

HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th December 2017



Forthcoming dates

8.12.17 – INSET DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED

12.12.17 – Year 1 Christmas Play, 2pm, adults

only, creche & tickets available via SIMS Agora

13.12.17 – Years 3&4 Brentwood Theatre/Narnia, am

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14.12.17 – EYFS parents Carol Singing 2.30pm

14.12.17 - Year 6 height /weight measurements

15.12.17 - Year 2 History off the Page

15.12.17 – School of Rock Choir singing at The Meads, am

18.12.17 – Santa's Secret Shop, all day

18.12.17 – Evening Carol Singing at 6pm

19.12.17 - Christmas School Dinner

19.12.17 – Christmas Jumper Day!

20.12.17 – Last Day of Term

3.1.18 – RETURN TO SCHOOL - SPRING TERM

29.1.18 – EYFS work sharing

12.2.18 – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Letters Home

5.12.17 – Able Maths Day 10.1.18, Year 3

5.12.17 – Able Writers Day 20.2.18, Year 6

6.12.17 – Year 3/4 Prime Team Basketball League Monday 11th December

Well done to

Bronze Awards went to Harley Lyons, Vinnie Slattery, Dylan Harvey, Dexter Jackson, Jayeola Adenuga, Joshua King & Parker Maher.

Silver Award went to Lily Dench

Pen Licence Awards went to Elexis Bartlett-Avant, Isla Montgomery, Samuel Keen & Casey Melpous

Sporting news

Rugby Tournament – We sent two teams to the rugby tournament this Tuesday where both teams put on a strong performance. Despite some queries around the rules, the Year 6 team got through to the semi-finals but unfortunately did not progress any further. We have been informed by the organisers that several items of lost property are being held at Shenfield High School for collection. Please visit student reception between 8.30am and 3.30pm if you believe your child lost anything at the event.

Football League – Our footballers played a match against Shenfield St Mary's on Wednesday afternoon. Sadly it wasn't our day and Shenfield managed a convincing win. We'll come back stronger next time!

Attendance

97% target – Congratulations to – Birch, Elm, Holly, Maple, Spruce & Sycamore

NEW WINTER MENU!

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
MEAT FREE MONDAY** Tomato and Basil Pasta bake Garlic Bread Salad bar selection <u>Fresh Fruit Platter</u>	Local Butcher's Sausage or Linda McCartney Vegetarian sausage Creamy Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Sweetcorn <u>Homemade Apple and Pear Crumble with custard</u>	Local Butcher's Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots Broccoli Florets <u>Winterberry Jelly and Cream</u>	Chicken Tikka Masala Wholegrain and White Rice or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Naan Bread/Salad Bar <u>Homemade Chocolate and Orange Sponge with chocolate sauce</u>	New** Fishwich – Fish Fillet in a crispy crumb with lettuce and mayo in a bun/Omelette Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn Salad Bar <u>Homemade Fairy Cakes</u>

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School Governor Election - Please see my Chairman's Statement on the School's website about an opportunity, in the coming Spring Term, to stand nomination for election as a School Governor. The 2016/17 Governance Statement shows something of what the Governing Body actually does and more information will soon be available via our redesigned version of the School website.

The successful candidate will be your choice but we are hoping, through this and future elections, to become more representative of the background and particular needs of the pupils which we serve. Any Parent or Carer with a child already at the School can stand nomination for election; although we like to encourage such Parent Governors to get "engaged" during their EYFS / KS1 stage.

On behalf of the Governing Body may I wish you all a Happy Christmas; along with continuing success for our School as we go together into the New Year. **Neville A. Brown JP; Chairman of the Governing Body**

Christmas is coming... If you have somehow not noticed I am sure your children will have reminded you Christmas is just around the corner! Thank you to everybody who came and visited Santa's Grotto on Monday. There was a great atmosphere and it was good to receive positive feedback from parents. Special thanks to our excellent Fundraisers for organising the event, Mr Happy for putting on a fantastic magic show and, of course, Santa himself for coming to visit us at such a busy time of year.

Carol Singing – Please do join us for half an hour or so on Monday 18th December at 6pm on the playground for our annual carol singing. There is always a lovely family feel with songs both traditional and modern to get you in the festive spirit.

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day – The children will be sitting down to enjoy their Yule Tide feast on Tuesday 19th December, no pre-booking necessary, payments through SIMS Agora as usual for Years 3 to 6. All are invited to wear their best Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt in addition to their usual school uniform.

Last Day Arrangements – Please note that Wednesday 20th December will be a full school day as usual, with Reception finishing at 3.10pm and the rest of the school at 3.15pm.

Secret Gift Shop - Holly Trees Fundraisers will be selling Christmas presents for the children to buy for a special grown up. Each child can buy a maximum of two gifts and each gift will cost £1.20. Payments must be made through SIMS Agora, **by 12 noon, Friday, 15 December.**

Year 1 Christmas Play – Parents can now book tickets. There is an allocation of 2 tickets per child, per performance. There are two performances on 12th & 13th December. A creche is available on 12th December only at a cost of £4.50. Admission is by ticket only. All tickets can be booked through SIMS Agora. If there are surplus tickets left then there is the ability to book additional tickets for other family members (no children). You will be sent an email on Monday 11th December if you are successful with your request.

Staff News – We bid a fond farewell today to Janet Lamb our cook who moves on to her ideal job in the retail sector. Thanks for all the delicious meals that she has cooked and we wish her well for the future. We are very pleased to say that Ian Speirs will be rejoining us next week as he is, thankfully, well on the way to recovery from his injury.

SIMS Agora – If you have not yet signed up for SIMS Agora please contact the school office for a code to activate your account.

Lost Property – Any items of clothing still left in the lost property box located outside the school office will be disposed of on Friday 15th December.

Violin – No Violin next week, lessons will begin again in January.