



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Our celebrations for the Jubilee will be on Friday 27th May – the day before the half term holiday.

We would like ALL of the children to come to school dressed as a King or a Queen for the day. There will be Maypole dancing workshops across the day which the older children will participate in and the younger children will watch. There will be a special Jubilee lunch that day which will be eaten out in the playground – in a street party style. If you would like your child to have the special Jubilee lunch, please contact the school office by the Friday before (20th)

Jubilee Lunch

Cheese sandwiches
Chicken sandwiches
Jam sandwiches

Pizza fingers

Vegetable sticks and hummus

Sausage rolls
Vegetarian Mexican bean rolls

Jelly

Cup cakes

Flap Jacks



Foster Care Fortnight

Foster Care Fortnight is The Fostering Network's annual campaign to raise the profile of fostering and show how foster care transforms lives. It also supports fostering services to highlight the need for more foster carers. Foster Care Fortnight 2022 will take place from 9-22 May. This year's theme is #FosteringCommunities to celebrate the strength and resilience of fostering communities and all they do to ensure children are cared for and supported to thrive. Every 20 minutes another child in the UK becomes in need of a foster family and we currently have 331 children with foster families in Barnet. Every child deserves a safe and loving home and Barnet Family Services is on a mission to provide the best possible care for our looked after children. You could have what it takes to become a Foster Carer, but you'll never know unless you get in touch with us here: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/fosteringinbarnet>

Jubilee Gifts

In June 2022, the United Kingdom will once again be in the spotlight around the world while we raise a glass in celebration of a historic event - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70 Year Reign. Our PTA at Holly Park Primary School is offering these two products personalised with our school logo (at the back) to mark this incredible occasion. You can order these goods at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyparkpta>. There is a deadline for the orders. They must be received the week after half term. The goods will be wonderful keepsake's for years to come when your children are adults.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Mug and Bear. The bear is 12 cm high and exceeds the European Toy Safety Standards EN71 (all Parts), safe for all ages and mugs are dishwasher safe. £10



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee tote bag. 38x42cm canvas bag £7



Online Safety Meeting for Parents

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad? Do you know which sites are safe and suitable? Are you aware of all of the dangers of your child having a mobile phone? Are your children sending messages on x box? Is your child playing inappropriate games? What are the dangers of Apps? What social media is suitable for your child? How much screen time is acceptable? On Tuesday 7th June we have paid for an outside company to come in and talk about online-safety all day with classes and also to do a meeting for parents at 9am to help parents think about keeping children safe at home on computers, ipads, mobile phones etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We have run these sessions in the past. Parents found it eye opening, thought provoking and extremely useful. It is very important to be one step ahead of your child as technology becomes more a part of children's everyday lives. Whatever your child's age or year group, the meeting will be appropriate and useful. I would urge as many parents as possible to come along to the school hall at **9am on Tuesday 7th June.**

Y6 National Assessments

This week we had the national test week for Y6. The tests are very challenging with the average expectation being more in line with what an average 13year old used to be expected to do.

I would like to acknowledge all the staff who have worked with the children over the years but particularly to Miss Sampson, Mr Carini, and Mrs Hurry for the fantastic work they have done with the children this year and to all the other staff who have supported Y6 and run extra booster classes and tutoring.

Also thanks go to the PTA for buying the start of day breakfasts and to all the staff who ran the special Y6 breakfasts and who also invigilated the tests across the week.

I must make special mention of Mr French who as an experienced Y6 teacher has stepped into Y6 for a couple of weeks to help prepare the children and to administer the tests while Miss Sampson has been absent.

A very big well done to our Y6 children who have kept calm over the week and really tried their best. Thank you also to the governors who came in as independent observers to ensure the tests were carried out fairly.

During the week we also had a Local authority monitoring visit to ensure that both KS1 and KS2 test papers are kept securely and that the tests are being administered properly in line with the correct guidelines. This went really well.

Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 93%.

The best attendance was from Y5 Maple Class with 99% attendance.

Dates

Monday 16th May

Y6 to Norfolk Lakes

Friday 20th May

International Day

Friday 27th May

Jubilee Celebration Day

HALF TERM

Monday 6th June

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th June

Parent Online safety meeting in the hall at 9am

Monday 13th June

Y5 parent meeting – Secondary Transfer – in the hall at 9.00am

