



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

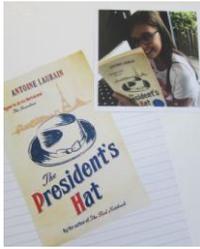
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Summer Holiday Challenge

Well done to everyone who had a go at our summer challenge this year. I hope that you enjoyed the activities e.g writing a postcard, making a model from recyclable materials, reading a book by a new author, visiting a London attraction, sending a postcard, making breakfast etc. Everyone who brought in their challenge will receive 5 housepoints for their house. Here are some photographs of children enjoying the challenge.



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.

A reminder about NO Nuts in School

I would just like to remind all families that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with snacks that may contain nuts. Several of our children are extremely allergic not just from the taste of a nut but also from the smell. Nuts can be very dangerous for these children. We appreciate your support.



Going Cashless

From after the October half term we are following many other primary schools and will be a cash free school. We will not be accepting cash for anything. All payments will need to be made online. Parents will be able to pay for everything – dinner money, trips, breakfast club etc via our online payment system. If you have not signed up to this yet, you might like to set this up in the next few weeks so you are ready. If you are not sure how to do this or have any questions, please speak to Miss Hounslow.

For any parents who feel they do not have facility to do this – there is a card available from newsagents that you can put cash onto and which then enables you to be able to make payments to our system. Again, please come and speak to Miss Hounslow if you would like to know more about this.

How Do We Manage Behaviour at Holly Park – The Restorative Approach

Behaviour really improved last year. On Tuesday next week Miss Michael will be running a workshop about how we manage behaviour using the restorative approach with children. Please do come along – 9am in the hall. All welcome.

Diary Dates

Monday 24th September	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 25th September	Parent Meeting – The Restorative Approach 9am
Wednesday 26th September	Y5&6 workshops – Prevent, Fake news, resilience
Thursday 27th September	Meeting for Nursery & Reception parents – the curriculum 9am and 1pm
Friday 28th September	PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am
Friday 28th September	PTA Reception Family Fun Night 5pm – 6.30pm
Friday 28th September	Y6 PTA Cake Sale at 3.15pm
Monday 1st October	Y4 Bikeability
Tuesday 2nd October	Y2 session about end of year expectations 9am
Tuesday 2nd October	Y4 Bikeability
Tuesday 2nd October	Grandparents tea 2.30pm

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! Please remember however that we are a **NO NUTS** environment!

Parents and Social Media

As it is the start of another school year, I just wanted to bring to your attention some important points about the use of social media groups. There are many benefits in using social media to communicate and keep in touch. We'd like to remind you that misuse or abuse of social and digital media can cause upset and injury to the individuals referred to and can also impact negatively on the school. We want to ensure that we're setting a good example to our children in avoiding bullying or harassment. We'd like to remind you:

- To think before you post. As a general rule of thumb, don't write anything about other people that you would not be happy being written about yourself.
- That anything you post that is inaccurate, unfair, or breaking the privacy of a pupil or member of staff will ultimately be your responsibility and may be subject to further action. Please avoid for example threats of violence or damage to property, harassment or anything else that is grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or false.
- Once information is published online, it is essentially part of a permanent record, even if you "remove/delete" it later or attempt to make it anonymous.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Chestnut Class No lates!
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Elm Class 100%

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	208	points
Unicorn	173	points
Dragon	151	points
Griffin	147	points
Phoenix	136	points

Well Done **Hydra**

Music News

Instrumental Tuition and Ensembles: All sessions are taking place.

Barnabas Choir Remaining dates:

SEPTEMBER: 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. 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. Here are the dates for the term:

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

Barnabas and Infant Choirs will be performing at our annual **'Candlelight Concert'** on **Tuesday 4th December at 6:30 p.m.** Please put the date in your diaries.

The Thames Festival - The Scoop, City Hall

Last Sunday afternoon a group of our Year 6 singers performed at 'The Scoop' performance area, next to City Hall, as part of the 'Kids' Choir' for the Thames Festival. It was a glorious afternoon in the early autumn sunshine – and the setting, next to the Thames, by Tower Bridge, was wonderful. Most importantly, the singing from our Holly Park children was beautiful – truly inspiring. It was good to see so many parents and others from the Holly Park community attending the event – and even taking part in the 'audience singing' part of the performance. Congratulations to the children who took part and represented the school so well.

