



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day at Holly Park will be next week - 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

These went out this week. Please return the information forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 supporting 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. Winston’s Wish is our national charity. We asked the children to take home a star to decorate at home with glitter, sequins, foil etc. The theme was **red and silver**. The closing date was today **Friday 7th December** however please bring your stars back next week if you forgot today and still would like to be part of this project. All of the returned stars will be hung on one of our Christmas tree in the junior building for everyone to see. Below are some of the returned stars. Thank you for your support.



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 is out and ready (just inside the foyer) for children to put their Christmas cards in. Please ensure that all cards have names and classes on the envelope.

PTA Bottle Tombola

Thank you to everyone who brought in bottles today for the tombola. You can still send in full bottles for the PTA Winter fair bottle tombola. The PTA would still 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.

Candlelight Concert

Our traditional candlelight concert was a magical event. A beautiful evening of angelic songs. There were traditional Christmas songs, modern songs, songs from around the world, songs in other languages and songs from other religions and festivals who also celebrate festivals of light. We had a song for Channukah and a song in Arabic. There was a lovely new African song and a beautiful Christingle song. The choirs looked very smart and sang with enjoyment.



Diary Dates

Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
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

Decorations

The school is now beginning to look more festive. All of the children made a decoration this week and they are now hanging in the dining hall. Our theme this year was to use cardboard, foil and string along with sharpie pens to make foil art collage



Can Holly Parkers persuade Scrooge to enjoy Christmas?

Five Holly Parkers are appearing on stage in Chickenshed's version of the Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol*. Melissa and Leila, and triplets Oliver, Amy and Max all play the children of Bob Cratchit – the underpaid, badly treated clerk of Christmas-hating Ebenezer Scrooge. Max takes the role of Tiny Tim, the sickly boy whose life depends on whether Mr Scrooge can be persuaded to change his mind about the festive season. Will Tiny Tim die, or will Mr Scrooge finally recognise the joy in Christmas and take pleasure in helping others? "It's a big responsibility playing Tiny Tim," says Max. "I'm glad I don't know anyone like Mr Scrooge. He's obviously not a Holly Parker". *A Christmas Carol* runs until 5th January at Chickenshed in Southgate.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y3 Hazel
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Elm Y3 Hazel

Housepoints for this week

Unicorn	575	points
Griffin	550	points
Dragon	537	points
Phoenix	512	points
Hydra	430	points

Well Done Unicorn

Music News

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

Spring Term Instrumental Tuition and Choirs Before the end of term we will let you know the dates for next term.

Sharing Information About Pupils

It came to my attention this week that an old class list of children (in a particular year group) was being shared amongst some parents on a Whats app group. I do understand that this was for the very innocent reason of sharing names to put on Christmas cards. However not all parents were happy about this and they had not given their consent for this to happen. As a school (since GDPR in May 2018) we no longer send out lists of pupil first names and second names to parents for data security reasons. Please could I ask parents not to share details about other pupils without the permission of the parents involved. Thank you

Message from a Local resident

I have recently received a letter from a local resident (who lives in Holly Park Road) regarding rubbish in the streets around the school. The resident believes that there is an excess of rubbish due to litter being dropped by children and parents as they come to and from school. He has seen children and parents throwing rubbish out of their car windows in the local streets. The resident does a regular litter pick in a 30 metre radius of his house and amongst the rubbish that he has collected, he has picked up orange peel, plastic bottles, straws, sweet wrappers, crisp packets etc. The local resident has asked me to remind parents about litter and to ask that you please put it in a bin or take it home. In the same letter our neighbour has also made a polite request for parents who arrive early in order to get a good parking spot, to please turn off their engines to avoid extra exhaust fumes in the air.

