

Weekly Newsletter



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Fundraisers need a Chairman - On Tuesday there is a Holly Trees Fundraisers meeting at 7:30pm at school - bring your own drinks, nibbles, dinner, etc.

BUT - no one on the committee is prepared to be Chairman this year and that would mean that that Fundraisers cannot exist as a charity. That means no co-ordination of events. That means no more resources for our children that the school cannot afford. As well as the music room, the Fundraisers have raised the money for new Interactive Flat Screens in 5 classrooms, apps to support learning, new dictionaries, reading books, Parentmail, football pitch, beekeeping equipment, cameras, and so on and so on.

The Chairman role does not involve being at all the events. It does not involve running all the events. It is about working with the school and running the meetings to make sure events take place and the money is spent in the right way.

PLEASE think about whether you could have the time to take on this role. It could be the most generous thing you've ever done because hundreds of children will benefit - including yours!

Supporting learning at home – At school we have recently bought some iPad apps to help children with their learning and it has been suggested that some parents may wish to purchase these for use at home. A couple that you may be interested in are 'Scribble Press', 'The Alan Peat Pocket Punctuation' app and 'I See Addition and Subtraction'. In addition, parents may find the book Oxford Primary Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Dictionary a useful resource in supporting children at home. I will make new recommendations each week.

Year 6 trip – Our Year 6 children had a fabulous time at Aylmerton last weekend demonstrating excellent teamwork and attitudes to learning in an attractive setting, whilst pretending they were evacuees in World War II. Many thanks to all of the staff who gave up their weekend so that the children could have so much fun.

Holly Hobbies – Next week in Holly Hobbies we are trying paper crafts with a view to making trinket boxes. If you would like to join us, please come along on Tuesday, 4th October at 1:45 to 3:15 pm in the small hall.

Universal Free School Meals Census Day – On Thursday, 6th October we will be having a themed menu 'All the Fun of the Fair'. We will be offering hot dogs (veggie available), BBQ beans, corn on the cob and skinny French fries followed by popcorn pots or chocolate ice cream. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive this meal for free. Other year groups at the usual price of £2.20. We would ask that you order a dinner for your child on that day as our funding is helped by this. Thank you.

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

Menu – Week Three of the new autumn menu. Please check out our exciting new menu on the school website. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Letters home

3rd Oct – Y5 – next year's visit to Norfolk

Forthcoming dates

4th Oct – Fundraisers AGM

6th Oct – Fun of the Fair menu

12th Oct – Y3 visit to Chelmsford Museum

12th Oct – Y6 parent information meeting (2:30pm and 7:00pm)

13th Oct – School closed to pupils – parent/teacher consultations
14th Oct – flu immunisation
15th Oct – BCCHS Masterclass in morning
17th Oct – individual school photos
18th Oct – 3:15pm Fundraisers' second hand uniform sale
21st Oct – last day of half term
31st Oct – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Isaac Bendelow, Tommy Taylor, Tyler Woehrle, Mila Savva, Phoebe Fisher, Nathan Bone, Albert Crowther-Barnes, Amy Clayden, Amber Brazier, Connor Bashford, Harry Stock and Joshua Jones.

Gold Certificates – Sarah Phillips, Alfie Frost, Ashton Harman-Day, Joshua Mussett, Isabelle Brooke, George Whitehill, Millicent Gevaux and Kitty Forrest-Hopkins.

Headteacher's Award went to Matilda Gamble