



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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[www.hollyparkschool.co.uk](http://www.hollyparkschool.co.uk)

## Pupil Fundraising

May and Rimi (Year 4) did a 'Chocolate treats' stall on the streets where they live over the Easter break and they raised £55.25 for some more Neurodiversity books for the school. They did very well as they didn't have much time to advertise and the weather wasn't 100% on their side! What a fabulous thing to do. They are going to use the money to buy a selection of books to add to our collection.



## The Road Outside School

Just a reminder to parents and carers that the road outside school is NOT a pedestrian zone in the mornings. We are very concerned by the numbers of children actively scooting and cycling in the middle of the road as if there will be no cars. The road is a controlled zone – this means that school staff, deliveries, residents, emergency vehicles, disabled drivers etc can drive down the street at that time.

Please treat the road as an ordinary road and take care when crossing the road etc as normal. We would hate to see an accident in the morning.

## Attracting New Pupils

The birth rate worldwide, nationally, in London, in Barnet and particularly in our local area is very low and is set to fall even further over the next 5 years.

Lack of children affects the numbers of children who then come in to schools. Low numbers of children in school affects our school budget. Holly Park and all schools are funded by the numbers of children in school on one day in October – this is called Census Day. The school is only given money for those children in our school on that particular day and NOT for the total number of places we have across a year. For our school we could have a maximum of 420 children on roll. At the last census we had 391 children on roll. This means that we were down 29 children across the school. This amounts to a loss of just under £161,798 to our funding.

Loss of funding means that as a school we have to make cuts and the cuts mean significant changes for all of the children currently in the school. A shortfall of funding in any school impacts all of the children in the school.

It is therefore essential to keep Holly Park as full as possible with as many children as possible. We are now very much competing for local children alongside all of the other local schools. There are not enough children locally to go around. I am therefore asking for your help now and over the coming months. I would ask that you really help us to promote Holly Park and to help us fill spaces across the school in all year groups – you as parents and carers are our best ambassadors for the school. So, if you know neighbours, family or friends in your street who want a change of school, or who move into the area or who have a child about to start Nursery or Reception please recommend Holly Park. Every child on roll at the start of October brings in a significant amount of money that helps to provide a good standard of education for ALL of your children currently in the school.

## Early Help Coffee Morning at Holly Park 7<sup>th</sup> May 9am

We have invited Early Help to come and do a coffee morning at Holly Park on **7<sup>th</sup> May from 9am -10am**. Please come along and find out who they are, what they do and how they support families and children. They will talk about their service and also the new Barnet Autism Hub. All parents are welcome. Do come and find out more.



## VE Day – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

It is the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. At Holly Park we will be marking this day. Year 1 are on a trip that day. The children will again come dressed in red, white and blue. There will be a whole school assembly. Every class will do one lesson that day about the end of WW2, the celebrations etc and what it meant. Year 2,3 and 5 have dance workshops that day - Zumba style dance. We have asked the company to use some WW2 style music for the sessions.

Lunch will be a street party style - hopefully outside. It will be a sandwich style lunch with sandwiches, pizza, crudites, fruit pots and cake. It will be served from under the white canopy and the children will sit at the normal tables and benches under red, white and blue bunting.



## Letting Our School Hall

Over the past couple of years we have been letting out our school hall at weekends for all kinds of events including parties. We also hire the hall out after 6pm on weekdays for clubs and groups e.g Karate. All lettings are booked through a company called 'Sharesy' If you would be interested in having a birthday party in the school hall you can book this through the Sharesy website. Booking can include the main hall, the dining hall, the Astro ball area or the playgrounds. If you would be interested in hiring a part of the school for an event you can go to:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holly-park-primary-school>

## Y6 Careers Fair

Following the success of past Y6 careers fair, we are looking to repeat this again. As part of the work that we are doing across the school about the world of work we would really like to use our parent base to create a kind of careers fair towards the end of the school year. **The date will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon)** We are looking for approximately 10 parents who would be willing to come in to talk to a small group of children about their job and answer any questions. The session is a round robin of Y6 children in groups of about six, rotating round each parent. Each parent would need to talk to approximately 10 different groups of children for about 10-15 minutes at a time. If you think that you would be able to come and help us with this and talk about your job please contact me on

[head@hollypark.barnetmail.net](mailto:head@hollypark.barnetmail.net)



## Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 96%

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

## Dates

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

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### May Bank Holiday

Y2 to Kew Gardens

Olive Dining food taster at the school gate 8.45am

Y3 Willow to the Environmental Centre

Early Help Coffee Morning

Y1 to Hertfordshire Zoo

Dance workshops for Y2,3 and 5

Y3 Hazel to the Environmental Centre

Y6 National test week

Coffee morning for our Turkish families

Y6 to the Mosque

Y6 sailing to West Reservoir

Yoga workshops for Y3,4 and 5



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