



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Improving Behaviour Trends At Holly Park

As a school we are always looking at things we do and how we can improve them further. In the last year, we have implemented many things in order to improve behaviour. For over a year, each class has had weekly Circle Times where they talk about issues that may have arisen and discuss ways of sorting them. We are also part of Barnet's Resilience Programme and will continue to be part of this. For the last year, we have started to change the way we deal with behaviour and are now using the Restorative Approach. We will be running a parent workshop with the Mini Mentors to show you how it works and also how you can use it at home. This will take place on **Friday 22nd June at 9am**. Please do come along. Each term, we track the behaviour of the children across the school and from the data we collect, we know that behaviour has improved at Holly Park. In Spring 2017, there were 101 unwanted behaviours reported, whereas I am delighted to say that in Spring 2018 only 34 unwanted behaviours were alerted!! This is great news!

Online Safety Parent Session Tuesday 5th June at 9am – DO COME!!

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad?

Do you know which sites are safe?

Are you aware of all of the dangers of your child having a mobile phone?

Are your children sending messages on x box?

Is your child playing Fortnite? What are the dangers?

On Tuesday 5th June we have paid for a company to come in and talk about online-safety all day with classes and also to do a meeting for parents at 9am to help parents think about keeping children safe at home on computers, ipads etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We have run sessions for the last couple of years and they have been a great success. Parents found it scary, thought provoking and extremely useful. It is very important as technology becomes more a part of children's everyday lives. Whatever your child's age, the meeting will be appropriate and it is always best to try to keep one step ahead!

Attendance and Holidays

I just wanted to remind parents about the importance of good attendance. Children who don't have good attendance find it very difficult to achieve well and make good progress. As an example - attendance of only 80% equates to 38 school days being missed across a year and that is equivalent to a child being away for a whole half term of school!!!!!! If a child has significant absence such as this, it is then irrelevant as to whether it is authorized or unauthorized because at the end of the day the child has been away from school (whatever the reason) and missed out on their education. There is a clear statistical link between school attendance and educational achievement. The disruptive effect of unauthorised absences causes problems for learning. These absences disrupt the education of the individual child. Also remember that whilst a child may be off with authorised absence, this is still an absence from learning. For any absence there is work missed and the rest of the class may have covered new learning. And due to the nature of a very full curriculum, it is not always possible to cover ground again for those who have missed it. An absent child may also disrupt the work of other pupils. Group learning will be diminished by the absence of individual members of the group. Different pupils may be taken out at different times, thus increasing the disruptive effect within the classroom exponentially. '

Value of the Month – Determination

Determination means... *not giving up when things get difficult*. Determination is being able to do or achieve something. It is about making your mind up about something and driving on to achieve a goal. You can show determination by:

Never giving up, setting goals and working towards them, asking for help, not being afraid to make a mistake. Being prepared to struggle on when things go wrong. Being prepared to make mistakes and persevere to get things right and learn from the mistake. I hope that our Year 6 children will show lots of determination next week during their national test week.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th May	Y6 National Test Week
Monday 14th May	Y3 Workshop 1
Tuesday 15th May	Chestnut Class Assembly
Tuesday 15th May	Y3 Workshop 2
Wednesday 16th May	Year 5 Review for parents
Monday 21st May	Enabling Enterprise Week
Monday 21st May	Secondary transfer meeting
for Y5 parents at 7pm	
Wednesday 23rd May	Global learning Conference
Friday 25th May	Secondary transfer meeting
for Y5 parents at 9am	
Friday 25th May	End of Half term at 3.30pm
HALF TERM	
Monday 4th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th June	School begins
Tuesday 5th June	Online safety session for
parents at 9am	

Summer Uniform

Just a reminder about correct summer uniform.

As for winter or:

- Green and white checked dress (red and white checked dresses are NOT our uniform)
- Grey shorts
- Red cardigan
- White socks
- Black shoes (maximum heel height 3cm) **No trainers**
- White or black sandals with secure fastening (maximum heel height 3cm)
- Red, green, white or black hair accessories
- A cap to protect from sun

Play Equipment for the hot weather



In past years we have done a great deal of work to improve all of our playgrounds and make them much more engaging for the children. Lunchtimes are particularly long and it is good to give the children a range of exciting things to do.

In hot weather it is also good for children to have some quieter activities to play instead of running around in the heat. We are asking for your help to boost our smaller equipment as with a lot of children and constant use the equipment goes missing or gets damaged and broken.

On Friday 25th May we are inviting all of the children to come to school with crazy hair – colours, ribbons, wigs etc in exchange for bringing in an item of playground equipment from the list below. We would like you to bring:

- Reception: colouring books, crayons, cars, zoo animals
- Year 1: dolls, dolls clothes, Duplo bricks, dinosaurs
- Year 2: Farm animals, glove puppets, dressing up clothes
- Year 3: farm animals, glove puppets, dressing up clothes
- Year 4: cars, zoo animals, packs of playing cards
- Year 5: lego, dinosaurs, cat's cradle sets, jacks, French skipping
- Year 6: French skipping, cat's cradle sets, playing cards, jacks

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y2 Rowan
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Elm

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	265	points
Phoenix	222	points
Griffin	186	points
Unicorn	170	points
Dragon	162	points

Well Done **Hydra**

Music News

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION LESSONS and **ENSEMBLE SESSIONS** take place as normal.

Tutors will ensure that any child not at school due to School Journey and choir rehearsals/performances will receive their full complement of lessons by the end of term.

Infant Choir sessions are complete for the term.

Barnabas Choir - Tuesdays (3:30-4:30 pm in the main hall). Chamber Choir are preparing for their appearance at the 'Barnet Schools' Music Festival' on Monday 18th June. Our rehearsal sessions will be in their usual Tuesday slot after school on: May 15th (optional for Year 6 pupils due to SATs); May 22nd; June 4th. Barnabas Years 3, 4 and 5 will have a rehearsal session on Tuesday 26th June, in readiness for their concert on Wednesday July 11th at 7 pm.

Our **Holly Park Music Blog** which will give you access at home to recordings of some of the songs the choirs are learning.

This can be accessed using:

<https://sites.google.com/hollyparkschool.co.uk/music/home>

Please be aware of the issues regarding your children accessing the internet – strict parental supervision is essential.

