



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER



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SPECIAL EASTER HOLIDAY EDITION

House Points for this week

<u>Hydra</u>	94	points
Unicorn	93	points
Dragon	83	points
Phoenix	68	points
Griffin	50	points

Well done **Hydras!**

Dragons and Dinosaurs

I am sure that everyone who came to the Infant Show this year will agree it was a wonderful production. The children were wonderful, and sang, danced and acted like the cast of a West End show! The costumes, set and props were fantastic, and once again I feel like the proudest head teacher in the world! Very few schools would offer such a rich experience for the children

My thanks go to all the staff involved in the music, choreography, direction, props, costumes, set design and organisation, and to Miss Michael in particular who produced and directed this wonderful show.

A Wonderful Easter Eggs-travaganza

We now have our final total for the Easter Eggs-travaganza – £1050! This is fantastic, thank you to everyone who helped for making it such a great success.

All the money raised will be used to support the school, for example our improvements to the playgrounds.

Dinner Money

Dinner Money is currently £2.10 per day. You may pay weekly (£10.50) or you could pay for the whole of next half term in advance (£58.80) but payments must come in to school on a Monday morning, as we are not able to offer any credit.

Any payment should be in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, and should also state what the money is for, as different classes collect money for different things throughout the year. Please make cheques payable to 'Holly Park School'.

Safety at Our Shows

We had an unexpected visitor to our Infant Show last night – an inspector from the London Fire Brigade, who wanted to take a look at how we managed the audiences during our shows and concerts. This was in response to a concern raised directly with the Fire Brigade by a parent after our very successful Fire Inspection earlier this term.

I am extremely pleased to tell you that the inspector was very happy with our health and safety procedures. He had no concerns about the number of adults and children in the hall, and felt that we had very secure systems in place should there be a need to evacuate the hall. He has, however, suggested that we do install some additional emergency lighting. This good news means we will be able to continue to offer concerts and shows to our parents as usual.

A Polite Request from our Office Staff!

Throughout the year, parents make various payments to the school – contributions for trips, dinner money, payments for photos etc. Instead of bringing this money to the office, please could you seal it inside an envelope, with your child's name and class on the front, and your child can hand it to the class teacher during registration. This makes it much easier to manage the various amounts that come in.

Thank you for your support.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's are helping schools to collect vouchers which can be used to buy sports and play equipment for the school. We make good use of this opportunity to improve our provision and resources even further, and would encourage you to collect the vouchers if ever you – or family, friends, or neighbours - shop at Sainsbury's stores, and bring them into school.

Easter Holidays

On behalf of all the staff I'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and relaxed Easter Break.

We look forward to seeing you all at the usual time (8.55am) on Tuesday 16th April.

What To Do If Your Child Is Absent

If your child is away from school, it is vital that you contact the school on the first day of their absence. This applies for ALL children, including those in the nursery. Please ring the school as soon as possible, ideally in the morning before 9.00am and leave a message on the answer machine with your child's name, class and reason for absence. The office staff listen to these messages each morning. If you are not able to ring before 9.00am please call the school as soon as possible. If you have not informed us of an absence then you will be called by a member of staff.

Upcoming Dates

- Good Friday Bank Holiday – **School closed**
Friday 29th March
- Easter Holidays – **School closed:**
Monday 1st – Friday 12th April
- Staff Training Day – **School closed**
Monday 15th April
- First day of the Summer term
*Tuesday 16th April – **school starts at 8.55am***
- May Day Bank Holiday – **School closed**
Monday 6th May
- Infant Choir Concert:
Wednesday 8th May at 6.30pm
- Chamber Choir at the Barnet Music Festival
Monday 17th June at 7.00pm
- Junior Choir Concert:
Monday 15th July at 2.00pm
- Two Choirs Concert:
Wednesday 17th July at 7.00pm

Music News from Mr Hogan

Week beginning Tuesday 16th April

Instrumental Tuition

All Instrumental Tuition lessons will begin during the first week back after the Easter holiday, starting on Tuesday 16th April with 'cello lessons. Hire of a musical instrument can be arranged through the 'Barnet Education Arts Trust'. B.E.A.T's new telephone number is 020 8959 4111.

Bands and Ensembles

Wind Band will meet on Thursday 18th April and the first String Ensemble session of the term will be on Friday 19th April, 8:15-8:45 a.m. Rock Band's first session will be on Friday 10th May.

Choirs

Infant Choir sessions (Thursday 3:30-4:15): the FULL Infant Choir will meet on April 18th and May 2nd. There will be no session on April 25th.

Chamber Choir (Years 5/6 Barnabas): April 16th, 23rd, May 7th, June 11th.

Year 3/4 Barnabas: April 30th and, possibly, another session later in the term.

Forthcoming concerts

- *Infant Choir Concert*: Wednesday 8th May at 6:30 p.m.
- Chamber Choir will perform in this Summer's *Barnet Schools' Music Festival* on the evening of Monday 17th June. This is held at the 'Artsdepot Theatre', North Finchley.
- *Junior Choir Concert*: Monday 15th July at 2 p.m.
- *Two Choirs Concert* (Barnabas and Chamber Choirs): Wednesday 17th July at 7 p.m.

