



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Batteries

Today the children are bringing home flat packed battery boxes. This is a drive on behalf of the Eco Council – to think about how we recycle batteries. We should be recycling and not throwing them in the bin. Mr French spoke to the children in assembly about why it is important to recycle batteries. You now have a box that you can have at home to collect used batteries in. Please keep it at home and then later in the year (around the end of June) we will ask you to return the boxes to school. We have arranged to have them collected and disposed of properly. Thank you for supporting the children with this.



PTA Spring Fair

Next Friday, 29th March, is our Spring Fair 3.30pm in the main hall. This year a “table top sale” will also run alongside the fair. We have our usual egg tombola. For this we are asking every child to bring in a chocolate egg on Friday 29th March in return for a non-uniform day. At the fair there will also be face painting, tattoos, find the golden egg, wheel of fortune, Easter bonnets, the 6th Friern Barnet Scouts jar tombola etc... Outside in the playground, many parents are holding their own tables. Please come along and see what there is to enjoy, buy and create. Keep an eye out in the book bags for a “paper egg” coming home soon for your child to decorate. These will need to be handed in to the class teacher before Thursday 28th, ready for the Easter egg hunt.

New Catering Company

Six months ago, we decided to give our notice to end our contract with our current caterers. Over the past 3 months we have gone out to tender for a new catering company. There was a lot of interest and we short listed to four companies. A month ago, myself, Mrs Hassan, Miss Hounslow and Nicky Eimer (parent governor) interviewed and tasted food from the four shortlisted companies. I am delighted to tell you that we chose Caterlink as our new caterer. We are having meetings with the new company now and they will begin immediately after the Easter holiday. We are very much looking forward to working with them.



Thank you and Au Revoir!!!

I would like to thank two of our school governors whose four year terms of office are coming to an end at the end of March. Both Gael Birtill mum of Farah and Ben Vandyk dad of Jessica and Daniela have served as governors and supported the school to move forwards. Both have brought some excellent ideas and suggestions and have asked great questions. Gael has been the chair of the Staffing & Pupil Welfare Committee and Ben has been the chair of the Finance Committee. It is Au Revoir because although they will cease to be governors, I have every faith that they will still make valuable contributions as parents around the school. A third parent – Clare Wischusen has also ceased to be a parent governor but will remain on the governing body as a co-opted governor.



Term Dates 2019-20

Term dates for the next academic have been e-mailed out this week and some hard copies will be available in the foyer. The dates are attached to this newsletter. The term dates are also available on the school website.

PTA News

We would like to thank the PTA for funding the replacement of our stage carpet. The old carpet was thread bare and in a very bad state.

Local Event

On Saturday March 30th there is a Spring Market in Arnos Park with gifts, arts and crafts for sale. It is from 10am-4pm. More information at www.thesprout.london/under-the-arches

Parent Sign Up for Consultations

We had a fantastic response to the parent sign up online for parent consultations with over 90% of parents making an appointment on the evening they went live. Thank you to Miss Hounslow who organises it. Do remember to come to your appointment on time and to bring your child with you.

Meetings for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Y5 Juniper will be in the main hall. Please go into the hall and take a seat when you arrive so that the staff can see that you are there.

Appointments for Y5 Maple and for Year 6 will be in the junior building in the Y5/6 shared area. Please take a seat in the family area and the teachers will come out and get you at the end of each consultation.

New Parent Governors – Election

I would like to thank the five parents who have put themselves forward for election to the governing body. We are delighted that there was so much interest. Yesterday you should have received ballot forms and envelopes. There is a form per parent. They have gone home with the oldest sibling. A reminder that **the closing date is next Thursday 28th March at 3.30pm**. I would encourage you please to vote even if you don't know the parents who have been nominated. As there are 3 spaces, you need to vote for 3 parents. Whether you do know the parents or not, please read each of the five statements and make your decision not on the person themselves just because you might know them or they are in your child's year group but on what they have said in their personal statement. Think about what you think they will bring to the school to help me and the governing body lead the school forward. Please send forms back in their envelopes to class teachers.

Diary Dates

Friday 29th March

Monday 1st April

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Tuesday 2nd April

Wednesday 3rd April

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 4th April

Friday 5th April

PTA Spring Fair

Holly Park Well-being Week

Wheel to School Week

Gymnastics competition

KS1 Parent Evening 2.30-3.30pm

KS1 parent Evening 3.45pm – 8pm

KS2 Parent Evening 2.30pm – 8pm

End of term at 1.30pm

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Cherry
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y3 Willow

Housepoints for this week

Griffin	564	points
Dragon	471	points
Unicorn	417	points
Phoenix	410	points
Hydra	395	points

Well Done **Griffin**

Music News

Spring Term Instrumental Tuition: The following sessions are now complete for the term: Brass, drum, guitar and Friday's violinists. Next week there will be final sessions for: Monday's violinists and woodwind. 'Cello lessons are complete for the term – apart from our Year 2 children who missed their lesson earlier in the term. The lessons will be on Wednesday 27th March, **Ensemble** sessions are complete for the term.

Remaining dates for the Spring term

CHAMBER CHOIR (Years 5&6 Barnabas Choir): the session on 26th March is cancelled. The final Chamber Choir session of the term: April 2nd.

Diary dates: Infant Choir Concert: Tuesday 30th April, 6:30 p.m. Chamber Choir will be performing at the Barnet Schools' Music Festival at the Artsdepot, North Finchley – Tuesday 18th June (7 – 9 p.m.)

Barnabas Choir Concert (Years 3, 4 & 5) on Wednesday 10th July, 7 p.m.

Holly Park Words OF The Week

Covet – yearn to possess (something, especially something belonging to another).

Deceive – deliberately cause (someone) to believe something that is not true. especially for personal gain.

Decline – become smaller, fewer, or less; decrease. Politely refuse

Derelict – in a very poor condition because of neglect





TERM DATES FOR 2019 – 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019:	Staff Training Day, <u>school closed</u>
Tuesday 3rd September 2019:	Staff Training Day, <u>school closed</u>
Wednesday 4th September 2019:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 18th October 2019:	End of the first half of the Autumn Term
<i>Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October: Half Term Holiday, <u>school closed</u></i>	
Monday 28th October 2019:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 22nd November 2019:	Staff Training Day, <u>school closed</u>
Thursday 19th December 2019:	End of the Autumn Term, <i>school ends at 1.30pm</i>
<i>Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January: Christmas Holidays, <u>school closed</u></i>	

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6 th January 2020:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 14 th February 2020:	End of the first half of the Spring Term
<i>Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February: Half Term Holiday, <u>school closed</u></i>	
Monday 24th February 2020:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 3rd ^h April 2020:	End of the Spring Term, <i>school ends at 1.30pm</i>
<i>Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April: Easter Holidays, <u>school closed</u></i>	

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April 2020:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Monday 4th May 2020:	May Bank Holiday, <u>school closed</u>
Friday 22nd May 2020:	End of the first half of the Summer Term
<i>Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May: Half Term Holiday, <u>school closed</u></i>	
Monday 1st June 2020:	Staff Training Day, <u>school closed</u>
Tuesday 2nd June 2020:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 10th July 2020:	Staff Training Day, <u>school closed</u>
Tuesday 21st July 2020:	End of the Summer Term, <i>school ends at 1.30pm</i>