



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 last year, 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.

Card from the Royal Couple

Ahead of the royal wedding last term, the school sent a card to the happy couple. During the holiday we received a very nice thank you note sent in an envelope marked ER and with a lovely message and a photograph of Harry and Megan. I showed it to the children in assembly last week.

National Competition Winners

What fantastic news! The National Book Token company run an annual competition where parents can nominate their school to receive £5,000 of book tokens. At the end of last term I flagged this up to parents. I am thrilled to tell you that this year Holly Park won! Nationally there were 100,000 entrants with over 50 of our parents nominating Holly Park. The chosen winning national nomination was by Lewis and Tylah at our school. The school has received £5,000 to spend on books. This prize will enable us to buy a lot of books. Our English team are looking forward to going on a book buying spree! It just shows that you have to be in it to win it!



Summer Holiday Challenge

Over the summer holidays we set a holiday challenge. The challenge was to do a range of activities such as visit a museum, cook something, send a postcard etc Well done to those children who have brought their challenges in – many beautifully illustrated with photographs. Please could we have ALL holiday challenges that have been completed in by next Friday. Every child who returns the completed challenge will receive housepoints

Very Important Forms

With the new GDPR regulations and with some changes to safeguarding and child protection, we are required to change some of our forms and therefore to ask you to complete some new forms for each child at Holly Park. In the Meet The Teacher pack you will receive a new permissions form. This is about photographs, videos etc. You are required to complete this annually now. Please return it as soon as possible. In a couple of weeks, you will be asked to complete a new pupil contact and information sheet. This is because we are now required to ask for **TWO** emergency contacts if we are not able to contact you in case of emergency. The contacts can be family members, friends or neighbours. **YOU** must ask permission from your emergency contacts to give us their phone number to use if we need to.

Diary Dates

Sunday 16th September	Scoop Performance
Monday 17th September	Y4 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Tuesday 18th September	Workshop – Y2 Inclusion
Tuesday 18th September	Workshop – Y6 Hate Crime
Wednesday 19th September	Y2 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Thursday 20th September	Y3 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Friday 21st September	Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day
Monday 24th September	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 25th September	Parent Meeting – The Restorative Approach 9am

PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th 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!

Value of the Month for September - Fairness

We will continue with our work on values. A Value is a principle that guides our thinking and our behaviour. There are eleven values each academic year (One per month) over a two year cycle. We are about to introduce the second set of 11 values again this academic year. See below:

	(2018-19)
September	Fairness
October	Acceptance
November	Loyalty
December	Kindness
January	Integrity
February	Empathy
March	Responsibility
April	Patience
May	Co-operation
June	Trust
July	Commitment

Bronze Young Carers Award

We were very pleased to find out last week that we achieved another award. To achieve the Bronze Award we have demonstrated that we support young carers in many ways. Vital information about how to identify young carers is made available to school staff, and noticeboards and the school webpage let pupils and their families know where to go for help. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for her work on this award.



Intermediate International Award

We were delighted to find out in the summer holiday that we had gained the next stage in the global learning awards. The assessors commented that: 'This is a strong application from Holly Park Primary School, which meets the criteria for the Intermediate level. The overall commitment is obvious, indeed evident from the front page of the website with greetings in many languages and the Foundation International School Award logo as well as Rights Respecting school. The obvious next step for Holly Park is full Accreditation' Well done to all the staff but particularly Mrs Tsenti who put the application together.



Music News

Instrumental Tuition: All lessons are taking place.

String Ensemble meet on Fridays at 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the school hall.

Wind Band begins on Tuesday 25th September at 12:30 pm in the school hall.

Rock Band (Fridays 12:30-12:55) features our aspiring pop and rock musicians and singers from Year 6. Mr. Gruner will be holding auditions for instrumentalists on 14th September – and vocalists will audition on 21st September.

Thames Festival 2018 A group of our Year 6 singers will perform as part of the 'Kids' Choir' at the Thames Festival on **Sunday 16th September**. The performance takes place in 'The Scoop' outside performance area, next to City Hall (SE1 2DB), from 1 – 2 pm. Entrance is free. All are welcome.

Barnabas Choir: Until Christmas this will involve selected children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Year 3 pupils join in January.

This is an auditioned choir – letters offering children places in the choir are being sent out. The session dates:
SEPTEMBER: 18th – Barnabas Year 4 pupils; 25th – Chamber Choir (Years 5 & 6 Barnabas Choir).

OCTOBER: 2nd - Chamber Choir; 9th - FULL Barnabas Choir (Years 4, 5 & 6).

OCTOBER: 30th - FULL Barnabas Choir (Years 4, 5 & 6).

NOVEMBER: 6th - FULL Barnabas Choir (Years 4, 5 & 6).

Infant Choir: Until Christmas this will involve just Year 2 children. Year 1 pupils will be joining in January. This is not an auditioned choir. The parents of all children in Year 2 have received a letter offering their child a place in the choir. Sessions take place on Thursdays 3:30-4:15 in the school hall.

SEPTEMBER: 27th. **OCTOBER:** 4th and 11th. **NOVEMBER:** 1st, 8th.

