



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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PTA Christmas Fair

The PTA Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 14th December in the hall.

They are also collecting "jolly jam jars" (jars full with small toys and treats for the children to win) the week starting 4th Dec, and also Christmas chocolate donations (with no nuts obviously) on the week starting 11th December.

Santa will be at the fair for everybody who would like to visit him. .



PTA KS2 FESTIVE QUIZ

The PTA annual KS2 quiz will take place again this year for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the final week of term. The quiz is £1 to enter and should be paid for on the school money system.

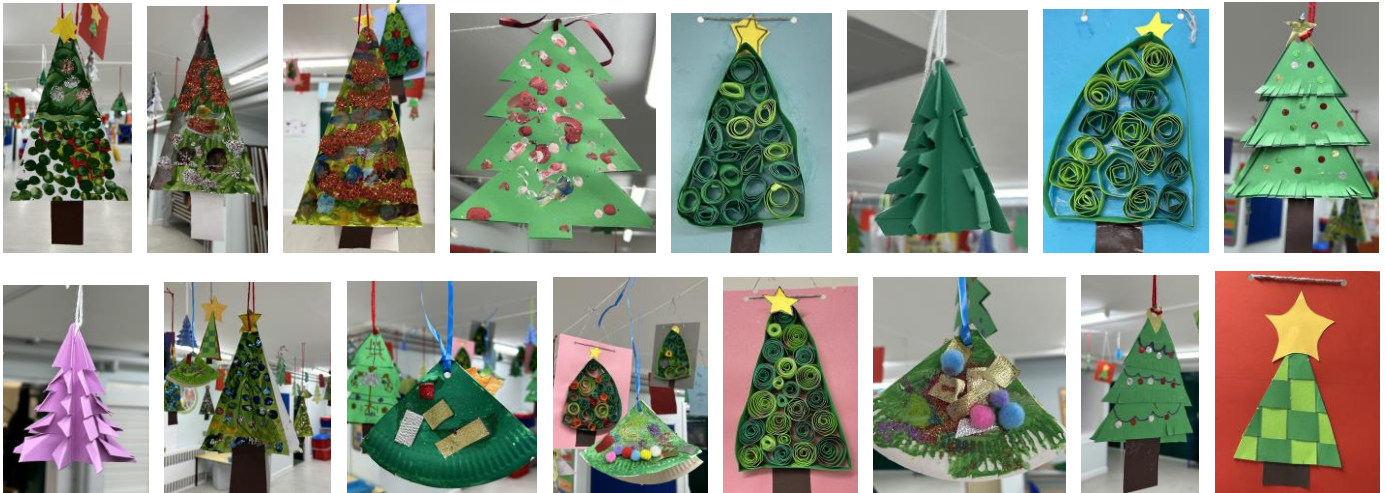
The Classes will do the quiz in their classrooms in the final week – arranged at a suitable time by the class teachers.

The children will sit in their house groups and will compete against the other houses in their classroom. The quiz is always a very enjoyable event. Thanks in advance to Mrs Theuma for organising all of the questions. This will be a lovely event in the final week.

QUIZ TIME

Christmas has Arrived!

On Friday last week, every child in school from nursery to Year 6 made a Christmas decoration to hang in the dining hall. This is a Holly Park tradition and helps to make the school look festive. On Wednesday, the children were SO excited to come into the dining hall and see all of the decorations hanging there. The hanging of the decorations in the dining hall always marks the official start to the festivities at Holly Park. This year the theme was Christmas trees made in different ways and showing a progression of artistic techniques - ranging from: finger printed trees in nursery to symmetrically cut trees in Year 2 and 3D paper craft trees in Year 4 to trees made from quilling in Year 5 and weaving in Year 6. Well done to Mr Llewellyn who co-ordinated this.





Outdoor PE and the Daily Mile

This is just a reminder that when children do outside PE or the daily mile run that they do not wear coats. Coats are not part of the outdoor PE kit and are not necessary to wear. The children are very physically active outside. This is the policy at most schools both primary and secondary. Cold weather alone cannot make you ill. Cold weather does not cause cold or flu viruses. However, each of us feels the cold differently. If your child feels cold easily, we would suggest buying a good quality vest or thermal vest to wear beneath the PE kit. This will not be seen but will help to keep your child warm but mean that they still have the full range of movement necessary to participate in sport.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December

If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas lunch then please call the school office just so we have an idea of numbers.



Jazzy Jumper Day

There will be a PTA Jazzy jumper day of the last day of term **Thursday 21st December**, for a contribution of a £1 donation on school money.



Christmas Parties and Party Food

For the annual Christmas parties we always ask parents to provide food for a party tea. We are asking that children should bring in a small party pack on the day of their party SEPARATE to any packed lunch. This will be their own party pack for their party day. The party pack must not contain nuts. No fizzy drinks can be brought in. Children will need named water bottles. Children will take home their rubbish and any uneaten food.

Children should come to school on the day of their party wearing party clothes (sensible shoes) for the whole day. Please make sure that the party clothes are warm clothes

Times Of The School Day and Punctuality

A reminder that children should be in school by 9am by the time the school gates close. This week we have had up to 30 children late on some days.

Also, a reminder that children need to be collected at 3.30pm. A lot of children have been collected late this week.

Class Christmas Present

As it is the festive season, you may want to buy a Christmas/wintery book and donate it to the class from your child. You can wrap the book up as a present and write a label to the class on the parcel. Inside the book you could write a

message inside the front cover saying it is to the whole class from your child at Christmas 2023. You could even design your own bookplate from your child and stick that inside the book. A list of possible book titles is attached to this newsletter. Children get an enormous sense of pride seeing the teacher unwrap a gift to the class from them. Last Christmas several families chose to do and it was great for the school book corners!

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 94%

Well done to Y3 Willow Class with the best attendance at 97%.

Dates

Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery drop in for new children 4-5pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 14 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal (morning)
Thursday 14 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 15 th December	Y5 and Y6 parties
Monday 18 th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.15pm
Tuesday 19 th December	EYFS parties
Tuesday 19 th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.15pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 1 and 2 parties
Wednesday 20 th December	Y3 and Y4 parties
Thursday 21 st December	Term ends at 1.30pm



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