

Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome back – It's been fantastic to see all the children back keen and ready to learn and we do hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday (weather permitting!). As it is the start of a new term could you please ensure that all your contact details are held correctly in the office. This information is of vital importance and must be up to date at all times. Thank you.

P.E. Award – We are very pleased to inform you that the school has been awarded the prestigious quality silver kite mark for excellent P.E. provision. We are very pleased that an increasing number of children are taking advantage of the many opportunities offered for physical activity at Holly Trees School.

Staff News – Kate Hooper begins her maternity leave today and we eagerly await news of her new arrival, due next week! Not only has Mrs Hooper lead Early Years to ever greater success she has also championed P.E. superbly and was instrumental in helping us to achieve our award. We have also announced this week that Mrs Dawson will also be having a baby in the New Year. Congratulations to the expectant couple. On a less positive note our chef, Ian Spiers, has broken his foot during the summer break and requires an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery but in the meantime would like to thank the rest of the kitchen staff for doing such a good job for keeping the quality of meals as high as ever. However, there may be occasions when we may need to vary the menu and we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity if we have to make any alterations.

Home Learning – The school has adopted a different approach to homework as of this academic year, based on extensive research into the benefits, or otherwise, of sending work home for children to complete. The research has shown that formal homework in primary schools has very little positive impact on learners and in fact can create tension at home that has a detrimental effect. Therefore, in a change of school policy we are encouraging parents and children to participate in a range of family learning opportunities linked to the curriculum. Further details of our suggested activities will be made available to parents in the near future to encourage learning and quality family time together. The full policy is available on-line or as a paper copy from the office.

Parking – Having dealt with a number of altercations around parking last year the school would like to request again that people park legally and respectfully. Please note that blue badge holders are permitted to stop on double yellow lines but must still give consideration to other road users and pedestrians.

Meal Prices – Please note that, as previously advised, school meals are now priced at £2.30.

Year 6 Meeting – Parents have been invited to meet with teachers on Monday after school for any final questions or queries about our imminent trip to Norfolk. Please meet in the Year 6 classrooms at 3.30pm.

Swimming – Year 4 swimming commences next Tuesday, 12th September, a letter has been sent home.

Summer Reading Challenge – Any children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge (Animal Agents) should bring their certificate to school on Monday to show Mrs Collins (Mrs Collins works in our school library) as we will then present the children with a gold school certificate.

NEW MENU – Week 2 of the New Autumn Menu. Please follow this link:
<http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

Letters home/Parentmail

5.9.17 – Year 6 Maths Club

5.9.17 – Year 6 permission to walk home

5.9.17 – Author Visit on 27th September

6.9.17 – Year 3, 4 & 5 Forest school letters

6.9.17 – Year 4 Autumn Term Swimming

7.9.17 – Year 6 Handwriting Club

7.9.17 – Running Club, Girls Multi-Sports Club, Gymnastics Club & Football Trials

Forthcoming dates

22.9.17 – Year 6 Residential Trip

27.9.17 – Author Visit for Year 4,5 & 6

28.9.17 – ‘Portals to the Past’ Year 4 workshop

2.10.17 – Year 6 parent information session

11.10.17 – Individual photographs

12.10.17 – 4.30-7pm Parent/Teacher consultations

16.10.17 – 3.30-6pm Parent/Teacher consultations

Congratulations To

Bronze Certificates went to Charlie Rose, Jessica Bone, Nathan Bone, Doug Muncey, Robbie Muncey, Caspar Jeffries, Harrison Coates, Poppy Logan, Lee Coppin, Zane Clark, Mae Crowther-Barnes, Naomi Earle, Jake Dowling, Morrighan Charles, Delphina Poole, William D’Silva & Layla Smith.