



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Attendance and Punctuality at Holly Park Matters

Children should arrive in school at **8.55 am**. If they are late they should sign in the Late File kept in the Office area. Children arriving after the close of registration without prior notification, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Children who are persistently late may be referred to the Education Welfare Team. The best way to avoid such action being taken is to get the children to school on time. Starting good habits from an early age is essential. If your child learns the importance of coming to school every day and being on time, then these good habits are likely to continue throughout their education and working life.

If your child is not in school, then they cannot learn. If they miss school, they miss out. Whilst we would not want sick children at school, please help us to continue getting children here on time and prepared for the school day. Give your child a head start by ensuring that they are in school as regularly as possible and arrive on time. Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance.

School Matters!



New Reading and Writing Sheds



I am delighted to say that thanks to the PTA and all of your donations at school fairs and other events we have been able to purchase and resource a second reading shed that is now in the infant playground. In addition we have been able to buy both a writing shed and a writing table for the story garden. We are really pleased with these items and are just waiting for a lovely selection of papers and writing implements before we can open the writing shed.

Value of The Month – Equality

We want our children to have an understanding of and respect for the rights, equality and diversity of all without discrimination. We believe it is important to equip children with the skills, attitudes and behaviours needed to develop mutual understanding and respect, empathy, trust and honesty and acceptance. We want our children to become confident, fair and responsible individuals who make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives. The theme of Equality also links with Diversity. At Holly Park we are a very diverse school. It is that diversity that makes Holly Park an interesting place to come to each day. Equality also follows on from last month when we participated in 'Black History Month'

Anti-bullying Week 11th – 15th November

As part of Anti bullying week we are asking all of the children to come to school wearing odd socks on 12th November. The idea is meant to be fun BUT also is an opportunity for children to express themselves as individuals and appreciate individuality. There is no pressure on children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes etc – it is a simple but effective idea! We look forward to seeing your crazy socks! The theme of the week is 'Change Starts With Us' By making small, simple changes, we can break the cycle of bullying and create a happy environment for everyone. Together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.



Being different is ok, Wear odd socks today.

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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2019
11th – 15th November

ODD SOCKS
DAY 2019
12th November

Diary Dates

Monday 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 13th November	Y3 workshop for parents & children 9am
Thursday 14th November	Y2 maths workshop for children and parents at 9am
Friday 15th November	Y4 PTA Cake Sale
Tuesday 19th November	Maple Class assembly at 9am
Wednesday 20th November	Parent Consultations for Y1 & Y2 2.30-330
Thursday 21st November	Parent Evening for Y1 & 2 3.45-8pm
Thursday 21st November	Parent Evening for Y3-6 2.30-8pm
Friday 22nd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 26th November	Mulberry Class assembly at 9am
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

Music News

Instrumental Tuition All lessons and ensembles take place as normal. Next Tuesday will be the last Wind Band session for the term. The same applies to our Rock Band session next Friday. The final trumpet and guitar sessions are next week, too.

Infant Choir and Barnabas Choir: after-school rehearsals are complete for the Autumn term.

Barnabas and Infant Choirs join together for our annual **'Candlelight Concert'** on Weds. December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Ticket details to follow. We have three dads who have volunteered to sing the bass part. Please contact Mr Hogan if you would like to join the group. 'Hope of Heaven' will be an optional song – to be sung by any of our Year 6 members of the choir who wish to learn the song.

Poppy Appeal

As normal we are participating in the annual Poppy Appeal. At Holly Park we will also be discussing remembrance in our assemblies. All money collected goes to the Royal British Legion. The last day of sales will be Monday 11th November.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Pine Y2 Poplar Y5 Juniper Y5 Maple
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y5 maple

Housepoints for this week

Griffin	320	points
Phoenix	261	points
Dragon	221	points
Hydra	202	points
Unicorn	188	points

Well Done **Griffin**

Christmas Lunch 11th December – please see attached

Our News Discussion Point Of The Week

The 2nd-8th November is UK Parliament week, a week to learn all about how Parliament works. In recent months, MPs who work in the House of Commons have received disapproval from some people who believe that the 650 MPs who make many of the key decisions in the running of the UK have not been working effectively together. Particularly with regards to Brexit, which has caused many issues between MPs with very few agreements being reached. The picture and question is also very apt as the country is heading towards a General Election.



This Week's Vocabulary

Democracy – a system of government where people choose their rulers by voting for them in elections.

Parliament – the group of people who make or change laws and decide what policies a country should follow.

Represent – to speak or act for another person or group of people.

Election – a formal and organized choice by vote of a person for a political office or other position



National Y3 Tate Project

Holly Park Primary School is one of over 1,500 London primary schools involved in the Tate Year 3 Project, one of the world's most ambitious contemporary art projects.

Explored through the vehicle of the traditional school class photograph, a vast new art work is one of the most ambitious portraits of children ever undertaken in the UK. It offers a glimpse of the capital's future, a hopeful portrait of a generation to come.

Last academic year, Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen invited every Year 3 pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers. They included children from state primaries, independent schools, faith schools, special schools, pupil referral units and home-educated pupils.

Holly Park took part in this project. These class photos are brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 pupils in a milestone year in their development.

'There's an urgency to reflect on who we are and our future [...] to have a visual reflection on the people who make this city work. I think it's important and in some ways urgent.' Steve McQueen.

Both of our Holly Park Classes from Y3 last year will in in the exhibition at the Tate which will run for 6 months.

In addition to the thousands of class photographs exhibited together at Tate Britain, the Tate Year 3 Project will also take some of the classes out into each of London's 33 boroughs. An outdoor exhibition will feature individual class photographs on large billboard sites across the city. It will take place in the first three weeks of November 2019, beginning just before the opening of the exhibition at Tate Britain.

The exciting news is that one of our Y3 classes (Willow Class) was selected as only one of 54 classes who were selected from the apx 1500 classes. You may want to look out for them when you are out and about in London!

Our current Y4 classes (Y3 last year) will be going on a trip to the Tate in March with their Y3 class teachers to see the exhibition

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 11th December

Please see our Christmas Lunch menu below.

If your child normally has a school dinner you do not need to do anything

If your child sometimes has a packed lunch and you definitely want them to have the Christmas lunch you must let Mrs Hounslow know

If your child always has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a Christmas Lunch then you must let Miss Hounslow know

The deadline for letting Miss Hounslow know if you would like a lunch is **Thursday 28th November.**

Numbers will be collected by our caterer (for their orders) and cannot be altered after this date



PTA NEWS

The Christmas trees orders are now on for a Monday 2nd December delivery – see below.

One of our winter fair partner, Austin Chambers, would donate £500 to our school if 50 parents would have their estate agent boards outside their properties to advertise our winter fair and their company. No cost to you! Please submit your details to participate.

The Christmas cards should be home with you now and you can order mugs, coasters, labels etc...on your form. CASH ONLY please this year.



PTA
Friends of Holly Park

Christmas might not be here yet but we have already organised a Christmas tree sale!

Holly Park school has partnered again with the same wholesalers used for the past 10years. They only provide top quality trees, Nordmann Fir super or premium grades.

This year's prices are as follows:

- 3-4ft super grade Nordmann Fir £20**
- 4-5ft super grade Nordmann Fir £25**
- 5-6ft premium grade Nordmann Fir £30**
- 6-7ft premium grade Nordmann Fir £40**
- 7-8ft premium grade Nordmann Fir £50**

If you would like to order your Christmas tree with us, simply put your name, phone number and payment in an envelope "PTA Christmas trees" and hand it to the office by **Friday 22nd November**.

All trees will be available to pick up from school from **Monday 2nd December**.

The PTA team

