

Weekly Newsletter



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World Book Day – We had a great day yesterday with children celebrating World Book Day in costumes and bringing in books. Many thanks to Karen Chilvers for visiting Year 6 to talk about being an authoress.

School Journalists - This year is a special year for two authors: Roald Dahl and Beatrix Potter. Beatrix Potter would be 150 years old and Roald Dahl would be 100 years old. This is why, for this year's World Book Day, the theme was Roald Dahl and Beatrix Potter characters. The school had a variety of different characters, although Fantastic Mr Fox seemed a favourite. As always the teachers joined in. Also Year 6 had a preview of a new book called Tzu (pronounced shoe Kingdom which is based on real dogs- but I can't give away the plot! *By Edmund Bass*

INSET day – 23rd June – Because our school will be used as a Polling Station on the day of the EU Referendum, there will be no school that day.

Fairtrade Big Breakfast – What a wonderful breakfast we had to celebrate the work of Fairtrade. On Tuesday we had a visit from Patrick, a Fairtrade tea grower from Kenya as well as members of our community, local and national representatives of the Fairtrade Federation, our Mayor, Councillor Mark Read, Bennetts, Phoenix FM and our fabulous School Council. I would like to thank Sainsburys for providing the breakfast as well as Sue Kingston, Steph Hakes and Laurie Edmonds for co-ordinating the event.

Staff update – Unfortunately I have to have an operation on my elbow next week and so will not be at school for a few days. In my absence, parents should contact Mr Hocking, Deputy Head. Anything that urgently needs my personal attention will be communicated to me by the office at the earliest opportunity. As a result of my absence, next week's Newsletter will be somewhat briefer than usual.

Arithmetic Club – There will be no Arithmetic Club on Wednesday morning next week, but those who attended the club this week are invited to a maths session on Wednesday lunchtime next week in Larch Class.

School site access after school – If you realise that your child has left something at school, please ensure you notify a member of school staff before returning to the classroom to collect the belongings so that, in an emergency, someone else knows that you are on site.

Easter Break Multi-Sports

There are still places available for the Multi Sports Camp. Sports will include football, rounders, tag-rugby, netball, kwik-cricket, athletics, basketball, hockey, volleyball, dodgeball and ultimate frisbee. Please collect a booking form from the office and pay through Sims Agora if you would like your child to attend.

St Patrick's Day Disco, 17 March – Tickets are now available [online](#) until Monday, 14 March for the St Patrick's Day School Disco. The £3.50 ticket price includes a drink and a small snack. EYFS and KS1 children will be collected by volunteers from their classrooms for their disco starting at 3.15 pm and will finish at 4.10 pm. KS2's disco will be held from 4.20-5.15 pm. NEW for 2016 is a tuck shop for the KS2 disco! KS2 children can bring extra pocket money if they would like to buy extra goodies which will all be priced at 50p.

If you are able to offer 90 minutes to help serving drinks or selling at the tuck shop we would be very grateful. Please contact hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk

Jazz Night - There are a limited number of tickets remaining for the Jazz Night this Saturday, which is looking to be a sold out performance. All orders need to be in by Saturday morning so that we can confirm

our food order with The Fish House. For more information, visit www.hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/jazz or email hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk

Matched Giving & Council Donations -

Thank you to parents, Sarah Adams, and her employer, Lloyds Bank and Dee Russell, and her employer, Harrison Jorge Ltd., who have both donated £500 to the Fundraisers through the bank's matched giving programme. A big thanks also goes to Councillor Karen Chilvers and Councillor John Newberry for a £500 donation from their Brentwood West ward budgets. We are now getting very close to the total amount that needs to be raised for the Music Practice Room!

French sponsored learning event

Holly Trees family and friends have raised over £1,300 in sponsorship for the French language sponsored learning event. The Fundraisers are hugely grateful for all of the donations, most of which can be Gift Aided as well, providing an extra 25% on top of the fundraising total!

Big Top Circus organising committee

The Fundraisers are starting to plan for the Big Top Circus that is coming to the school on Saturday, 14 May. If you would like to be part of the organizing committee, please email hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk. We're looking for people who can donate their project management, graphic design, marketing, face painting and catering skills to the committee.

Next Fundraisers meeting

The next meet up will take place on Tuesday, 8 March at 9am at the school.

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

Menu - Week 1 of the winter menu.

Letters home

2nd Mar – Y6 residential visit to Norfolk
3rd Mar – Y3 & Y4 cross country
3rd Mar – Y5 & Y6 cross country
3rd Mar – Regional Finals tag rugby
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4th Mar – Y4 Pied Piper tickets

Forthcoming dates

5th Mar – Fundraisers Jazz Night
11th Mar – Able Maths Day
15th Mar – Years 3 & 4 cross country am and Years 5 & 6 pm
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 – Regional rugby final
17th Mar – Fundraisers disco
24th Mar – last day of Spring term
11th Apr – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Isaac Bendelow, Urte Valkeryte, Ryan Adams, Harley Croft, Ashley Before, Ella Maria Gadsdon, Yuan Uy, Hasnath Abdulkayam and Jerome Wildman

Silver Certificates went to Mark Botwright, Sharnee Freeman, Cassie-Leigh River and Sam Palmer

Gold Certificates went to Joshua Chege and Edmund Bass

Pen Licence went to Jamie Clough