, in Beech Class, on Monday 10th July. I am sure she would like to meet as many of you as possible.

A Celebration of Music – Our children performed brilliantly at Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday in the first Brentwood Schools' joint musical venture which was the brainchild of our music co-ordinator, Claire Hargreaves. It was a delight to see all the children working together to enjoy their music.

School Uniform – Our school uniform dictates that children should wear **school shoes** or, in the summer, sandals. School shoes should be black and practical for the school day. We have a number of children who have started to wear trainers to school which is not allowed. If your child is waiting for you to buy new school shoes then they should wear black plimsolls in the meantime. Whatever your child wears as footwear to school, a change of footwear must be provided for PE.

Children who bring non-school uniform for PE will be given school PE kit to borrow for their lessons as it is not acceptable for them to wear football kits or other branded sportswear for lessons.

Sports Day – 7th July – our Sports Day is next Friday (see times below) so we are all hoping for good weather as we do not have a reserve date available! We ask all children, on this occasion, to wear a T-Shirt in their Owl Team colour. Many of you have already purchased school PE shirts in the right team colour but if you have not done so, any plain T-Shirt of the right colour can be worn. The Fundraisers will be selling hot drinks for adults during the events. Please remember to send your children to school with suitable sun protection and a water bottle. KS2 children may wear their PE kit to school next Friday and bring their school uniform to change into after lunch.

Last Day of Term – Please note that we will be finishing early at 2pm on the last day of term. The back gate will be open from 1.55pm but will be locked at 2.15pm for security reasons. Any children who cannot be collected at 2pm will be supervised until the end of the normal school day (3.15pm).

Summer Camp – Unfortunately there has been very little interest in the Summer Camp that Foundation Sports were offering for the summer holiday and so they have decided to cancel the event. Any parents who had already paid will receive a refund.

Staff Vacancy – We are looking to appoint a Midday Assistant to start in September or sooner. The role is for 1 hour and 40 minutes per day and the pay rate is £8.14 per hour. If you would like further information or an application form, please ask at the office.

Dates for the Fundraisers Diary – Friday, 7 July 2017: the Fundraisers will be serving hot drinks at Sports Day so no need to stop off in the High Street - your Holly Trees barrista will be there to serve you (instant coffee) instead! **Saturday 8th July:** will see our Summer Fayre from mid-day with activities and fun for all the family. Thank you to everyone for their donations on Tuesday for our non-uniform day.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club is now full. If you find yourself with an ‘emergency situation’ please make sure you contact Mrs Taylor and do not just drop your child off at school.

Swapping Cards – We have Card Club on a Tuesday in Spruce Class which many children enjoy. Cards for swapping should not be brought to school any other day and must not be swapped other than at the club.

Cross Curricular Learning – I had the pleasure of seeing some amazing work produced by Lee Evans, Kyan Sansom, Casey Melpous and Caitlin O’Sullivan. They had produced a book which encompassed literacy, technology and science. All of year 4 have produced similar books and these will be on show during Open Afternoon.

NEW MENU – Week 2 of the New Summer Menu. Please follow this link:
<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Attendance – 97% target – Beech Class, Birch Class, Elder Class, Hornbeam Class, Larch Class, Laurel Class, Maple Class, Spruce Class & Sycamore Class

Letters home/Parentmail

26th June – Basketball Year 3/4 Parents

Forthcoming dates

- 3rd July – Colchester Castle, Year 3
- 4th July – Year 6 Play, 1:45pm, no toddlers allowed but creche available
- 4th July – Year 6 play, 7 pm (no toddlers)
- 5th July – Holly Trees X Factor Talent Show
- 6th July - Skipathon
- 7th July – Sports Day (KS2 9.20am, KS1 & Early Years 1.30pm)
- 8th July – Summer Fair 12pm – 2pm
- 11th July – Laurel Class visit to the Buddhist Centre
- 12th July – Larch Class visit to the Buddhist Centre
- 13th July – Open Afternoon
- 17th July – Year 6 to Oliver in the Park, pm
- 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Beach Party 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.45 pm
- 21st July – Last Day of Term, children can be collected from 2pm

Congratulations to

Bronze Certificates went to Lilly Stratford, Daniyal Ahmed, Logan Bonfield-Brown, Cayden Kent and Luchia Baker.

Silver Certificates went to Seren Gale, Tyler Roberts, Euan Edwards Amy Maher, Afzal Hussain and Mila Savva.

Well done to our Year 3/4 Basketball Team which has reached the semi-finals to be held on 10th July. As a school we did not perform as well as we would have liked at District Sports but individuals did extremely well, reaching finals and being placed in them. We will share final results once we have them.