

Weekly Newsletter



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Congratulations Holly Trees – I am pleased to tell you that we have been recognised by Nick Gibb MP for our achievement in phonics last year. With 95% of Year 1 achieving the required standard, we are well above the National average. Well done to the children and all the adults who have worked with them on this achievement.

French visitors – Year 4 children welcomed some French children on Monday who joined them for some speaking and listening activities using English and French. Our children were able to use some basic French to ask questions and understand the answers.

PE Kits – Although we do have spare PE kits for children who occasionally forget their own, it should not be the case that the same children come to school without their own kit every week. Please ensure your children bring PE kits to school every week.

Traffic wardens – I was delighted to see how responsibly everyone parked on Thursday morning when bringing their children to school. By coincidence, I am sure, this was the morning when traffic wardens were patrolling outside the school. Unfortunately, this morning, when no traffic wardens were present, some parents reverted to parking illegally and dangerously. Not only is this unsafe, but it gives the children the message that it is alright to break rules as long as you are not caught. I am sure this is not the intention of parents parking irresponsibly, but perhaps something that should be considered. Please leave time to walk to school or to park further away where it is permissible.

Fundraisers – We look forward to seeing you all at the Fireworks display tonight. The next Fundraisers meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th November at 9:15 am in the small hall. Apologies for the Bags2School being postponed from 8th November to 24th November. We hope that you will be able to hang on to your items for another few weeks.

Operation Christmas Child – The shoeboxes need to be in school by **Monday, 14th November.**

School Journalists – On the day of the head girl and head boy speeches, Mrs Masters told us that, if anyone wanted to be a journalist, he/she could write an article on the speeches everyone had made, to apply. Lots of people went for journalist and I'm sure Mrs Masters got a lot of entries on Thursday. On Friday, all the contestants found out whether they were journalists or not.

Nobody really knew when they were going to find out if they were a journalist, so nobody knew when two names were going to be announced. Mrs Masters came near to the end of assembly and told Holly Mooney (me) and Hannah Long to stand up. Mrs Masters then told us that we were the new journalists. Hannah's article was put in last week's newsletter.

When my name was called I felt very happy and excited that my article would be used in the school newsletter. I was also very happy when I heard Hannah was the other journalist. I'm very glad that I got this opportunity and I'm sure it's going to be a great experience. *By Holly Mooney*

Parent communication – Please inform both the teachers and the office if you need to collect your child early. Also, when phoning in an absence, please could you let us know what your child is suffering from, not just 'ill' or 'unwell'. Many thanks.

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

Menu – Week 1 of the autumn menu. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Letters home

None

Forthcoming dates

10th Nov – St Peters tag rugby (home)
17th Nov – Football match v St Helens (home)
21st Nov – Y6 parent session (afternoon or evening)
23rd Nov – Football match v St Mary's
24th Nov – Bags 2 School collection
30th Nov – Football match v Brentwood Prep (away)
1st Dec – School of Rock Westminster Cathedral Carol Concert
8th Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Grotto
9th Dec – Ys 3 & 4 visit to 'Through the Looking Glass'
12th Dec – Y1 Christmas play dress rehearsal
13th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance
14th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance
19th Dec – Secret gift shop
20th Dec – Christmas lunch and carol singing (6:00 pm)
21st Dec – Christmas parties pm
21st Dec – last day of term
9th Jan – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Sasha Higgs, Bharath Manakkaparambil, Sienna Hayden-Brafman, Harley Croft, Edward Whitfield, Tristan Garvey, Nathan Chege, Lee Butler, Maisey Todd, Milo Waters and Charlie Wright.

Headteachers Award went to Elexis Bartlett-Avant.

The Anderson Award went to Cherys Bartlett-Avant.