



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Homeless Advent Calendar – please help

One of our parents, Cindy Obiji, is doing a lot of work with the homeless and she is championing their cause. She feels very strongly regarding their wellbeing. Cindy is currently a community organiser and she volunteers helping the homeless people. She is currently working at a Community Cook up in Northumberland Park, where they have many homeless people who visit and they cook hot meals for them. They also offer them support regarding their current circumstance. Cindy also volunteers at the food bank in the Selby Centre and volunteers with Embrace UK helping connecting the community together to support the homeless in Haringey. As Christmas is soon approaching, Cindy wanted to do something special for the homeless people she works with and came to talk to me. I feel that together we can work on an idea that I would like to run at the school. We have decided to have a Holly Park advent calendar for the homeless. Usually an advent calendar is about opening a door and often these days - taking a chocolate or small toy out. We would like to do a reverse advent calendar which will be about giving on each day in December between Monday 2nd December and Thursday 19th December. We would like to ask for your support to help us collect the following: toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, face cloth, sponges, deodorants) adult socks, scarves, woolly hats and gloves. There will be a box for donations in the foyer over this period. Once everything has been collected, Cindy will take the items back to the Selby Centre and Cindy and a team of volunteers will distribute the toiletries in a gift bag on Christmas Day. Your help and support would be very much appreciated. This is a great opportunity to teach children about the fact that Christmas is about giving as well as receiving and to show them how they can help in a small way with those less fortunate than themselves.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day at Holly Park will be Friday 6th 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 toy 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 also a raffle ticket booklet.

Parent Information Forms

We are required to ask you for your contact details etc every year under GDPR regulations. At the parent consultation meetings you were given a sheet of your details to either confirm they were correct or to amend the details. If you did not hand this back to the class teacher please can you send it back to school as soon as possible. It is essential we have up to date information in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA Winter Fair

Roll up, roll up to our annual Winter fair. Please come along to the school on Saturday 7th December between 12pm and 4pm 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 5th December. 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.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th December	Candlelight Concert at 6.30pm
Saturday 7th December	PTA Winter fair
Tuesday 10th December	Nursery drop in for new children 4-5pm
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 13th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Friday 13th December	Y5 and Y6 parties
Monday 16th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Y3 Nativity at 6.30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Y1 and Y2 parties
Wednesday 18th December	Y3 and Y4 parties
Wednesday 18th December	EYFS parties
Thursday 19th December	Term ends at 1.30pm

Our News Discussion Point Of The Week

How important is the size of our class?

Broadclyst Community Primary School in Exeter has an average class size of 42 and is home to one of the biggest primary aged classes in the UK with a Year 6 class of 63 pupils! The school is known for its forward-thinking approach and good use of technology. The large Year 6 class are taught in a modern lecture theatre style room where each child has their own digital device as a learning aid.



Vocabulary of the Week:

Attitude – the way you think or feel about something often shown in the way you behave.

Device – an object that has been invented for a particular purpose.

Forward-thinking – think about the future or have modern ideas.

Technology – applying scientific knowledge to practical purposes e.g. machinery, computers.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Pine Y2 Rowan Y5 Juniper
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Poplar Y4 Mulberry Y5 Maple

Housepoints for this week

Phoenix	260	points
Griffin	253	points
Dragon	228	points
Unicorn	213	points
Hydra	194	points

Well Done **Phoenix**

School Answer machine

Please be aware that the school answer machine is put on at approx 5pm each day when the office staff leave. Office staff check the machine at 8am each day for any messages left over night. Staff are then available to answer calls from 8am to 8.45am. The answer machine then has to be put back on until approx. 9.20am every morning as there are not sufficient staff members to answer the phone and also deal with the parents and children who are in the office area at school and who need immediate attention. Having the answer machine turned on in the morning is much better than just leaving the phone to ring. Please do leave a message if it is on and someone from the office will call you back as soon as possible if it is necessary. There may also be the odd occasions during the school day when the answer machine is put on for short periods of time. This is rare as I can see from my office phone when the answer machine is turned on.

Music News

Instrumental Tuition Ensemble sessions are complete for the term. Instrumental lessons are complete for the term except for the following: Friday 6th December – violin; Tuesday 10th December – woodwind. Please note there will be no woodwind lessons on Tuesday 3rd December.

Next term's Instrumental Tuition lessons and Ensembles sessions begin on the first week back, apart from Monday's violinists, who will begin their lessons on Monday 13th January.

Barnabas and Infant Choirs join together for our annual '**Candlelight Concert**' on Weds. December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Ticket details have been sent out via email. On the evening of the concert the children should arrive at 6:15-6:25. Full 'Concert Dress' is essential. We are joined by a 'Dad's Chorus' on one of the songs.

Children In The Audience At Concerts

A reminder that children under the age of 12yrs are not allowed to be in the audience for evening concerts or shows. We do not have crèche facilities, so please do make alternative child care provision for any young siblings in advance of any shows you may be coming to watch in the next couple of weeks

