



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## School Book Fair

We are excited to announce that the Book Fair will be returning to Holly Park next week until Thursday. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to get new books to read whilst raising funds for our school! Social distancing regulations mean that we will need to run it differently from previous years. Parents will not be coming on to the school site but the children will be able to view the available books in school and parents/carers will be sent details of how to purchase and pay via the internet or phone. Ms Sampson has emailed full details about how to order and pay.



## Fish Fingers and Chips Lunch – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Normally we have our fish and chips lunches on a Friday but next week due to International day, this will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> may. If your child enjoys the fish and chip Fridays – please note this will be Thursday next week.

## International Day Lunch - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Lunch

For our International Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May we are having a special lunch. If your child normally has packed lunch but would like the International day lunch please let the school office know.

Please also note that fish and chips (which is normally on a Friday) will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> may that week.

Italian Margherita pizza

Indian chicken curry with rice and naan bread

American brownies with ice cream

French Crepes (pancakes) with mixed berry compote and whipped cream



## New Parent Governor

I am delighted to welcome Rhonda Valentine as our new parent governor. Rhonda is a mother to two girls who are currently in Nursery and Year 2. Rhonda's background is in Managing Consulting where she spent 11 years working across the public and private sector, supporting companies and government departments design organisations, and deliver change. As a qualified HR practitioner, she has recently joined a UK hospitality business, where she advises the board and other senior stakeholders on people related matters. Rhonda is looking forward to supporting the school and its leadership team, navigate the future, and helping to create new opportunities for the children of Holly Park.

## The PTA Celebrating International Day Friday 21 May

Celebrating our amazing, multi-cultural school community. Calling all cooks, small and big, to cook a favourite International dish on 21<sup>st</sup> May (International Day) . Please share the recipe with the PTA for the cook book

here <https://forms.gle/KU7xK5zU8SwEXBbo6>. Feel free to send a photo to Mrs Pelham for the newsletter.

## Face Masks, Holidays & Guidance For Schools

The Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17 May. However there are no changes for primary schools. Children will still be in bubbles etc. The expectation is still that parents will not be on the school grounds and that at drop off and collection times that parents will wear face coverings when entering the site.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be considering taking holidays during term time. However - as usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday. Holidays in term time will

## Parent Online Safety Session

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June we will be running online safety sessions throughout the day for all year groups. The sessions will be run by an amazing company called – Education Child protection.

We always like to offer a parent workshop too from this same company so that parents can be kept informed and are up to date with the latest developments in online safety and are aware of how to support children at home with this and keep them safe.

Due to the pandemic and in order to maximise parent engagement with the sessions, we are now able to offer a pre-recorded one hour session from the same company. Parents will be able to access this between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June only. Nearer the time we will send you a link.

This dynamic, high quality presentation provides parents with an insight into the wide array of apps, games and websites that children are using. This session is a 'must' for all parents whose children have a presence in the digital world. The outcome is to empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. There are four areas to be covered in the session:

What children are taught about Online Safety  
The issues and dangers children face online

Latest trends of what children are doing online  
How we can make children safer online

## Staffing News

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Mountford is pregnant with her second child. The baby is due in October. Miss Mountford will start her maternity leave in September 2021.

I am also delighted to tell you that Mrs Thrasyvoulou was successful in gaining a new job for September 2021. The new job is at a primary school that is much closer to home as her eldest daughter starts school in September.

## Request For Exceptional Leave Of Absence

It is expected that all children should be at school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is unwell then you should phone the school on the first day of absence. For all other reasons of absence – a request to be absent should be made to the school in writing using the 'Request for Exceptional Leave' form. This form is available on the school website. An example of requests for special leave of absence include – music exams, school entrance examinations, auditions, hospital appointments etc. The request should be made at least a week in advance before the leave is planned. The school will then consider the request. I attach the form to this newsletter also.

## Holly Park cooks!

Do you have a favourite family recipe - one that everyone enjoys making AND eating? It might be your own recipe for flapjacks or a twist on a traditional dish – whatever it is we want it!

As part of the PTA fundraising efforts for this year, we are on the hunt for delicious recipes for a Holly Park cook book and are inviting all Holly Parkers to share their favourites. We would like a mixture of starters, main courses, desserts, cakes/biscuits that celebrate the Holly Park community. The recipes can be old family favourites or a recipe you invented. They should be easy and simple to follow! Please submit your recipes here by Monday 17 May. If you have questions please contact: [hollyparkpta@gmail.com](mailto:hollyparkpta@gmail.com)

## Attendance

Attendance for the last full week was 97% Well done to Y3 Spruce Class for the best attendance with 98%

## Dates

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May International Day & International Charity – Children wear green clothing

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May End of Half term at 3.30pm

### HALF TERM

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June INSET Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June School begins

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June Online safety session for parents (pre-recorded can be viewed until Friday)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June Online Safety Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June House Challenge

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents at 9.30am

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June Class Photos





**HOLLY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**APPLICATION FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

As a parent / carer you should fill in this form if, you wish to take your child out of school during term time for any reason other than illness. Mrs Needham the attendance officer or a senior member of staff may wish to discuss this with you further on receipt of the form.

Please note family holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

You should be aware that if the school approves this absence, your child will be expected to return on the date specified on the form. Failure to do so will result in any extra time being classified as unauthorised absence.

If you take your child on leave without authorisation the Local Authority has the power to issue Fixed-penalty Notices of £60, per parent for each child, rising to £120 if not paid within three weeks. The conditions under which leave of absence during term time may be granted are contained in **The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006**.

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**Dear Mrs Pelham**

I request that  in  class  
be granted special leave of absence.

From (Date)  /  /  To (Date)  /  /

**Reason**

Signature of Parent/Carer  Date:  /  /

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Permission is / is not granted for  to be absent from school

From (Date)  /  /  To (Date)  /  /

**Reason if absence has not been granted:**

Signature   /  /