

# Weekly Newsletter



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**Staff News** – Congratulations to Kate Hooper on the announcement on her forthcoming first child, due in September. We wish her well as the warmer weather approaches. Congratulations also to Cennet Durmaz on her marriage; she will now be known as Mrs Eren.

**Letters Home** – We are aware that parents sometimes miss communications from the school. Could you please ensure that you check your children's bags regularly for any letters addressed to yourselves, they may contain important information.

**Fundraisers News - School disco on Thursday, 18 May 2017** - Tickets are available for the school disco via [SIMS Agora](#) until Monday, 15 May 2017. Tickets are £4 including a soft drink and a snack of crisps. Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils will be collected directly from their classrooms so no need for parents/carers to collect disco goers at the end of the school day. They will be returned to their classrooms for pick up at 4.10 pm. Key Stage 2 pupils will need to be collected at the end of the school day as usual and return for their disco at 4.30 pm and be collected from the School Hall at 5.30 pm. There will be a tuck shop at the Key Stage 2 disco selling more drinks and snacks at 50p or £1. We need volunteers to help run the discos so if you are able to give ninety minutes please contact [hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk). It can get rather warm but is good fun!

**Helping children stay safe on line** - We are increasingly aware of how frequently children are using social media, which includes the use of FaceTime and other video calling websites. We are also aware of the dangers and how the incorrect use of this media can have a negative impact upon the children including bullying. We therefore are encouraging/recommending that when any children use social media that they do this with an adult present in the room. We are also teaching the children to have an 'honesty' policy whereby they can tell any adult if they have a problem with something that has been said to them online or that they have seen whilst using social media. As a school we can teach the children how to manage 'online' situations. It is very important however, for parents to support their own children and their children's friends when present in their house by monitoring any online usage.

**Some Sad News** - Monica Donegan was a teacher at Holly Trees for a number of years and then became a governor on retirement from the profession. Sadly Monica lost her battle with cancer at the weekend. She always wanted the best for Holly Trees and absolutely fulfilled the role of being a critical friend to us all. We saw her at the end of last term, when Marilyn Reading retired, still laughing and asking after everyone else's well-being. She was a kind and generous person whom we will all sorely miss. RIP Monica.

**Forest School** – There are still opportunities for adults to come and join in at Forest School in Year 5 with Mr Hocking on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons . The sessions are practical and hugely enjoyable – just ask the children! If you are interested in volunteering and helping the children to develop their outdoor skills please speak to Mr Hocking.

**NEW MENU – Week 1 of the New Summer Menu.** Please follow this link:  
<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

**Attendance – 97% target** – Congratulations to Beech, Elder, Elm, Hornbeam, Maple, Mulberry, Spruce & Sycamore

### **Letters home**

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 1 to Wat Tyler Park on 21.6.17

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 5 Greek Day, 15.6.17 & Wild Forest Gym 19.6.17

### **Forthcoming dates**

8<sup>th</sup> May – start of SATS week

18<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Disco

19<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 visit to Globe Theatre

19<sup>th</sup> May – Able Writers Day, Year 3

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Essex Fire Service, Cyberbullying Year 6

24<sup>th</sup> May – Bags for School collection

25<sup>th</sup> May – Brentwood School Community Workers Trust, It's Your Move – Year 6

### **Congratulations to**

**Bronze Certificates** went to Freya Michael, Lily Dench, Georgios Tsatsa, Billy Williams, Isabella Bauers, Hannah Campbell & Wiktor Mielczarski

**Silver Certificates** went to Jessica Hart, Scarlet Howe, Jerome Wildman, Faaza Mohideen Thambi, Lee Coppin, Kara Edwards, Liam Czop, Aisha-Jasmin Birem & Finley Le Hellidu

**Golden Owl Badges** went to Jessica Hart, Mae Crowther-Barnes, Ashton Harman-Day & Sam Anderson

**Congratulations also to** Evie Green for achieving her Bronze Stage 1 Rookie Lifeguard Certificate awarded by the Royal Life Saving Society Uk