



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## Lost Property

A reminder please to all parents to ensure that school uniform is named so that if lost we can attempt to get it back to the right child. Parents cannot come on to the school site in the mornings to look in lost property but can look in the lost property box at the end of the school day. We would encourage parents to support their child to look after their belongings. The school will always do our best to look for lost items however the school is not responsible for lost items on the school site.

## COVID update

Please see the advice attached to this newsletter. It all remains the same EXCEPT there has been a change in procedure relating to a positive case in a class.

## Celebrating Success

We have a page on our school website called 'Celebrating Success' We would really like to add photographs and information about Holly park children who have had success outside school. If your child has won cubs/brownies/scout badges, gained martial arts belts, passed music or dance exams, raised money for charity, completed fun runs or any other kind of success or award that we could celebrate – then please contact Fiona Quinto who manages our school website. Her email is:

[fquinton@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:fquinton@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk)

We would love to see more on this page. One the photos and information are on the website page – it is somewhere you could direct family and friends to look at.

## Extra Bank Holiday

There is an additional Bank Holiday in 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. We have had it confirmed by the DfE that this will mean one less teaching day for schools in the academic year 2021/22. The actual Bank Holiday date (3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022) is in the school half-term so therefore we have been told to choose an appropriate day, elsewhere in the school calendar, to take off for this additional Bank Holiday. I can confirm that the extra day for Holly Park will be taken on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

## Barbara Thorne

It was with great sadness that I heard this week that Barbara Thorne, Headteacher of Holly Park School from January 1982 to July 1997, passed away. Barbara was the Headteacher who appointed me to the school in 1990 as a newly qualified teacher. Barbara was a fabulous Headteacher who was kind, strong minded and committed to the school. We had kept in touch since she retired. In recent years prior to COVID, she had enjoyed coming back to the school as a visitor to watch shows. She always kept her eye on the website and loved to read the weekly newsletters to keep in touch with what was happening at Holly Park. Mrs Thorne will still be remembered by a few of our long standing Holly Park families.

## Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 96%

Well done to Y1 Chestnut, Y3 Willow and Y5 Juniper who all had 100% attendance

## Dates

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Meeting for Nursery & Reception parents – Curriculum
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 PTA cake sale



## Holly Park Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan

September 2021 (Guidance as advised by Barnet Public health for Barnet Schools)

### When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.

If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household should book a PCR test.



- If a member of your household tests positive, your child will need to have a PCR test and **stay at home** until the results come back.
- If the result of the PCR test is positive they need to self-isolate at home.
- If the result of the PCR test comes back negative your child can return to school but should take a daily lateral flow test afterwards for a period of time to ensure they are still negative.

New guidance from Public Health Barnet reads as follows: 'PCR testing is strongly advised for all children that are a household contact of a case of COVID-19. Locally we recommend that schools apply this measure (children self-isolate while waiting for this test result if asymptomatic) for household contacts as part of their risk assessments to protect school communities.'

Like many other Barnet Schools, at Holly Park we feel that although this may be tricky for parents, we will be following this guidance. We hope that this measure suggested by Barnet Public Health for Barnet Schools will help our whole school community feel safer and it should help to reduce the likelihood of widespread cases of COVID across the school.



If a child in a particular class tests positive –**ONLY** those identified as close contacts should get a PCR test. They should continue to attend school while they wait for their PCR result. The school does not identify close contacts. It is for NHS Track and Trace to decide this based on information from parents. We will inform parents in each class if there is a positive case in the class. It is then up to each parent to decide if they will get a PCR test for their child. Only where there are 5 or more positive cases in a class will all pupils in that class be asked to get a PCR test.