



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## Online Safety Next week – Parent Session Friday 7th February

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad?

Do you know which sites are safe?

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 watching videos on Youtube?

What are the dangers of Apps?

What social media is suitable for my child?

How much screen time is acceptable?

What are the latest online dangers?

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 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 etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We have run these sessions for the last few years and they have been a great success. Parents found it scary, 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 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February



## Children's Mental Health Week

The week beginning 3rd February is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is –**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.**

There will be an assembly at the start of that week where the wellbeing champions will lead the assembly.

Miss Michael will lead a Zones of Regulation pathway assembly about emotions and the stages/pathway children will use to help themselves out of a situation. She will talk about which tools children might choose to use to help them. In class there will be a talk time to consolidate this further.

There will be a homework for children to do with parents – which will be about practicing some of the tools children can use.

There will be a **Dress To Express Day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** where children reflect on themselves and their personality and dress to express themselves. This is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a range of emotions. Children can come dressed in their favourite colour or their favourite outfit or a fancy-dress outfit – anything that makes them smile and reflects their personality.



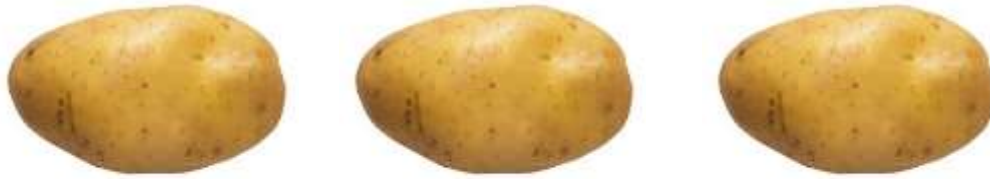
## The Potato Olympics

On Monday we have our annual 'House Challenge' This is an opportunity for children to work together in their house teams to earn points for their house.

On Monday we need every child from Year 1- Year 6 to bring a potato to school to take part.

The children will enter their potato into 3 potato races!

There will be lots of fun and laughter – which will also be a great start to Children's mental health Week.



## Science Workshops (Year 1 – Year 6)

We are very pleased to be having a Holly Park Science Week for the whole week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. During our Science Week the children will be doing some science experiments in class, there will be science assemblies and there will be a science homework.

Mrs Smith (Y4 Sycamore teacher) is our Holly Park science leader. Mrs Smith has booked a very exciting workshop for all of the classes from Year 1 to Year 6 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Children will get to engage in a selection of experiments that may include:

- Cloud in a Bottle
- Balloon Experiments
- Mutant Ninja Germs
- Bouncing Bubbles
- Fire Tornado

The children will engage in critical thinking, observation & analysis and teamwork.

The cost for the day is very expensive and we are aware that parents already pay for the curriculum days and trips that are planned for the year group.

I am very pleased to let you know that The PTA committee have agreed to heavily subsidise these workshops with money raised from PTA events. The PTA are contributing £700 to the cost of the day.

This means that we are only asking parents for £1 per child in order to participate in these exciting science workshops.

We hope that the science workshops will be enjoyable and educational and we are grateful to the PTA for their financial support to enable this event to happen.



## Chess Tournament – Round 2

Our Holly Park chess team took part in the second round of a chess tournament. There were three rounds of chess for each school to compete in. The competition was fierce this time around. Our Holly Park team did very well and all of them enjoyed some wins, draws and losses. They told me that it was a tough competition but that they had enjoyed it very much and that you really have to think to outmanoeuvre your opponent.

Well done to all six team members: Ansh, Harry, Artharv, Franco, Krish and Leo. Good luck for round 3 of the competition in March 2025!



## School Streets

The council have reviewed the consultation responses and data from traffic surveys and parking surveys and have decided to make the school street scheme outside Holly Park permanent which will retain the school street in its current situation.

They will however be looking to try and make pre-warning signage bigger for all of the school streets they have.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 96%

Well done to Year 6 Cedar Class with the best attendance at 99%.

## Dates

Monday 3rd February	Children's Mental health Week
Monday 3rd February	Annual House Challenge
Tuesday 7th <sup>h</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	School Journey Meeting for Y4 parents
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Dress to Express Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Online Safety Meeting for parents at 9am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	HPS Online safety day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 meeting about sex and relationship education 9am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 car making workshop - afternoon
Friday 14th February	End of Half term at 3.30pm

## HALF TERM



WE HAVE ACHIEVED

