HOLLY PARK
NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

Inclusion is everybody's responsibility – essential for some and good for all

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Crowd Funder - NEW AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

We have 3 more days until our Crowd Funder ends. Please can you help us to reach our stretch target?
All donations big or small are very much welcomed.

This is the link: crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hollypark-2026

Christmas Raffle

We are going to be having a Christmas raffle with all money raised going towards our new audio-visual equipment. Every child will bring home 2 books of tickets. Each ticket is £1. Please ask family and friends if they would like to buy a ticket. Ticket stubs and money need to be returned to school by the end of Friday 11th December to go into the raffle draw which will happen in assembly on Monday 14th December in front of all the children.
There are some fabulous prizes- several festive food hampers, a case of wine, tennis sessions, a four-ball golf round, a tattoo voucher, a Clown Town voucher, N20 soft play voucher, a large chocolate panettone, a selection of children's toys, Nando voucher for a family of 4 and more prizes. Please support the Christmas raffle and buy some raffle tickets.





Curriculum Enrichment – Opera

We were delighted to have provided an opportunity for our Y5 classes to have engaged in an online opera session with the Royal Opera House. The session was based on The Magic Flute.
There was a good mix of animation of the story, filming from a live performance and two presenters talking the children through it and giving parts for the children to participate with. It was very interactive and the children learnt about what an opera is and what it involves. They were able to discuss the levels or different pitched voices and harmony and how Operas are in different languages. Both classes were engaged throughout. It was wonderful that as I walked across the playground, a whole group of Y5 children came rushing over and told me that they had loved the opera in the classroom!







Santa's Daily Mile Fri 4th December

On Friday 4 December, schools across the UK and Ireland will come together for one big, festive celebration of movement, wellbeing and fun.
Children are being asked to come to school that day dressed in a festive way – it can be a festive jumper, festive headwear (hat, antlers etc) or in a Christmas costume. Our children will join thousands of children as they run their Daily Mile. Last year, more than 225,000 children took part. This year the aim is to make it the biggest Santa's Daily Mile yet!

Jazzy Jumper Day

Jazzy Jumper day will be **Wednesday 9th December**. In return for wearing a Jazzy Jumper we would like the children to pay £1 on School Money. This will go towards the Big Holly Park Appeal and our new audio-visual equipment. It is also Christmas lunch day so will bring a festive feel to the day.





Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice is very important to us at Holly Park. Through pupil voice we can find out more about what pupils think about school and the ideas they have for improving things. Having such a large number of groups that the children can be involved in means that they can contribute to their school community and get involved. They can also help other pupils to enjoy their time at school. Here are some of our pupil voice groups:



Healthy Living Council



Wellbeing Champions



Mini Mentors



Play Leaders



Junior Travel Ambassadors



School Council



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Rights Respecting Champions



Learning Council



Reading Champions



ECO Council

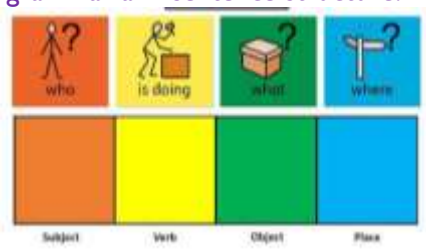
Y6 Winter Stalls

On Friday 11th December, Y6 children will be hosting stalls in the playground at home time 3.30pm. There will be a chocolate tombola and lots of other stalls with items to buy and games to play. The Y6 children are raining money for their end of year test breakfast and their leaving disco in July. Please do come along and support them.



Parent meeting – Colourful Semantics (grammar and sentence structure)

On Friday 11th December Miss Mountford will be running a parent session about Colourful semantics. Colourful semantics is a teaching tool that we introduced last year at Holly Park to support all children from nursery to Year 6 with grammar and sentence structure. Do come along and find out more about it.





Olive Dining School Lunch Survey

If you would like to complete the school lunch survey please use this link - Survey Link or scan the QR code



Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 93%

Well done to Year 5 Juniper Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 30th November	Decorations Day
Friday 4th December	Reading meeting for Reception parents at 9am
Monday 7th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 8th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.15pm
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery stay and play for new children 4-5pm
Wednesday 9th December	Jazzy Jumper Day (£1 to support the Big Appeal)
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10th December	Y3 Nativity at 9.30am
Friday 11th December	Y6 Winter Stalls 3.30pm
Friday 11th December	Meeting for KS1 and Y3 parents: Colourful Semantics
Monday 14th December	Y3 and Y4 parties
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS parties
Tuesday 15th December	Y1 and Y2 parties
Wednesday 16th December	Y5 and Y6 parties
Thursday 17th December	Choir sing a long 2.30pm
Friday 18th December	Term ends at 1.30pm