



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## Air Pollution

During the Summer Term, the Junior Travel Ambassadors took part in a project to assess how clean the air near the school was. Air pollution monitors were installed in 6 locations near the entrances of the school for a month, before being sent for analysis by Asthma and Lung UK.

We are pleased (and relieved!) to know that none of the monitors picked up excess levels of pollution, and we hope these levels continue to stay low to give our pupils the healthiest possible journey to and from school.

You can support this by switching your engine off when parked or waiting for your child, and walking, cycling, scooting or using public transport to travel to school whenever possible.



## PTA Fund Raising Last Year

Last year the PTA raised approximately £14k - a massive thank you and well done to everyone involved as this is an amazing amount.

Here are some of the amounts raised at various events:

Summer fair £5670

Winter fair £882

Ice lollies £878

School Lottery £955

Cake Sales £769

Easter fair £684

Bags2school £650

Amazon smile/easy fundraising £565

Second hand uniform £434

Seasonal tables £374

Christmas cards £274

Inflatables £173

Mother's Day & Father's Day shops £291

Christmas trees £129

Money raised across the year was spent on: chairs for the family area, the author visit, replacing the ball area net and new football goals, the first news subscription and the Y6 test breakfast and Y6 leaving events.

The next Annual General Meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Do look out for more information about this.

## A reminder about NO Nuts in School

I would just like to remind all families that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any food that may contain nuts. Several of our children are extremely allergic not just from the taste of a nut but also from the smell. Nuts can be very dangerous for these children. We appreciate your support.



## Under 18 Year Old Sibling Collection Permission Form

If you would like your older teenage child to come to Holly Park and collect a younger sibling from our school to walk them home from school without an accompanying adult, you must complete a form and return it to the school office. Parents can of course give permission for teenage children to collect – however it is difficult for staff to be sure that they are allowed to take our children especially the very young ones. The form has been emailed home, is on the school website and is attached to the bottom of this letter.

## Uniform

We need your support in helping us to maintain our high standards. Can we ask that our uniform policy is followed when sending your child to school and that all uniform is labelled. Please ensure that you adhere to the following:

- No nail polish
- Red, green, white or black hair accessories ONLY
- Black school shoes
- The correct PE kit with white trainers and the school green tracksuit
- Only plain gold/silver studs – no hoops, no other jewellery (except religious)
- A small inexpensive watch can be worn but no smart watches

## Meet The Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending the meetings over the last couple of weeks, it was lovely to see so many of you on screen. We hope that many of you were able to attend from work etc. The Meet the Teacher packs of information were emailed out after each meeting. We hope that the information at the meeting and in the pack were useful. If you have any further questions, please see your child's class teacher.

## New Reception Intake

A big welcome to our new Holly Park families in Reception. The children are settling in well and have been engaged in many activities and are making new friends. For information please keep a watchful eye on the school website where curriculum letters, updated messages, information and photos will be updated throughout the school year.

## Two Upcoming Special Days This Half Term

Over this term we have two special days where children will be wearing other clothes. More news about each day to come.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Just One Tree Day (a Barnet wide project) Children to wear green and/or brown and donate £1

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Be Bright be Seen Day – Children to come to school dressed in as bright colours as possible.

## Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 97%

Well done to Year 2 Elm Class with the best attendance at 99%

## Dates

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| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September  | Reception phonics meeting for parents 9am |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October     | Y6 assessment meeting 9am                 |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October   | Y2 visit to the synagogue                 |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October | Harvest Festival                          |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October  | Nasal Flu                                 |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October    | Just One Tree Day                         |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October    | Walk to school week                       |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October | Y3 to Neasden Temple                      |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | Be Bright Be Seen Day                     |





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I give permission for:

Teenage Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

To collect Holly Park child's name and surname:

\_\_\_\_\_

From: Child's class \_\_\_\_\_

I understand I am responsible to ensuring they have safe access to home on their arrival.

I am aware of the route they will take and have discussed safe travel with them.

I understand that the school can accept no responsibility for my child once they have left the school grounds with the older teenage sibling.

I can be contacted on \_\_\_\_\_ if there are any concerns.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

**\*We are keeping this information in line with our data protection policy**