



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## Our Local Charity This Term

This term we will be supporting a local charity. Our local charity of choice is a local food bank– Food bank Aid. The food bank is situated on the Finchley Lido near to MacDonalds and across from the Vue cinema. Because many families have been affected financially throughout the pandemic and with the rising cost of living, many families locally and at Holly Park have had to use food banks. In October, our Harvest also supported this cause. This week in assembly Miss Michael told the children about our local charity and she talked to them again about what food banks are and why it is important to support them.

Food Bank Aid is a grassroots charity which is tackling the daily challenge of food poverty in North London. Operating as a central donation and distribution hub, they collect and purchase food, toiletries and household goods and distribute them to food banks where the need is most. For the thousands of London households facing impossible daily choices on how to feed and provide for their families, food banks are a lifeline. Each week donations received support 15-20 food banks across North London, which together, help around 10,000 vulnerable people including 3,000 children.

**On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** we would like children to come to the hall in the morning bringing food and toiletry gifts for the food bank – just like they did for Harvest. We will then deliver the donations to the food bank that day. There will be more information nearer the time about what the food bank particularly need.

Thank you for your support.



## **NO NUTS**

A reminder that Holly Park is a nut free school. We have had an increasing number of children bring nuts OR nut based snacks in to school. For example - please check packaging on cereal bars to see what they contain. Chocolate spreads or fillings often contain nuts. We have several children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Even the smell of nuts can trigger a reaction.



## **Special Lunch – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January – ‘Build a Burger’**

Next Thursday we are having a special lunch day. The lunch will be build your own burger. The children will be offered a burger in a bun and then they will be able to add their own toppings choosing from – lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese and ketchup. The burger will be served with chips and beans. The pudding will be iced sponge and custard.

If your child normally has packed lunch but would like to participate in ‘Build a burger’ then please contact the school office by the end of the day on Monday. Thank you.



## **Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Medals**

On February 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will have reigned for a record breaking 70 years. This will be her Platinum Jubilee – an event that has never been seen before in British history and is unlikely to be seen again. To commemorate this historic royal event, Tower Mint are presenting the Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Medal exclusively for this event – only available to schools.

The medal is 32mm and is presented in a bespoke regal purple and gold embossed card surround within a protective Perspex case.

The medal is at a special price of £2.99

We need to have at least a minimum total order of £149 to proceed.

If you would like to purchase a coin – please do so on School Money. If you would like to purchase more than one per child – please contact Miss Hounslow in the school office so that she can amend the amount for you.

### **THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

I am sure that in the summer term we will celebrate and mark the Platinum Jubilee.



## **COVID-19 SELF-ISOLATION AND TESTING GUIDANCE From 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (CHANGES)**

Rules about testing and isolation change from Monday – 17<sup>th</sup> January. This guide will help you understand the changes and what you should do if your child has symptoms or tests positive

**My child has Covid-19 symptoms. What should I do?** From 17<sup>th</sup> January you should do a Lateral Flow Test to confirm they have COVID (LFD) If their test result is negative, they can return to school. If their test result is positive, they must do a PCR and self-isolate.

**My child is definitely Positive. What should I do?** From 17<sup>th</sup> January, your child should self-isolate and must not attend school. Their self-isolation period is initially 10-days but this could be reduced to 6-days. To see if this is possible, your child should take further LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. If your child receives two negative test results (24 hours apart), they can stop their self-isolation and return to school on day 6. The first LFD test must be taken no earlier than day 5 and tests must be taken 24-hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental discretion. If both tests are negative and your child does not have a high-temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 6. They should not take any further LFD tests. However if your child continues to be positive on a LFD – they must isolate for the full 10 days.

**My Child has no symptoms but has tested positive on a lateral Flow (LFD) What should I do?** If your child has no symptoms but tests positive on a LFD you do not need to get a PCR test. You should self isolate following the guidance above.

**What if my child is still testing positive on an LFD test after 10-days?** It is highly likely that your child will still test positive after 10 days. Your child should return to school after the 10-day isolation period even if they are still testing as positive on an LFD test and should not take any further LFD tests. This is because they are unlikely to be infectious after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of their isolation period. If your child still has a high temperature after 10 days or is otherwise unwell, they should stay at home and seek medical advice.

**Someone in my child's household has tested positive. Can my child still attend school?** Yes, they should attend school. However, you are strongly advised to test your child using an LFD test every day for 7-days. They should attend school as normal unless they have a positive test result. If they test positive, please follow the guidance in the previous section.

**My child has been identified as a close contact by NHS Track & Trace. What should I do?** Follow the advice given to you by NHS Track & Trace and inform the school.

## **Informing Parents About A Positive Case**

Last term – if there was a positive case of COVID (confirmed by a PCR) in a class then we always informed the rest of the parents in the class by an email letter and text. Fortunately we didn't have huge numbers. The COVID testing and reporting rules changed this week and PCR tests are no longer required. The rules for reporting to the other parents in the class have also changed and we await further guidance – it is highly likely that we will not have to inform other parents anymore. For now and until we receive further clarification on this we will send a simple text message just to let you know that there has been a positive lateral flow test within the class.

## Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 94%. Well done to Y2 Rowan Class and Reception Palm Green with the best attendance at 100%

## Dates

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Sex and relationships meeting at 9.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Assessment Meeting for parents at 9.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 Assessment Meeting for parents at 1.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Y6 workshops social media & friend v friendly
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	KSI performance this week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Local Charity Event – Food Bank Aid
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Half term at 3.30pm

