

HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th February 2018



Forthcoming dates

12.2.18 – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

- 19.2.18 – Year 5 work sharing
- 20.2.18 – Able Writers Day, selected Year 6 children
- 24.2.18 – Barn Dance 6.30pm
- 26.2.18 – Year 4 work sharing
- 26.2.18 – Year 4 Basketball 5pm
- 27.2.18 – Yrs 3 & 4 Orienteering 2-4pm
- 28.2.18 – Yr 6 Basketball 5pm
- 5.3.18 - Year 3 work sharing
- 9.3.18 – Cross Country Trials
- 12.3.18 – Year 2 work sharing
- 13.3.18 – Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country Events
- 19.3.18 – Year 1 work sharing
- 19.3.18 – Year 5 Road Safety Walk
- 19.3.18 – KS1 Owl Assembly
- 19.3.18 – Able Maths Day, Yr 6 selected children
- 20.3.18 – Year 4 Play Performance
- 21.3.18 – Year 4 Play Performance
- 21.3.18 – Year 4 Play (more information to follow)
- 23.3.18 – Year 2 Boydel's Dairy Farm
- 23.3.18 – Year 1 Science Experience Day
- 23.3.18 – Year 6 Easter Cracked – Church visit
- 24.3.18 – Jazz Night 8-11pm
- 30.3.18- END OF SPRING TERM, EASTER HOLIDAY
- 17.4.18 – SUMMER TERM BEGINS (inset day 16.4.18)
- 18.4.18 – Year 2 – Zoo 4 You
- 18.4.18 – Year 5 Greek Day

Letters Home

- 5.2.18 – Foundation Sports Easter Break Multi-Sports Camp
- 5.2.18 – Forest School for Apple Class
- 5.2.18 – Forest School for Acorn Class
- 7.2.18 – SIMS Agora Delayed Payments
- 8.2.18 – Forest School, Year 5
- 8.2.18 – Forest School, Year 4
- 8.2.18 – Forest School, Year 3
- 9.2.18 – Cross Country Team Practice

Well done to

Bronze Awards went to Noah Williams, Auberon Charles, Benjamin Tomlinson-Marks, Carson Pinto, Macie Armstrong, Sofia Bourote, Freya Sharma, George Berner, Gnanadeep Somalraju, Mariana Cozeriuc-Domingues, Dylan Barrett, Aditi Kotian, Evan Ross, Nathan Bone, Frankie Judd and Rupert Thomas.

Silver Awards went to Danny Mudd

Headteacher's Award went to Jay Evans

Sporting news

Cricket Training – There will be a meeting for interested parties, including parents and carers, in Years 5 & 6 straight after school on Monday 19th February in the main hall. If there is sufficient interest we will be putting together a team to play in the local tournament later in the Spring.

Cross Country – Well done to those selected to be in our Cross Country squad. Training starts on 21.2.18 after school.

Attendance

97% Target – Congratulations to – Elder, Elm, Larch, Maple & Mulberry Classes

THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY

MEAT FREE MONDAY**
Tomato and Basil Pasta
bake or Three Cheese
Pasta Bake
Garlic Bread
Salad bar selection

Fresh Fruit Platter

TUESDAY

Local Butcher's
Sausage or Linda
McCartney Vegetarian
sausage, Creamy
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Beans
Sweetcorn

Homemade Apple and
Pear Crumble with
custard

WEDNESDAY

Local Butcher's Roast Turkey
or Quorn Fillet, Yorkshire
Pudding and Gravy Roast
Potatoes, Fresh Carrots,
Broccoli Florets

Winterberry Jelly and
Cream

THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala
Wholegrain and White
Rice or Sweet Potato and
Lentil Curry
Naan Bread/Salad Bar

Homemade Chocolate
and Orange Sponge
with chocolate sauce

FRIDAY

New** Fishwich – Fish
Fillet in a crispy crumb
with lettuce and mayo
in a bun/Omelette
Chips, Baked Beans
Sweetcorn Salad Bar

Homemade Fairy
Cakes

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Do You Want to Work With Children? – If you would like the opportunity to work with Primary aged children, in a job that only requires you to work during term time, and can lead to further employment opportunities you could consider applying to be a Midday Assistant at our school. This role requires someone who likes children, who will help children with learning table manners and help them to have a successful playtime. The job requires you to work from 11.45am to 1.25pm every school day. If you are interested in applying please enquire at the office.

Staff News – This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Hargreaves who leaves us to work in hotel management. Claire has worked at Holly Trees for 20 years and we wish her every success with her new venture. Mrs Hagger, MDA, is also leaving today after many years of looking after children at lunch time. Mrs Cennet Eren starts her maternity leave today. We look forwards to news when her baby is born.

Parent Governor Election Results – Thank you to all of our parents and carers who took the time to vote in our recent Governor Election. Sadly there were a number of votes which could not be included, some clearly being duplications; however, after a very close count of qualifying votes between two candidates, I can announce that Ms Chloe Bartlett has been elected to the post of Parent Governor with effect from 8th March 2018.

Communicating with Teachers – If you need to speak to your child's teacher it is best to do so at the end of the day if possible. At the start of the school day the staff are often occupied with teaching the children as they arrive. If there is anything urgent please let the Senior Staff at the school gate know your concerns and they will pass them on to the classroom staff.

Year 6 Maths and Spelling Clubs – Both clubs will restart after Half Term.

Healthy Snacks – As a Healthy School we must insist that children only bring fruit or vegetables for their breaktime snack. This does not include fruit contained within a snack bar.

Social Media – I would like to remind parents that children should not use social media, including Snapchat, Instagram and Whatsapp, until they are at least 13 years old. We find ourselves regularly dealing with children who have said or read unpleasant things online outside school which is very difficult to resolve as it is the parents' responsibility to ensure their children are acting appropriately at home. Next week Year 6 children will receive specific lessons on staying safe online in addition to the weekly ESafety reminders all children receive.

Reading Parentmail Messages – I am aware that I am preaching to the converted as you are clearly reading this letter. However, a quarter of parents are not reading messages sent by Parentmail. Please encourage your friends to read the messages we send so that they have all the information on offer.

Cake Sale – Thank you to everyone who provided cakes and money to support our Owl Captains' fund raising. They made a great total of £246 which will be split equally between the 4 charities.

Website – Our school website has been refreshed and is available to view at www.hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk

Year 5 Work Sharing – Just a reminder that all parents of Maple and Mulberry Classes are invited to the main hall at 9am on Monday 19th February.

Brentwood Library Children's Book Group – This takes place the last Saturday of the month between 2-3pm for children aged 7-11 years old.

11+ 2019 Entry – Registration for the 11+ exam will be between 5.6.18 & 20.7.18. Tests take place on Saturday 22.9.18.

Family Barn Dance 6.30pm Saturday 24th February – Tickets are available through www.ticketsource.co.uk/hollytrees