



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Holly Park Book Swap Friday 8th March

The Holly Park book swap is a great way to re-use and recycle children's books. The idea is that on **Friday 8th March** every child in the school brings in 2 or 3 books from home that are still in good condition BUT that they have outgrown and don't want to read again. The books can be fiction, non-fiction or poetry books. On the morning of **Friday 8th March**:

Books from EYFS and KSI children will be collected at the school gate.

Lower KS2 children (Y3/4) will take their books straight to the spare classroom

Upper KS2 children (Y5/6) will take their books straight to the upper junior shared area

The teaching assistants will receive them and will set them out on tables for the appropriate age group.

During the day, every class will have time to look at the books. Each child will then choose a book that they would like to take home – this will be a new book for them to enjoy.



Resilience Workshop For Parents

On Monday 4th March at 9am, Miss Michael will be leading a meeting for all parents and carers on how to support our children to build resilience. She will be talking about the benefits to children when they are resilient and also the negative impact it can have on them, their confidence, their friendships, their learning and their mental health if they are not resilient.

Resilience is about having a positive attitude. It is about developing independence to deal with problems as they happen and to overcome them. This is really important for all children.

Please do come along to the meeting on Monday 4th March at 9am in the hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Supporting A National Charity 25th March

The national charity that we are supporting this year is The Anti-Bullying Alliance. It is a charity that was established by the NSPCC and the National Children's Bureau in 2002 and is hosted by the National Children's Bureau. They work to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children can live, grow, play and learn. Each year, they organise Anti-Bullying Week. At Holly Park, we use their resources and expertise to support the work that we do on anti-bullying. We will be launching Well Being Week on **Monday 25th March** by asking the children to come dressed in blue, pink and purple (the colours of the Anti-Bullying Alliance) and asking for donations of £1.

There will be a meeting for parents about anti-bullying on Thursday 21st March at 9.30 on Zoom.

Key Areas Of Information About Holly Park

How does the school make children feel safe?

The school provides a calm and happy atmosphere

The school provides a clean, tidy and attractive environment

We have plenty of staff on playground duty.

We have a Learning Mentor who helps children with concerns, worries and friendship problems.

MTS wear fluorescent jackets at lunchtime so that they can be easily seen by the children.

We have lots of first aiders in school. Medication is kept securely in the medical room.

Staff wear lanyards.

We do a register twice a day and we call parents if children are missing.

We do a fire drill every term and we also do a lockdown drill every term.

We have trained fire marshals.

We have staff who have been first aid trained.

For school trips we do risk assessments and we take lots of adults with us. The teachers do a pre-trip visit.

We are constantly counting heads on school trips and crossing roads safely.

Our playground equipment is checked by an external company annually.
Our PE equipment is checked annually.
Playground equipment has safety surfaces underneath.
Children are not allowed to play on playground equipment when it is very wet and slippery
Grit is spread on the playgrounds when it is icy and slippery.
We have mini mentors and playground leaders at break times to help children
Children know that there is someone they can go and speak to when they are hurt or upset.
The school has secure fencing all around the perimeter and a locked gate. All of the offices can see the gate area via screens in each office.
We also have CCTV at the entrance path of the school.
We do an annual premises safeguarding audit.
Mr Reid checks that the site is safe to be in – fixing broken things and ensuring gas, electricity, fire extinguishers etc are all in good order.
Visitors to the school sign in and out and are given a lanyard.
All members of staff have an enhanced DBS
All members of staff have safeguarding training annually.
All members of staff do epi pen and asthma training.
The school has lots of policies and risk assessments for various areas of school life
The school has regular external Health and Safety and financial audits
The curriculum teaches about various aspects of staying safe – online safety, sun safety, stranger danger, crossing roads safely, medications etc
The school provides weekly Talk time for the children to share their concerns or worries
The classes have worry boxes.
Our behaviour policy has clear rewards and consequences
We use the Zones of Regulation and tool boxes to help children feel safe about their emotions.
We do regular assemblies about safety so that the children are aware of how we keep them safe

Attendance

Next week all children (except those new to the school) will receive a letter about attendance.
The letter will indicate where a child's attendance is at for this point in the school year.
It is very important that we make parents aware of attendance figures. We realise that some children may have had authorised attendance due to illness etc. however this still counts as absence – although it cannot be helped. Any absence from learning means that a child is missing out. The letter is just to make you aware of how your child's attendance looks so far this academic year and how they compare with the DFE expectation for all children to be attending 95/96% or more.
You will receive one of the following letters in an envelope.

A green letter will indicate attendance of 97% or more – which is better than average - this is great.

An amber letter will indicate attendance of 95%-96% - this is in line with expected attendance.

A pink letter will indicate attendance of 91% - 94% - this is of concern because it is below the expected attendance levels.

A dark pink letter which will indicate attendance of 90% or lower - which is of serious concern and will be flagged up and monitored by the Barnet Education Welfare officer.

Who Are The Subject Leaders?

We thought that it would be interesting and useful for you to know who our curriculum subject leaders are. In a primary school every teacher has to be in charge of a subject.



Mr Carini & Mr Turner
Computing



Miss Mountford
Writing



Ms Sampson
Reading



Mrs Mir
Maths



Mrs Walton
Phonics



Ms Echanove
Spanish



Mr Llewellyn
Art



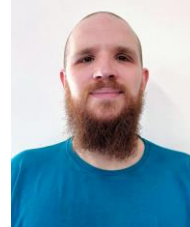
Mrs Nichols
History



Mrs Mehtar
PHSE



Mrs Moore
RE



Mr Delooze
Science



Miss Wood
EYFS SEND



Mrs Zane
DT



Miss Yiannaki & Mr Bourne
PE



Mrs Thomas
Pupil Premium & LAC



Mrs Fitzpatrick
Geography



Miss Halil
Music

Jewellery

A reminder that children cannot wear jewellery to school. The policy is very clear:

'It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. The only acceptable items of jewellery to be worn are a simple wristwatch (Smart watches or any type of phone watch or phones that have games or cameras on are not allowed) and earring studs only or jewellery of a religious significance.

Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.'

We have noticed a lot of bracelets, hooped earrings, necklaces and other jewellery creeping in. Children will be asked to remove them if they are wearing them.

Book Looks Year 1 to Year 6

These happen a week before the consultations. They are advertised in the dates section of the newsletter.

There are 2 book looks so do be sure to get the right date

There is a KS1 Book Look – this is for Y1 and Y2

There is a KS2 Book Look – this is for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

The idea is that you can go into the classroom and sit down with your child and look at their work.

This will give you an idea about how you think your child is doing ahead of parent meetings. I attach below a series of things that you might look for.

The classrooms are open from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. You can come along any time within that window. (At the end of the school day, the teacher will indicate when you can come in once the teacher has made sure all of the children are safely accounted for)

I would estimate that you will probably spend approximately 20-30 minutes with your child and their books.

The teacher will not be present in the room as this is for children and parents to look together.

The event is not really suitable for toddlers. However, if it is unavoidable that they have to attend due to child care, we do ask that they stay with you and do not wander round the classrooms and play with equipment.

At the end of the session, please leave your child's work in a pile on the desk.

This term the book looks are:

Tuesday 12th March KS1 Book Look (Years 1-2) 3.45 to 5.45pm

Wednesday 13th March KS2 Book Look (Years 3-6) 3.45 to 5.45pm

Easter Holiday Camp

This camp offers both football and multi-sport camp days for boys and girls from the age of 5+. The camp will take place at Holly Park Primary School during the school Easter holiday from 2nd – 12th April. Camp days start at 9 am and finish at 3 pm. Children are split into groups according to age. Parents will need to provide your child/ren with a packed lunch and a morning snack. Camp days are fun, engaging, and full of exciting games and activities as well as prizes. The camp does not concentrate solely on the winning side of sports but also on ensuring the children have fun and play games competitively and respectfully. All members of staff are DBS checked. Please see the flier attached to the end of the newsletter.

Nursery Rhyme Day

The nursery children dressed up as characters or objects from a nursery rhyme. They cooked cakes, decorated stars, acted out their favourite songs and joined in with Rhyme Time games.



World Book Day 2024

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we have lots of exciting activities planned!

- All children are invited to dress up as their favourite character or in a way that represents a book or character.
- There will be KS1 & KS2 book-based assemblies.
- The whole school will be taking part in a shared reading session.
- Pupils will receive their book tokens that can be used to buy special World Book Day books in shops (or £1 off a preferred book).
- All pupils will be asked to create a 'book jar' at home that will be used to create a museum.
- Children will be taking part in various creative activities in class inspired by an image and a poem.

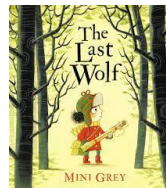
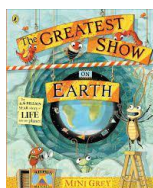
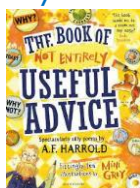
If you would like to get involved with further activities at home then there are many suggestions on the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>.

We look forward to celebrating all things books and reading with our pupils on the 7th March.

Author Visit 13th March

On Wednesday 13th March Ms Sampson has secured the author/illustrator Mini Grey to make a visit to meet the children at Holly Park and talk about her work and books. Huge thank you to the PTA who have paid for the author visit.

We have arranged for the Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop to sell copies of her books after school which Mini Grey will stay behind and sign copies of in the hall. The children will be able to use their World Book Day token to get £1 off any of the books they buy.



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was 95%

Well done to Y5 Juniper Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 4 th March	Parent session about 'resilience' 9am in the school hall
Tuesday 5 th March	Barnet Dance Festival
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	The Holly Park Book Swap
Monday 11 th March	First Aid lessons this week
Monday 11 th March	Times released online for parent consultations
Tuesday 12 th March	Y4 Maths workshop for parents & children at 9am
Tuesday 12 th March	KS1 Book Look at 3.45pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Author visit
Wednesday 13 th March	KS2 Book Look at 3.45pm
Monday 18 th March	First aid lessons this week
Monday 18 th March	Curriculum Meeting for parents via zoom at 9.30am
Monday 18 th March	Infant Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 19 th March	Infant show at 2pm
Tuesday 19 th March	Nursery stay and play 4-5pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Infant show at 2pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Cross-country competition
Thursday 21 st March	Anti-bullying meeting for parents via zoom at 9.30am
Thursday 21 st March	Infant show at 9.30am
Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Viking Day
Monday 25 th March	Holly Park Well-being Week
Monday 25 th March	Holly Park Wheel to School Week
Tuesday 26 th March	Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3 Roman Day
Wednesday 27 th March	Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	End of term at 1.30pm



THINKING OF BOOKING A HOLIDAY...? IF SO, MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS FIRST

Please check the school calendar of holiday dates. Holly Park Primary School does not authorise any term time holidays. In **limited EXCEPTIONAL circumstances** (this does not include weddings, anniversaries etc), a written request for special leave of absence may be considered by the Headteacher during term time, only where the circumstances warrant it, namely:

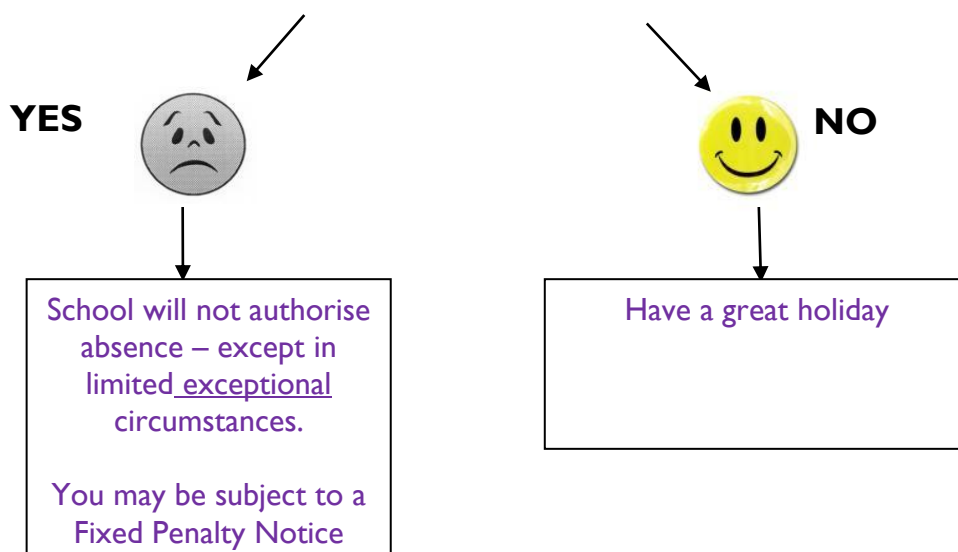
1. For service personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays outside term-time and only if the holiday will have minimal disruption to the pupil's education; and

You will be asked to provide evidence that your request for leave is exceptional

The cost of a holiday is not considered an acceptable reason to take term time holidays.

If in doubt, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Needham

BEFORE YOU BOOK A HOLIDAY: Is it during School Term Time?



**LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET EDUCATION WELFARE TEAM AND
HOLLY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
WORKING TOGETHER.**

Football & indoor
games with an
outdoor playground
& Astro football
pitch
Kids hiit workout
Boxing
Arts & Crafts



ITHIP EASTER CAMP



**GIRLS AND BOYS
AGES 5-11**

APRIL 2ND - APRIL 12TH

**EASTER EGG HUNTS
on Tuesday and
Thursday!**

**Holly park primary school
N11 3HG
From 9am-3pm**

**DEADLINE
MARCH 12TH**

**SPACE IS
LIMITED**



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