



# HOLLY LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Newsletter Number 13

**TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE**  
**Respect Effort Achieve Care Honesty**

Dear Parents and Carers



Today was our Elf run for Phyllis Tuckwell. What a fantastic day! Our pupils looked so festive in their elf hats and Christmas jumpers! Thank you to all our families for their generous donations. We can't wait to find out from the charity how much we raised, and will let you know as soon as we have the total! See below for a selection of photos from this wonderful event.

We would like to say a big thank you to Dan's Garden Services (Please see below for more details) for kindly donating a Christmas tree to the school this year. After sending out a plea for a tree, we were inundated with offers. Sorry we weren't able to say yes to everyone who offered, but please do bear us in mind for Christmas 2021! We were so touched by the kindness and generosity of our families and local community; a real feeling of Christmas spirit!



In these difficult times where so much has been cancelled, we are delighted with the achievement of some of our Holly Lodge pupils in local arts festivals. See below for a report from Theatre Rocket.

Thank you to parents who have shown much more consideration for parking this week. It is our collective responsibility to keep our children safe by obeying the law. We will continue to note registration details of those parking illegally and will be passing details of repeat offenders to the police.

There is still time to get your raffle tickets for the HLSA grand draw! Please click the link below. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, including £100 cash from Bridges Estate Agent and £100 cash from Jewel Windows!

[HLSA Grand Draw](#)

All money raised by the HLSA goes directly to benefit our children. We are currently getting quotes for our new year 3 and 4 adventure play area to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2021.

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### Theatre Rocket News

#### **Woking Festival of Music Results for Theatre Rocket**

"We are so proud of the way in which Theatre Rocket students have continued to grow and push themselves during this strangest of years. We were flying high...Lockdown literally started off the back of two fabulous festivals and then it all just stopped. We have adapted by learning online and filming a ton of work in a small summer window of opportunity!!! These results reflect that work and I am most proud that nearly everyone from TR who did not place, received Distinctions and worthy comments from the adjudicators. We are lucky to have found these festivals where the feedback is so individual and positive". – Rae (Theatre Rocket)



#### **Woking Festival of Speech and Drama (SPEECH AND DRAMA SECTION)**

##### **9-11 years (11 entries) MUSICAL THEATRE TRIPLE THREAT**

Hattie Wisbey **1st Place Distinction**  
Rose Clowes **Distinction**

##### **Musical Theatre TT Duets**

###### **10-11 years (4 entries)**

Hattie Wisbey **1st Place distinction**  
Sophie Ward **3rd Place distinction**

##### **Musical Theatre VOICE ( MUSIC VOCAL SECTION)**

###### **9 and under (11 entries )**

Otto Wisbey **1st Place Outstanding**  
Marnie Clowes **2nd Place Outstanding**

###### **12 years and under (14 entries)**

Hattie Wisbey **2nd Place Distinction**  
Rose Clowes **Distinction**

###### **10-11 years ACTING SOLO (15 Entries)**

Yvie Gregory **1st Place Distinction**  
Sophie Ward **2nd Distinction**  
Kamila Torok **2nd Place Distinction**  
Rose Clowes **2nd place Distinction**  
Hattie Wisbey **3rd Place commended**  
Barney Matthews **commend**

###### **10-11 ACTING Duologues (5 entries)**

Barney Matthews/Hattie Wisbey **1st place Distinction**  
Rose Clowes/Kamila Torok **3rd place Distinction**

### Elf Run for Phyllis Tuckwell



### Pupil Festive Lunch—Wed 9th December

As you will know, in order to meet strict Covid safety guidelines our school meal provision has been temporarily reduced. This also means that unfortunately we are unable to offer our usual Christmas lunch to pupils. If your child normally has a hot meal on a Wednesday they will still be able to have a roast dinner on this date. **(Roast chicken, potatoes, stuffing and mixed veg)**

**If your child doesn't normally have a hot school meal on a Wednesday, we ask that they please bring in a packed lunch as usual.** (Due to Covid restrictions, the kitchen aren't able cater for excess numbers above their normal provision. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause)

To make lunch a bit more special, pupils bringing in a packed lunch may like to include added festive extras to their lunchbox, such as mince pies! (on this day, normal packed lunch rules will be relaxed—but please, nothing containing nuts) The children will all be eating their lunch together in their bubbles as normal with the addition of music and crackers provided by the HLSA so all can enjoy a festive lunch together! Pupils may also wear a Christmas jumper on this day if they wish to.

### The Reading Agency – Winter Mini Challenge

The Mini Challenge begins on **Tuesday 1 December 2020!**

Children can rate and review their books, collect rewards, and take part in Winter Mini Challenge activities through our website [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)

The Mini Challenge will end online on Friday 15 January 2021.

The Reading Agency helps people of all ages tackle life's big challenges through the proven power of reading. [Find out more about our work.](#)

#WMC2020 #EveryoneIsAHero



### HLSA Christmas Fundraising

Christmas raffle grand draw tickets are now available to buy online via raffall.com. Please click here: [HLSA Grand Draw](#). Take a chance on our popular Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Friday 11th December. Top prizes include £100 cash from both Bridges Estate Agents and Jewel Windows, along with many other great prizes. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online this year via Raffall. Good luck, you will be notified if you are a lucky winner!

Christmas goody bags! Have some fun at home with a festive bag of goodies. Bags are £3.50 and include reindeer food, craft activity, puzzle, hot chocolate reindeer and a treat. Bags can be purchased from [www.hlsahub.co.uk](http://www.hlsahub.co.uk). They will be delivered to your child's class during the last week of term (or to your home if you are isolating). Bags can also be 'donated' to local support groups who provide food parcels for local people.

#### **Other HLSA Christmas fundraising this year includes:**

Name the Elf on the Shelf! Christmas Links! Crackers for the pupil festive lunch! New books for classrooms!

***\*\*Full details of this year's HLSA Christmas fundraising can be found in the separate HLSA newsletter\*\****

### Dates for the Year 2020 - 2021

#### December 2020

9<sup>th</sup> Pupil Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> Class Christmas parties

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term – School finishes at the end of lunchtime YR 12.45pm, Y1&2 1.00pm, Y3&4 1.10pm, Y5&6 1.15pm (“The Lodge” after school club open until 6pm)


#### INSET Days

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Further INSET days to be announced. Please note INSET days may be subject to change.

More dates for the Autumn term will follow in due course. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, all dates and events may be subject to change. New dates added in red.

 **Bronze Award**  
 Jack Wilson, Henry Roberts, Fahmida Begum, Connor Keeble, Jasmin Mahapatabendige, Kamila Torok, Thomas Gregory, Zachary Bishop, Daniela Torok, Susan Tafa, Arwen Gaskell, Lillian Bellamy, Jemima Rogers, Izzie Hansen, Kieran Barnard, Auralia Morley, Polly Flint, Louie Munday, Harry Job, Jaydan Spiers, Isobel Baker, Abbie Ballard, Ellie Smith, Dhian Tahim, Bella Cousins, Laura Giedzuin, Evie-Grace Stokell



## Star of the week

### Butterflies

03/12/2020 Eleanor Peat

Ellie always comes into school each morning with a big smile on her face which brightens up everyone's day. Ellie also tries so hard with her learning and never gives up. What a real Rocky Rhino you are Ellie!

### Chipmunks

03/12/2020 Scarlett Eighteen

Scarlett has wowed us in Chipmunks this week! Firstly, she has sat and listened beautifully to every instruction from her adults. Secondly, when she was really stuck in numeracy on Thursday, she explained to the teacher that she was unsure and asked for some help; which she often finds hard to do. Thirdly, after many weeks of extra phonics learning in school and at home, Scarlett has massively improved her understanding in phonics. Well done Scarlett! We are so proud of you!

### Crocodiles

03/12/2020 Harry Ward

Harry has had a great positive attitude towards his learning. This week, we made clay dragon eyes. Harry worked methodically and ensured that each step was complete before moving onto the next one. There were some challenges but he faced them positively. His final result has great depth, detailed scales and we can't wait for it to dry so we can paint them! Keep being positive Harry.

### Giraffes

03/12/2020 Chloe Bowen

Chloe always puts effort into every single area of learning. She shows amazing diligence and is fantastic at motivating herself to do the best she can.

### Koalas

03/12/2020 Jake Thain

Jake always shows enthusiasm for his learning, is motivated to learn and always tries his best. Jake contributes good ideas to class discussions and supports his classmates when they are finding things tricky. Well done Jake.

### Ladybirds

03/12/2020 Polly Suffield

Polly, you always have a smile on your face and show such a positive attitude in everything you do.

### Lions

03/12/2020 Jude James

Jude has shown he is a real 'Rocky Rhino' as he has tackled all the class activities whilst having to cope with a broken wrist. He always has a smile on his face and a great attitude.

### Penguins

03/12/2020 Esther Batchelar

Esther is our star of the week for her fantastic positive attitude to learning. She always listens very carefully to the feedback given to her and uses it to improve to improve her work.

This week she has written a lovely Haiku and made an excellent poster to encourage people to recycle. Well done.

### Puffins

03/12/2020 Oscar Golding-Ray

Oscar is our star of the week for his fantastic effort with reading. Well done Oscar, keep it up!

### Rabbits

03/12/2020 Tom Allen

Congratulations Tom for being our Star this week. Tom is always ready to learn and shows such positivity towards all aspects of the curriculum. He is hard-working Active Ant in the classroom and he is always someone to be relied upon if there are any tasks need doing. Thank you Tom for working so hard this term :)

### Robins

03/12/2020 India Sims

Well done for drawing and labelling shops from the past independently this week, India! You were a thoughtful tortoise and your picture looked fantastic!

### Sharks

03/12/2020 Kaleb Hedges

Whenever a job needs doing in Sharks, Kaleb always volunteers! Even jobs that Mrs Lee didn't notice needed doing, Kaleb always does. Thank you for being such a helpful, kind and considerate member of the class.

### Tigers

03/12/2020 Albert Hooton

Albert is star of the week for putting extra effort into his classwork. While working in a small group, he really wanted to improve his understanding of the work and so chose to make notes about what we were doing. He asked questions and was really motivated to improve his understanding. Well done Albert for showing such excellent effort.

### Zebras

03/12/2020 Alfie Cooney

Alfie is our star of the week this week because he has been very kind and helpful around the classroom, always offering to help other children or to help tidy up. He is the first to volunteer and offer his help when something needs doing and it is lovely to see. Well done Alfie, keep it up!