**HOLLY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

RECEPTION CLASS SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

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We have just started our summer term and we are now heading towards the end of the academic year. The time has flown by and we still have so much to do!

Your children are continuing to work very hard and are now confidently applying their phonic skills in their reading and writing. We have been encouraging them to write captions and sentences for a range of purposes; writing about their learning on `learning leaves`, making signs and labels for their models, making posters, writing invitations, shopping lists and letters . They are now using finger spaces between words and are beginning to use capital letters at the start of sentences and full stops at the end.

We are also developing your children’s mathematical skills; counting on to add two groups of objects and drawing pictures of number calculations. We are also helping your children to develop their confidence using mathematical language and encouraging them to explain their thinking.

This term we are basing our learning around a `Traditional Tale` theme. We are currently focusing on the story of `The Three Little Pigs`. This exciting story is full of repeated refrains and simple sentences that the children can use their phonic skills to decode and read. The simple structure of this story also helps the children to develop their own story writing ideas.

Our Palm Class Challenges continue to be very popular. Every week we have one or two challenges that the children have to complete independently; they choose when and how to complete the challenge. These challenges are really helping your children to apply and consolidate their skills and are helping them to become independent learners.

Over the next few weeks we will be completing our Foundation Stage Profiles for each child; these are assessments based on our observations and knowledge of your children.

We also plan to take your children to the Barnet Countryside Centre to explore and investigate the natural world. We will have the chance to look for minibeasts, find out about camouflage and look at patterns and features of trees and plants. The centre can only accommodate one class at a time so we plan to take one group on Tuesday 4th of July and the other group on Tuesday 11th July. We will give you more details nearer the time.

*Some reminders*

* If you are not sure which class room your child is in please check the signs on the class room doors.
* School starts at **8.55.** Please bring your child to school on time so they start the day with their friends in a relaxed way.
* Please make sure that you collect your child on time.
* If your child is going to be absent, please let us know before if possible.
* If someone that we do not know is going to be collecting your child, it is very important that you let us know.

Thank you for all your support and we hope you and your children enjoy our exciting last term in Palm Class!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Walton, Mrs Moore, Miss Klanga, Miss Rush