



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Green Day

Thank you to all of the children who came to school dressed in green and to brought in a donation of £1 to go towards buying a new greenhouse for the allotment. It was much appreciated

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day at Holly Park will be Friday 14th December. Children will wear their HPS uniform on the bottom half with a Christmas jumper on the top half in return for bringing in a gift for the tombola. For the Winter fair, the PTA are distributing the winter fair brochures with the tombola prize bags and an explanation sheet attached to every single bag. The bottle tombola flyer is also in there and so will be a raffle ticket booklet.

Parent Information Forms

We are required to send out a new information form. New legislation for safeguarding says that parents must give the name and contact details of 2 emergency contacts in addition to parents. It is your responsibility to check that these emergency contacts are happy for the school to hold their information. I know that it is a nuisance to keep filling in forms but it is good practice to ask for up to date information on an annual basis. The forms will go home (1 per child) and we would appreciate the swift return of the forms. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. Many thanks

Our National Charity – Winston's Wish

Winston's Wish is a charity that gives support to children and young people following the death of a parent or sibling. This is one of the most devastating losses any child will face. At Holly Park we are keen to support this charity as over the last few years we have had several of our pupils who have lost a parent. Winston's Wish provides support for children, parents, schools and professionals. They can provide help in individual and group settings as well as through a helpline and online tools. The charity cannot give the help it does without donations. Winston's Wish will be our national charity. We are going to participate in their 'Wish upon a Star' activity by asking children to take home a star (which we will give out today) and for the children to decorate the star at home with glitter, sequins, foil etc. The theme will be **red and silver**. Please bring your star back to school with a £1 donation for the Winston's Wish charity on **Friday 7th December**. All the returned stars will be hung on one of our school Christmas trees for everyone to see.

PTA Winter Fair

Roll up, roll up, roll up to our annual Winter fair. Please come along to the school on Saturday 15th December between 1pm and 5pm to enjoy the festive fun – Santa, tombola, cakes, carol singing, mulled wine and lots of other fun and games. Please come and support the school and also our PTA committee who have worked very hard to pull this event together. Come and support our Y5 and Y6 apprentice stalls – who are trying hard to make a stall and to raise the most money at their stall. Your support will be very much appreciated - so come along and enjoy the fun! Thank you in advance to everyone who has volunteered in some way.

Christmas Post

The Christmas post box will be out and ready (just outside the foyer) for children to put their Christmas cards in from Thursday next week. Please ensure that all cards have full names and classes on the envelope.

PTA Bottle Tombola

Please send in full bottles for the PTA Winter fair bottle tombola. The stall is a great stall but requires donations of bottles in order to run well. The PTA would be grateful for donations of filled bottles of: sauces, wine, bubble bath, oils, shampoo, washing up liquid, beer, cider, prosecco, body lotions, salad dressing, pasta sauces etc The greater variety the better. If every child brought in one bottle we would have a great stall. Thank you in advance.

PTA News

Thank you to all the parents who donated, sold and purchased second hand uniforms, you raised £52 for our school.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 th December	Nursery drop in
Tuesday 4 th December	Candlelight Concert 6.30pm
Thursday 6 th December	Y5 to the Museum of London
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Friday 14 th December	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
Saturday 15 th December	PTA Winter Wonderland
Monday 17 th December	Y3 Nativity at 2pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Y3 Nativity at 6pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Enabling Enterprise Y3 & 4
Tuesday 18 th December	Upper KS2 parties
Wednesday 19 th December	Nursery & Lower KS2 parties
Wednesday 19 th December	Enabling Enterprise Y1,2,5 & 6
Wednesday 20 th December	KS1 & Reception parties
Friday 21 st December	Term ends at 1.30pm

PTA Cake Sale News

Thank you Y4 for a lovely 50p cake sale raising £124, yes that's 248 cakes provided/made by Y4 parents. Incredible!



PTA Christmas Trees

Nothing makes Christmas more Christmassy than a real Christmas tree! You could pick up yours from school from the 6th of December for as little as £20. Please see the PTA information if you would like to buy one.

Cheerleading

A group of Year 3 & 4 children took part in a Cheerleading Festival on Tuesday 27th November at Allianz Park. The children made their own Pom Poms, created their own chants and cheer routines. The children were also taught how to perform some stunts and lifts before giving a performance of their routines. All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y3 Hazel Y5 Maple
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y6 Cedar

Music News

Instrumental Tuition and Ensembles: All sessions are complete for the term.

Spring Term Instrumental Tuition Fees The deadline for payments has passed. Next week we will let you know the exact starting dates for sessions in January.

Barnabas Choir and **Infant Choir:** No more after-school sessions until next term.

We now have a **Holly Park Music Blog** which will give you access at home to recordings of most of the songs the choirs are learning.

This can be accessed using:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/IV58AU52fYaY6wpDWEUd8DmxY6ELqcaiu>

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

Barnabas and Infant Choirs will be performing at our annual **'Candlelight Concert'** on **Tuesday 4th December at 6:30 p.m.** The choir members should arrive at 6:15 p.m.

Cloakroom arrangements: Infant Choir members should leave their coats in Cherry classroom and go straight to their places on stage. Year 6 pupils: Chestnut classroom. Years 4 & 5 pupils: Dining Hall. It is essential that all choir members take part in the concert.

School Funding

The Headteachers and governors of the nursery, primary, secondary and special schools in Barnet are committed to providing a world class education for your children. We have, for some time now, developed powerful and effective partnerships which see us working together to secure high quality provision across all of our schools. **We are concerned that current levels of funding are now seriously threatening this high quality provision.** On 23rd November 2018, Headteacher representatives met with Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, and Mike Freer, MP for Finchley and Golders Green, and presented a briefing paper, setting out a number of points. As a group, we are now sharing this with you and hope that you will be able to support our endeavours in raising awareness of our concerns at every possible opportunity by contacting government and local council officials. In particular we believe that contacting your local MP and raising your concern might have an impact. Schools and governors alike are determined that quality, inclusive provision should be protected.

