



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## Parents and Social Media

As it is the start of another school year, I just wanted to bring to your attention some important points about the use of social media groups. Everyone is entitled to explore and engage in social media communities in a personal capacity, at a level at which they feel comfortable. There are many benefits in using social media to communicate and keep in touch. However, we'd like to remind you that misuse or abuse of social and digital media can cause significant upset and injury to the individuals referred to and can also impact negatively on the school. We want to ensure that we're setting a good example to our children in avoiding bullying or harassment and treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

We'd like to remind you:

- To think before you post. As a general rule of thumb, don't write anything about other people that you would not be happy being written about yourself.
- That anything you post that is inaccurate, unfair, or breaking the privacy of a pupil or member of staff will ultimately be your responsibility and may be subject to further action. Please avoid for example threats of violence or damage to property, harassment or anything else that is grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or false.
- That the Internet is permanent. Once information is published online, it is essentially part of a permanent record, even if you "remove/delete" it later or attempt to make it anonymous.

## A reminder about NO Nuts in School

I would just like to remind all families that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with snacks that may contain nuts. Several of our children are extremely allergic not just from the taste of a nut but also from the smell. Nuts can be very dangerous for these children. We appreciate your support.



## Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day

Years 1 to 6 took part in an Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day called "Level Up". The day started with a whole school assembly led by teachers from Enabling Enterprise who introduced the theme. Over the course of the day, the children delved into the world of gaming and worked in teams to design and code a new computer game set in Holly Park! They learnt about different computer game genres, discussed what makes a good computer game, designed the setting, the characters and used coding to make the game work. They then became sales representatives and presented their games to the rest of the class. At the end of a busy day, they looked at the different skills they had used to reflect on how effective their team had been.



## Diary Dates

Monday 25th September Staff run clubs begin  
 Monday 25th September PTA Meeting at 7pm  
 Thursday 28th September Reception phonics workshop 9am  
 Friday 29th September PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am  
 Friday 29th September Y6 PTA Cake Sale at 3.15pm

## Jeans for Genes

Today we supported our National Charity – Jeans for genes. In assembly, the children learnt about the work of jeans for genes. Children came to school today wearing denim and made a £1 donation at the school gate in the morning. Thank you for your contributions.



## Mealtime Supervisors (MTS)

We are looking to recruit some new mealtime supervisors to work in the school across the school lunchtime. If you are interested please contact Mrs Hassan.

## PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning

Next week on Friday 29th September The PTA would like to invite you to come along to a very informal coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. Come along at 9am to the dining hall and have a cup of tea or coffee with a cake or a biscuit and enjoy a chat. All we ask is that you make a donation to MacMillan cancer Care. This is a purely social event. Come and support a great cause – we all know someone who has been affected by cancer. If you are able to bake a cake and bring it along that would be marvellous!



## Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

<b>Winners of Punctuality</b> parrot		<b>Y1 Chestnut</b> <b>Y2 Elm</b> <b>Y4 Mulberry</b> <b>Y4 Sycamore</b> <b>Y5 Juniper</b>
<b>Winners of Attendance</b> Alligator		<b>Y6 Cedar Class</b>

## Music News

**Instrumental Tuition** lessons continue as normal.

**String Ensemble** Friday 29th September: 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the school hall. Any child who has passed Grade 1 and above will be welcome. Also, tutors have contacted parents via the B.E.A.T. Practice Books with advice on whether they should join the String Ensemble. Registration forms will be available for parents to sign on the first session.

**Wind Band** All wind players working towards Grade 1 are invited.

Children do not need to be having lessons at Holly Park to join any of our ensembles.

**Rock Band** (Fridays 12:30-12:55). Mr. Gruner will be holding auditions for vocalists on 29th September.

**Chamber Choir (Years 5 & 6 Barnabas)** will meet on Tuesday (3:30 – 4:30).

**Infant Choir:** Until Christmas this will involve just Year 2 children. This is not an auditioned choir. The sessions take place on Thursdays 3:30-4:15 in the school hall. The session dates are as follows: SEPTEMBER: 28th. OCTOBER: 5th and 12th. NOVEMBER: 2nd, 9th and 16th.

All members of the choirs should bring along a ring-binder or plastic wallet file.

## The Thames Festival - The Scoop, City Hall

A group of our Barnabas Choir singers performed at the Scoop performance area outside City Hall last Sunday, as part of the large 'Kids' Choir' assembled by the organisers of the Thames Festival. It was a wonderful event in an amazing venue, near Tower Bridge. As it was the 300th anniversary of the first performance of Handel's 'Water Music' the children sang a specially commissioned work to celebrate the event. The conductor selected one of our pupils to sing a solo and lead the full choir in one of the choral items.

