



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Our Local Charity This Term

This term we will be supporting Food Bank Aid. 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 11th 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.

Please see the leaflet at the end of the newsletter about which items are needed

Thank you for your support.



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COVID

Covid cases have been particularly high this week right across the school. Eleven out of our sixteen classes have had cases of COVID at the same time this week. It has been a challenging week as we have also had 23 members of our staff absent. Unfortunately, this has meant that even with creative solutions, we have had to postpone some parent meetings, merge some classes and cancel some of our breakfast and after school provisions. This seems to be the picture across many Barnet primary schools at present. A massive well done and thank you to Miss Michael who has managed all of the cover for staff superbly and to the school office for fielding all of the parent calls and emails and questions about return dates etc.

As you are aware from the letter emailed this week, I have had to contact the DFE Covid helpline to report our number of cases across the school. Public health then advise us what we should do. The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Initial measures suggested to us are predominantly the measures we already have in place in school, such as regular cleaning, regular handwashing/sanitising and increased ventilation.

However, there also needs to be a temporary suspension of activities that would bring large groups together – this means that at this time, the Infant show will still be recorded with no parent audience. We have been advised to suspend live performances and any large groups of parents on site.

Please can we ask for your help in assuring we don't have to move to the next stage of control measures.

- If your child has symptoms please take them for a PCR test (not a LFD test) and keep them at home and inform the school
- We are asking all parents, carers and visitors to wear face masks again whilst on school grounds.
- Don't arrive too early at the end of the day so that people are not congregating in the school playgrounds

If your child has a positive lateral flow test, you should report the result online on the NHS website. You should send a picture of the confirmation you get back to the school office as confirmation that your child is positive.

Whilst the government have moved the country back to plan A – every individual school setting is measured separately and by the number of cases at any one time.

Cases here are high and at an unprecedented level. We have to report cases and be guided by advice. The DFE, Public Health and the London Coronavirus Cell have advised that we maintain our current measures.

We will be monitoring case numbers over the next few weeks before half term to see if we need to introduce even more stringent control measures. If numbers do not go down or rise further this is when we will introduce more measures.

Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Medals – Deadline Monday

On February 6th 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

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 24th JANUARY. Orders cannot be placed after this date.



Education

In assembly on Monday we talked about Article 28 – The Right to an education. Some of the teachers talked about what they enjoyed most about lessons at their primary school and also what helped them to learn. Please talk to your child/ren about what your primary school experience was like – what you enjoyed most about lessons and what helped you to learn. Talk about the similarities and differences between your primary school days and theirs. Children love to hear your stories and experiences.

World Book Day – Advance Notice

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. One of the special things for that day is that we are going to ask the children to come dressed as their favourite character out from a book. This could also be from a nonfiction or poetry book. We want to give you as much notice as possible to buy or make a costume.

Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 94%. This was above Barnet attendance last week which was 93% across all primary schools. Well done to Reception Palm Green with the best attendance at 99%

Dates

Monday 7 th February	KS1 performance this week
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 th February	Local Charity Event – Food Bank Aid
Friday 11th February	End of Half term at 3.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd February	Y2 SPAG Meeting for parents at 9.30am
Thursday 24 th February	Y1 Phonics meeting for parents at 9.30am
Friday 25 th February	Holly Park Maths Day
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4 th March	Y4 Pyjama party
Monday 14 th March	First Aid lessons this week
Monday 14 th March	Times released online for parent consultations
Wednesday 16 th March	Y5 to The National Gallery
Monday 21 st March	First aid lessons this week
Monday 21 st March	Y5 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am - Rights
Tuesday 22 nd March	Y4 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am - RE
Thursday 24 th March	Y3 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am – computing
Monday 28 th March	Holly Park Well-being Week
Monday 28 th March	Holly Park Wheel to School Week
Monday 28 th March	Parent Consultations this week for Y1 to Y6
Thursday 31 st March	End of term at 1.30pm



HOLLY PARK SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID



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FOOD BANKS URGENTLY NEED DONATIONS

Food Bank Aid delivers your donations to 15-20 food banks each week, supporting 10,000+ people (including 3,000 children) across North London.

WHAT THE FOOD BANKS REALLY NEED



Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit, veg etc



Breakfast Cereals & Porridge



Rice, grains & noodles (max 1kg)



Instant coffee, tea, sugar, UHT Milk



Jam, honey, peanut butter, marmite



Ingredients: Oil, yeast, flour, eggs



Biscuits, crackers, nuts, cereal bars, dried fruit



Toiletries, sanitary pads, incontinence pads



Laundry tablets, washing up liquid, bleach, sprays



Baby formula & nappies (large sizes), creams

HOW TO DONATE FOR FOOD BANK AID

We will be collecting on **Friday, 11th February 2022**. Please bring your donations to school on the day, drop off points will be signposted around the school site.



Food Bank Aid: North London



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