



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Mobile Phones

A reminder that children should NOT bring mobile phones (or other devices that include phone facilities) to school. The only children permitted to bring in phones are Y6 children who walk to and from school alone. These children must hand the mobile phone into the office at the start of the day and the phones will be locked away for security. Children in Y6 travelling with parents do not need to bring a mobile phone. Children in Y5 should not be travelling alone and therefore do not need to bring a phone.

Lone Travelling

Only children in Y6 should be travelling to and from school alone. If you want your Y6 child to travel alone then you must fill in a 'lone traveller form'. The forms are available off the school website or from Mrs Thomas. It is important that these forms are filled in so that we know who has been given parental permission to travel alone.

Participation in External Events and Representing the School

As part of reviewing our school behaviour policy at the end of last term, the school governors and staff made the decision that only children who are well behaved in school can be part of a team of children who represent the school at outside events such as Cross Country competitions, dance festivals, football matches, maths challenges, athletics meetings, music festivals etc. We feel that representing the school is an honour and a privilege. Children who are on a school team and whose behaviour reaches an unacceptable level will be given a warning that they are in danger of losing their place on that team. A second episode of unacceptable behaviour will result in removal from the team.

New School Website

Over the summer we have had a brand new school website. The content and layout is very similar to the last one (we had so many compliments about it that we didn't want to change it dramatically) However the new website has a fresh new look with the main advantage that it is easy to read on phones and tablets. It also has a Google calendar which parents can synch to their own calendars making it easier to keep up with school events. I would like to say a huge thank you to Daniel Roseman, Anna Sherrington and Fiona Quinton who put in a huge amount of work and time to make this happen.

Letter from Sadiq Khan

At the end of last term, the school council went on a trip to the London Assembly Rooms. They were fortunate enough to see a session in progress and even to be welcomed during the meeting. After their visit, the council wrote a letter to Sadiq Khan Mayor of London asking him about his plans to improve things for people who live in London. Over the summer they received a letter of reply and each of their points was responded to. Each member of the council has been given a copy of the letter and a copy is on our school website for you to read.

Poppy

Poppy has been in school this week for short periods of time and the children and staff have welcomed her enthusiastically. In assembly on Monday we discussed safety rules about how to approach a dog and how to treat them. We also discussed hygiene and the importance of washing hands. The children were assured that Poppy would always be on a lead and that we would not be feeding her in school. Poppy has taken to her new bed in the office very well and loves going out on tour around the school. She has had lots of visitors to see her.



20mph

I am sure that you will have noticed in the roads around the school that at last we have 20mph signs on poles and on the road itself. This is something we have been asking for in our school Travel Plan for some time now. I also know that several parents have wanted it too. For the safety of our children, please do take notice and abide by this speed limit as you drive in the local area. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Sunday 17 th September	Scoop Performance
Monday 18 th September	Y4 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Tuesday 19 th September	Y2 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Thursday 21 st September	International day of Peace
Thursday 21 st September	Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 25 th September	Staff run clubs begin
Monday 25 th September	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Thursday 28 th September	Reception phonics workshop 9am
Friday 29 th September	PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am
Friday 29 th September	Y6 PTA Cake Sale at 3.15pm

Value of The Month – Respect

We start the year and the month of September focussing on the value of 'Respect'. This value is at the core of everything we do in school. It underpins learning through behaviour and one's attitude to the people and the world around them. We want our whole school community to respect each other. The best way to teach respect is to show respect. When a child experiences respect, they know what it feels like and begin to understand how important it is. Keep in mind the saying "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Respect is an attitude. A respectful child takes care of belongings and responsibilities, and a respectful child gets along with peers. Schools teach children about respect, but parents have the most influence on how respectful children become.

Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22nd September we will be supporting our National Charity – Jeans for genes. The children will be finding out about what this is all about in assembly. We are asking on that day, that children come to school in their school uniform tops BUT wear a denim skirt, leggings or trousers (jeans) and make a £1 donation at the school gate in the morning. Thank you.



PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning

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

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y3 Hazel
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Elm Y3 Hazel Y4 Mulberry Y5 Hawthorn Y5 Juniper

School Run Clubs

A letter will come out this week about school run clubs. The school governors have decided to make a charge of £1 for each school run club. The small charge will cover consumable items and items that may run out. The coins collected will be put into one clubs pot to buy new resources etc for future clubs. When you send you club interest form in, please attach a £1 coin. If your child is not selected for a club then the £1 will be returned to you.

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 Tuesday 19th September at 12:30 pm in the school hall. 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 Y6 instrumentalists on 22nd September – and vocalists can audition on 29th September.

Thames Festival 2017 A small group of current Year 6 singers will perform as part of the 'Kids' Choir' at the Thames Festival on **Sunday 17th September – 1:00-2:00 pm**. All are welcome to come along to hear the children sing at the event. The address is: 'The Scoop' performance area, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA.

Barnabas Choir: Letters have been sent out offering places to children who have developed the excellent singing ability required for membership of the choir. The **DEADLINE** for forms to be sent back to school is next **Monday (18th September)**. Auditions are continuing for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have not yet been offered a place.

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

