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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy term at Hollydale Primary School, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your incredible support during our recent Christmas concert. It was a truly magical way to close this term on a high note, and it wouldn't have been the same without your presence support and enthusiasm. Your attendance at the Christmas concert meant a great deal to us, and it added a special touch to the joyous occasion. We were deeply touched by the warmth and encouragement you brought to the event.

Our dedicated teachers and staff at Hollydale School have been working tirelessly to provide our children with a nurturing and enriching environment, and the results were evident in the exceptional performance of our confident, hardworking, and happy children. We would also like to extend our thanks to our staff team, visiting music teachers, our dedicated volunteer parents, and, of course, all of you as parents for your unwavering support in organising costumes and helping the children learn their lines and songs.

Special thanks to Mrs Opaleye for her exceptional work as our music leader. Your involvement truly made the event exceptional, and we appreciate your dedication to making it a success. As we approach the holiday season and gather with family and loved ones, we hope this Christmas will be a time of joy, peace, and togetherness for our entire school community.

We look forward to creating more wonderful memories together and cherishing the moments we share. These moments remind us of the importance of our school family bonds and the collective love we have for our children's growth and development. Let us continue to embrace the true spirit of Christmas by sharing love, laughter, and the warmth of our school community. Your support and presence at the concert exemplify the support and encouragement that have shaped our school community.

In conclusion, we want to thank you once again for being an integral part of this special moment in our children's lives. We are incredibly grateful for your dedication to our school and your unwavering support. May your Christmas be filled with love, joy, and cherished moments that warm your hearts.

Christmas Fair

Please come and join the fun on Saturday 16th December 2023 from 12 – 3pm. We would like to hold a tombola again this year so are asking for your help. If you have any unwanted bottled items at home that you no longer want, please wash them and then donate them to school so they can find a new home. All donations will need to be at school no later than Wednesday 13th December. Please let the PTA know if you are able to support on the day as it can only run successfully with the support of the school community.

Christmas Lunch

The children will be treated to a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. If your child usually has packed lunch, please let the office know if they would like a Christmas lunch.

Keeping Warm and Labelling Uniform

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure you send your children to school with jumpers, coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Please label each of your child's items so that if they lose them, we are able to help you easily locate them. Items which are not labelled are impossible to identify.

Best wishes,
Ms Reid - Headteacher

Thought of the week

"Mistakes are proof that you are trying."



Important dates for your diary

Monday 11th December	Choir performing at Lime Tree Retirement Home
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Lunch / Winter Jumper Day
Saturday 16th	Christmas Fair from 12 – 2pm
Wednesday 20th	Last day of term. All children to be collected by 1.30pm. There is no after school club.

Christmas Cards – Last collection on Monday 19th December

Please ensure that these are written up clearly with the name of the child and the year group name specified e.g. Tia, Cherry Class – EYFS.

Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%**.

Please note the following:

100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - Excellent

95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4

Days of Learning Missed - Satisfactory

90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4

Days of Learning Missed - Poor

85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3

Days of Learning Missed - Very Poor

80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3

Days of Learning Missed - Unacceptable

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	92%	3
Elm	97%	4
Cedar	94%	2
Birch	94%	3
Hazel	94%	3
Willow	93%	2

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run across the winter holidays (21st December – 5th January) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4 – 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds. Southwark are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in the local community. Each programme will provide:

- Free, nutritious and tasty food;
- Fun physical activity sessions;
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities;
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition.

Further information and booking details can be found by using the link below: [Food and Fun](https://eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun)



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Class Catch Up!

YR Cherry Class had a fantastic trip to Theatre Peckham this week to see their spin on the tale of Rapunzel. Not only did they marvel at the production, but it was a brilliant opportunity to explore our local surroundings and talk about both familiar and unfamiliar places. We had a short walk and got the bus and the children were able to highlight places of reference or significant places for themselves and members of their family. This is a key part of our 'Understanding the World' area of learning. For example, Tess spotted her church, Feadra spotted her Nanny's house, Sidney pointed out his old nursery and Storme saw her brother's school.



Y1/2 Elm Class – Lots of fun was had by Elm Class this week on their educational visit to the Wildlife Centre linking with their science learning of animals and their habitats. They looked at bug hotels, explored the grounds and even had a go at pond dipping!



Y3 Cedar Class - Enjoy this snippet of Cedar Class practising for their ukulele performance as part of our Whole School Christmas Show!

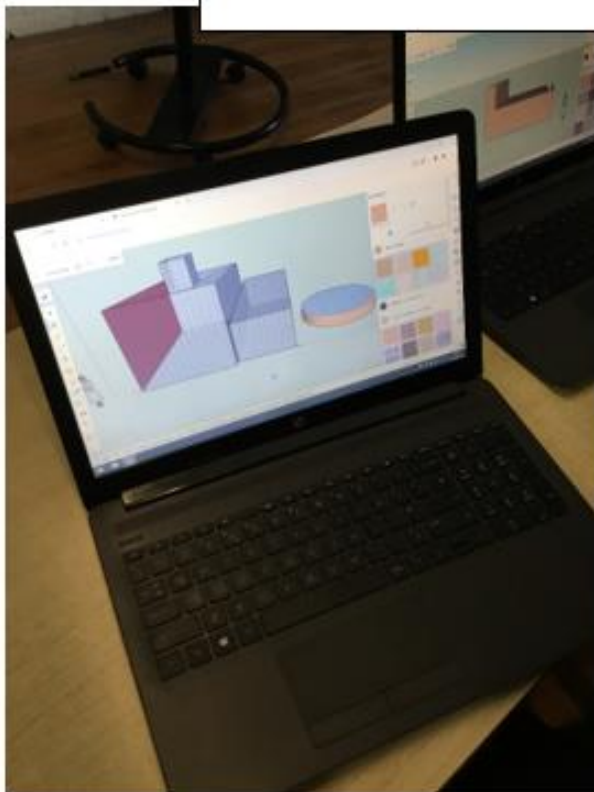


Birch Class (Year 3/4) have been learning how to use the column method to problem solve. They have also been learning how to use mathematical vocabulary to work collaboratively.





In Year 5, we have been starting to create virtual galleries on SketchUp. This week, we experimented with creating different shapes using the software and made sculptures.



Y6 Willow Class – In RE, Willow class explored how sculptures are used in religion. We discussed and looked at famous sculptures within Christianity.



Times Table Challenge

A massive well done to this half term Times Tables Challenge. Keep practicing Hollydale!



Chess Competition

Well done to all the children who competed this week at a chess festival with lots of other school. We had a top scorer who won a gold medal!



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Christmas Production Highlights 2023!



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Christmas Countdown 2023

Thursday 7th December (13:30-15:30)

Christmas Production at St Catherine Church

Friday 8th December

Christmas foodbank, to include Christmas dinners to be collected – meat / halal meat available

Wednesday 13th December

Winter/Christmas Jumper Day for the donation of £1 and Christmas lunch

Friday 15th December

Non-uniform Day – bring a bottle for the tombola (wine, squash, shampoo...)

Monday 18th December

Christmas foodbank – families and friends welcomed

Saturday 17th December (12:00-15:00)

Christmas fete, cake sale and raffle

Monday 19th December

Christmas cards last collection – Please label clearly with name and year group

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas class parties

Wednesday 20th December

School finishes at 13:30pm – late collection charges will apply



Wednesday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 04.12.23

Excellence Reward week for: General Hard Work

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Nadine	For beginning to sit more consistently at lunch time with a key adult.	Abdulqadir	For making friends in the class and being more affectionate towards others.
Elm Y1/Y2	Peter	For trying hard in our Computing lessons this half term to create an animation.	Jayce	For making fantastic progress with his reading.
Cedar Y3	Kymani	Great effort exploring the frottage technique in art.	Regan	Great effort on his double page spread on the layers of the rainforest.
Birch Y3-4	Kelsey	Kelsey For exhibiting the 4R's whilst she is at school and also seeking to play inclusively.	Archie	For making a real effort within maths. He was also crowned the 'Times Tables Champion' this term
Hazel Y5	Tristan	For an excellent effort with writing more in Topic and responding to marking.	Kara-Bella	For a creative and relevant recreation of a Shang Dynasty oracle bone using modelling clay.
Willow Y6	Dominic	For producing a fantastic double page spread on rivers all around the world.	Ishmail	For producing an excellent double page spread on rivers all around the world.





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