



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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National Charity – Young Minds Thursday 11th July

As a school we support 3 charities each year. Next week we are having our final charity day of the year – supporting a national charity. Young Minds is a charity who support the mental health of young people. Their vision is that they want to see a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health. More young people than ever before need support for their mental health and accessing that support quickly, can make a critical difference to those young people. Yet, most of the time those young people need to wait. And wait. And wait. The number of young people presenting at A&E with urgent mental health needs has tripled in the last ten years. Young Minds are trying to make a difference. On Thursday 11th July we would like everyone to wear yellow. This could be a yellow T shirt, a yellow dress, a yellow wig, yellow accessories, yellow socks, yellow face paint etc. We are asking for a £1 donation on school money that will be sent to the charity. Your support is much appreciated.



Annual Report To Parents

The annual reports to parents will be emailed home next week. Different year groups will be emailed home on different days as we cannot send them all on the same day. They will be spread across the week. A text will be sent to confirm when each class has been sent.

It is essential that the school has your correct email address. We will be emailing the reports to the email address currently on our school system.

If you have a new email address please make sure that the office has it as soon as possible.

The KS2 Reading Challenge Return Of Books

As we come to the end of the academic year teachers will no longer be issuing new Reading Challenge books. Children can finish the current Reading Challenge book they have and then return it to the shelves. Once a child finishes their current Reading Challenge book they can either bring in a book from home to read or choose a book off the shelves in the classroom book corner.

We need ALL Reading Challenge books returned by **Friday 12th July**. Please make sure that your child has returned their book by then. Please also have a good look at home and please return any other Reading Challenge books that you may have at home.

After this point the Reading Challenge will be tidied up and boxed up before the end of term ready to go into the new library in September.

Chess Tournament

Seven children from our Holly Park Chess Club took part in the North London Chess competition on Sunday 30 June at Moss Hall Junior School. This was an all-day event competing against a number of schools who have an excellent reputation for chess. The Holly Park Chess Team did amazingly well. This was even more impressive considering they competed against players who had been playing for a number of years and our team have only just started with chess. Each player played 5 games over the course of the day trying to win points for the school team. Congratulations to the children involved.



Violin Lessons

There are places available for violin lessons in September. Lessons are open to children from Year 2 to Year 6. If your child will be in one of those year groups in September please go to www.beatrust.org.uk and follow the link to school-based lessons.

Changes to Fixed Penalty Notice Fines For Absence

The DfE have made new rules about penalty fines for school absence. These come into force from August 2024. It is the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution in a Magistrates Court will be considered.

Third offence and any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2,500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on a parents future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 Sessions (5 days) Of Unauthorised Absence In A 10 Week Period

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. Money raised via fines goes to the local authority and not to the school.

The School Gate In The Mornings From September 2024

I am writing to give you advance warning that in September we will still be operating our soft start in the mornings however the window of opening will be 5 minutes shorter. The gates will open at 8.45am and will close at 8.55am. This is because teachers have noticed that those children coming through the gates at 9am are arriving late to the first lesson. By the time they have parked scooters and put packed lunch boxes away – it is 9.05am when they arrive in class and the first lesson is already underway. By closing the gates at 8.55am this will ensure that children have time to get to their classrooms for 9am.

Due Care and Consideration For Our neighbours When Parking

I am writing yet again about parent behaviour with regard to parking at the start and end of the school day. We have sent numerous texts, emails and newsletter reminders about not parking on the yellow lines, not parking over resident drive ways etc

The school has received complaints from parents about other parents being rude and aggressive about parking. We have also received telephone calls and messages from local residents who are unhappy about both parent parking and also about parent behaviour and rudeness in regard to parking.

As a school we value our standing in the local community and parent behaviour with regard to parking is bringing the school into disrepute.

It is not the remit of the school to get involved with parking. However, the careless, thoughtless, selfish and disrespectful parking behaviour of a handful of parents is not showing the school in a good light with our neighbours.

Only this week I have been informed of:

- A parent just pulling up in the street on Holly Park Road, causing grid lock with traffic build up and then a shouting match between parents and neighbours.
- Complaints of parents parking on the yellow lines on the corner of Bellevue and Holly Park Road
- On Sports day a neighbour called to complain about a black BMW blocking her driveway
- Another neighbour has called several times about a black Jaguar parking in a disabled space that is for her carer and is not a general bay but one registered to a specific badge number

Please be advised that the Parking Enforcement department have been contacted and they have agreed to send officers on an ad hoc basis until the end of term to administer fines for illegal parking.

I would really urge parents to THINK before parking and to have due care and consideration for others.

PTA Summer Fair – 20th July

Volunteers needed

The PTA still need volunteers for the Summer Fair, even if you could run one of the stalls we have on our volunteers list for 60 minutes, whilst enjoying the Summer fair festivities planned on the day. The Summer fair would not be able to take place without the support of parents, children and teachers helping us as they have done so in the past.

Click on the volunteers list to sign up, <https://volunteersignup.org/TW8M4>

Tombola Gifts

The PTA have sent out brown paper bags in children's book bags for our Toy and Bottle Tombolas which will be for our popular stalls at the fair. This will be in exchange for a PTA non-uniform day for all children, on Friday 5th July. All bags will

be collected on Friday morning of the 5th in the playground.

Funds raised

A reminder that all money raised will be used to support the school, with additional resources, equipment, activities and much much more. Also the PTA will be supporting the school with the Big Project Appeal: to help build a school library, creating a place not only to store books but an area/space for all the children to open up their imagination and bring literature to life.

Raffle

Don't forget! The Summer Fair will have a Summer Fair Raffle taking place so don't forget to buy your tickets over the next few weeks and keep a look out for more information over the next coming weeks.

We have over 25 prizes to be won! We thank all of our Raffle prize sponsors/donators listed so far! With many more still to come!

Estate Agent Boards

Estate Agent Boards by Austin Chambers & Co will be going up this week. To all those who have signed up to a board, you do not need to be in for them to place up.

Thank you

And finally, we thank all of the parents/children/grandparents and friends who have supported us all year around and continue doing so.

Please contact Bhavini @ Hollyparkpta@gmail.com if you have any questions, or are able to support the Summer Fair in anyway.

Thank you from your PTA Team.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 95%

Well done to Y5 Juniper Class with the best attendance at 100%.

Dates

- Monday 8th July Reports emailed home across this week
- Thursday 11th July Reception trip to Tate Britain
- Thursday 11th July National Charity Young Minds – wear yellow
- Monday 15th July Y6 show week
- Friday 19th July New Classes announced for September 2024
- Saturday 20th July PTA summer fair
- Monday 22nd July Reception Assembly Performance at 9.30am
- Monday 22nd July Y6 Careers Fair
- Tuesday 23rd July Children to visit new classes and teachers
- Tuesday 23rd July Junior Duke celebration event 2.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd July Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
- Wednesday 24th July Y6 Leavers' ceremony at 9.30am
- Wednesday 24th July End of term at 1.30pm



WE HAVE ACHIEVED



SUMMER FAIR

**Saturday 20th July
12noon till 3pm**

**TO MAKE OUR FAIR A SUCCESS
WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

Estate Agent Board

PTA will let you know when the boards will be put up.

Donate Raffle Prizes

Do you run or work for a business that could offer goods or services as prizes?

Volunteer to Host a Stall

Can you spare an hour or more to help staff a stall? See the list of stalls that we have on offer, and let us know where you can help.

Are you a chef or can you do a tasty BBQ?
Are you First-Aid trained? Can you face paint, or help with a crafting activity?

Offer Match funding

Does your organisation offer their employees the chance to match the amount of funds raised by your PTA or school? Why not find out if they do and put in a request

**50p
Entry
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Contact Bhavini if you can support in any of the above
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We thank you for all your support!