

Weekly Newsletter



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Fundraisers – Many thanks to everybody who attended our Fundraisers' AGM on Tuesday evening. The newly elected committee comprises – Vicky Green (Chair), Claire Moorey (Vice Chair), Angela Long (secretary) and Christine Richardson (Treasurer).

Our Fireworks Night is on 4th November. Tickets are now on sale. Please follow news from our Fundraisers on Facebook and Twitter.

Supporting learning at home – EYFS parents – We would like to invite EYFS parents (Acorn and Apple classes) to see how we teach phonics in school so that the same strategies can be supported at home. The demonstration sessions will take place on Wednesday, 19th October. After dropping your children off, make your way to the small hall where the Fundraisers will be available to make coffee until the children are ready and have offered that they will run a crèche so that pre-school siblings do not disturb the teaching you have come to see. The demonstration will be in Year 1, as these children will be able to show parents how their phonics have progressed now that they are using a full phonics session, which Reception children build up to during the year.

Parent Teacher consultations on 13.10.16 – Please remember to book your appointment through Parentmail. We will be giving out Data Collection forms during these sessions. Please make any amendments necessary and return to the school office.

School photos – The photographer will be in school on Monday, 17th October to take individual photos of your children. If there are siblings in the school, they will also have their photos taken together. If you have pre-school children and would like a family photo taken, please take your children to the library from 8:30 am until the start of school.

Breakfast Club communication – I would like to remind parents whose children attend Breakfast Club that any communications for class teachers, the office, the kitchen or myself should be in writing and not given verbally. This will ensure the messages get to the right people in the way you wish them to. Could we also ask that Breakfast Club parents check their children's book bags for invoices and notifications from Breakfast Club.

Boys' swimming trunks – If you have any boys' swimming trunks that your sons no longer need, please could you donate them as spare kit for our Year 4 boys. These should be passed to the Year 4 staff.

School Certificates – I have been asked to remind parents of the rationale for giving School Certificates. Certificates are given for something social or academic, that has particularly come to the teacher's attention. These Certificates are usually bronze but can be silver or gold in exceptional circumstances. Remember to keep their certificates safe as they are worth 1 point for bronze, 3 for silver and 5 for gold – once 50 points have been earned then a golden owl badge will be presented.

KS2 mid-day break – Please remember that only fresh fruit should be brought in for a snack.

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

Letters home

4th Oct – Parent Consultations (Parentmail)

- 4th Oct – Y6 parent information sessions
6th Oct – Y5 visit to Wat Tyler Country Park

Forthcoming dates

- 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 – BCHS 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 Cherys Bartlett-Avant, Isobelle Gray, Lacey Kershaw, Ruby Burfield, Poppy Logan, Callum Donovan, Tilly Felton and Beatrice Connor.

Silver Certificates went to Ellie Smith and Sai Alleesaib.

Pen Licences went to Lola Russell, Jessica Edwards, Archie Silverstone, Lily Sunnucks, Muthu Ramanathan, Holly Mooney, Alfie Frost and Gracie Field.