



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

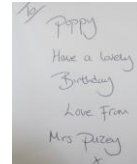
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Poppy's Birthday

Last week, we celebrated Poppy's fourth birthday. She had her own special doggy birthday cake in assembly and we all sang happy birthday to her. She had birthday cards and birthday treats and was generally very spoilt with lots of treats and affection.



Y4 Review For Parents

Well done to all the pupils and staff involved in the Y4 review. We all got to see what a very busy year you have had – learning about: Ancient Egyptians & Africa, Art, Science, Literacy work, - The Devil & his boy, PE – dance, gymnastics, football and tag rugby, as well as the one night sleepover. Thank you to Ms Owen, Mrs Tsentis and Mrs Spann for making sure it all ran smoothly. We all enjoyed it.



Chair of Governors

At our full governing body meeting this week, our current chair Andrew Ballam Davies has stepped down from the governing body after 18 years of service. Andrew has been a governor for longer than both of his children attended the school put together! Andrew began as a parent governor and then became a community governor. He has been chair of governors for the last 4 years and was vice chair for several years before that. Myself and all of the governors have been very grateful for Andrew's calmness, sound advice, constant support and measured approach.

I am delighted to tell you that our new Acting Chair of Governors is Tim Graveney who is dad of Zach in Year 6. I look forward to working with Tim in order to continue leading the strategic direction of the school.

Infant Sports Day 2018

The sun shone and Infant Sports day was a lovely event. There was a huge turn out from parents who cheered the children along! The children enjoyed events such as dressing up race, egg and spoon, skipping etc. The highlight as ever was the parent skipping race at the end!!!! Thank you to Miss Yianakki for organising it.



Diary Dates

Monday 9th July	Reports home to parents
Monday 9th July	Y6 Cast A performance 2pm
Tuesday 10th July	Y6 Cast A performance 7pm
Wednesday 11th July	Y6 Cast B performance 2pm
Wednesday 11th July	Choir Concert 7pm
Thursday 12th July	Y6 Cast B performance 7pm
Thursday 12th July	Parent drop in 2.30-5pm if necessary following reports
Saturday 14th July	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 16th July	Reception Show at 9.30pm
Tuesday 17th July	Reception Show at 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th July	Nursery parties
Thursday 19th July	Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
Friday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents at 10am
Friday 20th July	End of term at 1.30pm

Mrs Constantinou

Mrs Constantinou will be retiring this July after 28 years of service at Holly Park. Mrs Constantinou and I started here on the same day in 1990. Mrs Constantinou came as a part time teacher doing cover, did various SEN qualifications and eventually became the school SENCO. In recent years she has gone back to working part time and has now decided the time is right to spend more time with her family.

Mr Stewkesbury



Mr Stewkesbury will also be leaving us in July. Mr Stewkesbury has been at the school for 5 years and was one of the first members of staff that I appointed when I became Headteacher. Mr Stewkesbury is leaving us to travel and work abroad with his partner. He has secured a two year teaching contract in Nairobi. I think a few members of staff will be travelling out to visit!!

The PTA Summer Fair and Bottle Tombola



It is the PTA Summer fair next week and we need donations of all kinds of bottles and jars for the 'bottle tombola.' Wine, spirits, sauces, perfume, lemonade, bubble bath, body lotion, oils, washing liquid, jams, shampoo etc. The more bottle donations the better the stall will be. If everybody donated a bottle we would have 540 bottles!!!! Above are some ideas.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Pine Y5 Juniper
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y6 Beech Class

Housepoints for this week

Phoenix	337	points
Unicorn	334	points
Hydra	333	points
Griffin	332	points
Dragon	305	points

Well Done **Phoenix**

Music News

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION LESSONS

are complete for this term, except for Monday's violinists, who will have their final sessions next Monday - 9th July. There will be a Rock Band session on Friday 13th July.

Barnabas Choir Years 3, 4 and 5 will be performing at our **Summer Choral Concert** on Wednesday July 11th. Ticketing details have been sent out.

Thames Festival 2018 A small group of Chamber Choir members will be part of the 'Kids' Choir' being assembled for this event at 'The Scoop' performance area, next to City Hall, beside the Thames. This will take place on Sunday 16th September. It was a wonderful event last year and the general public are welcome to come along and watch the 'Kids' Choir' perform, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Our **Holly Park Music Blog** which will give you access at home to recordings of some of the songs the choirs are learning.

Change in Dinner Money Prices

There has not been an increase in Barnet school meal prices for over 4 years and last year the council decided to subsidise school meals so that meal prices did not need to increase in line with inflation. This year the council is no longer in a position to provide this subsidy, so the price increase reflects inflationary pressures. The increase is due partly to food inflation but is mainly due to the increases to the London Living Wage. It has, therefore, been agreed to increase school meal prices from September. **Nursery lunches will be £2.30 per meal. The price of a Key Stage 2 school lunch will increase to £2.34 from September 2018.**

