



Town Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very exciting week in school as the children moved up to their new classes and we welcomed the new Y3 children from Holland House. Staff work incredibly hard to ensure that transition is as smooth as possible. The children took part in lots of exciting activities during the two days – new Y4 followed clues for a Maths Mystery, new Y5 made their Mayan Masks and new Y6 wrote a volcano poem. Our current Y6 children had busy days at their new secondary schools and were full of tales to tell. We do know that some children still find this time of year difficult and we have tried to give more information to families so that children feel better able to enjoy the time in their new classes. Miss Collins has produced a 'new class' information booklet which has gone home with some children. If you feel your child would benefit from this booklet please let the office know and they will print one off for you.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Smith".

Head Teacher

Goodbye to ...

Mrs Greening, who will be leaving us at the end of term. We thank her for her hard work at Town and wish her every success for the future.

End of Year Reports

Please take the time to read the reports and discuss them with your child. The children have written comments about their year at Town School. There is a section for parents to fill in and we need all families to acknowledge receipt of the report as soon as possible.

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust Uniform Vouchers

We have now received confirmation that the School Uniform Vouchers will be posted out to schools very soon. They are being sent 1st class by Recorded Delivery, therefore, the vouchers will soon be available to collect from the school for successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified separately and if further information has been requested the applicants will be contacted directly by Helen Kimmet.

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust will continue to accept applications until 30 November 2017. Application forms can now be downloaded from their website.

www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com



WOW Word of the Month

Our Word of the Month winner was Ben (Y3) who wrote the following sentence containing the word 'REPUGNANT'.

"I think that taking the brain out of the nose when Egyptians mummified someone was repugnant".

Congratulations to Ben and to our runners up who were Keira Y5 and Jacey Y3 who each received a merit for their sentences.



Upcoming Events

10th July

9.05 Summer Concert for woodwind & guitar students

12th July

3.45 – 5.45 Open Evening

14th July

1.15 Year 6 Leavers Production

20th July

Big Bounce Day
1.30 – 4.30 Year 6 Leavers Party

21st July

2pm Year 6 Presentation Assembly
Break up for summer

6th September 2017

Children return to school

School Fayre

Holland House and Town Junior PTA team would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the wonderful helpers that worked their socks off setting up the school fayre, running stalls brilliantly and clearing up afterwards! We'd also like to thank you all for your super uniform and bottle donations and for coming along to join in the fayre. The whole event was a great success; the children had a lovely time winning prizes, scoring points at the Avengers target and wangling wellies across the school field! The money raised will be announced as soon as we have deducted all our costs but we can tell you it was a very impressive amount of money. We really couldn't have put on such a busy event without the help of the PTA members who have been busying around behind the scenes in their free time, the dedicated teachers who supported us and the fantastic number of helpers that got stuck in and were such a happy and motivated bunch.

Thank you SO much, you should all be very proud!!!!

Holland House and Town Junior PTA



Bronze Merit Award

Congratulations to:

Gold Reading Award

Georgia Y6

Silver Reading Award

Lydia Y3

Daniel Y3

Bronze Reading Award

Ella Y5

Isaac Y5

Blue Reading Award

Eva Y5

Gold Merit

Samirah Y6

Georgia Y6

Dima Y6

Silver Merit

Simran Y6

Thomas Y6

Madison Y6

Dima Y6

Shayan Y6

Rosie Y6

Kaloyan Y6

Taila Y6

Donald Y5

Louis Y5

Abisha Y4

Oliver Y3

Daniel Y3

Bronze Merit

Beau Y6

Joe Y6

Jessica Y6

Matthew Y6

Aathish Y6

Kenzie Y6

Jaydon Y6

Finley Y6

Evie Y5

Tyra Y3

Chloe Y3

Silver Music Award

Ewan Y4

Pen License

Aathish Y6

Jessica Y6

Shania Y6

Millie Y6

Jude Y6

Simran Y6

Shayaan Y6

School Fayre

On the 24th June it was the Summer Fayre. You could buy raffle tickets to get a prize; even if you might not get a prize you could still give it a go. You could get hot dogs for lunch and tea or coffee. There was also ice-cream and ice lolly's which was the most popular. There were two bouncy castles one for Holland House and one for Town Junior. There was also a lolly pop prize game; the rules were if there is a black spot on the bottom of the stick you get a lolly and if there is a red spot on it, you get the lolly and a prize. There were also two Tombola's (which seems a lot), one for chocolate and one for bottles. You can also bring your kids to get their face painted! If you wanted to kick something there was a football shootout. Finally last but not least the Nerf Gun Shooting where the background is exquisite.

By Poppy & Valentina Y5

Big Bounce' Day

In order to raise money for School Fund we are having a 'Big Bounce' Day on **Thursday 20th July**. We have booked 3 large bouncy castles for the day. Children can then choose to pay **£2.50** to play on the inflatables for 45 mins with the rest of their year group. Any children who don't want to take part will remain in the classroom with a member of staff.

All year groups will have the opportunity to have a Big Bounce session.



Sports Day

Firstly, the long jump, we went up in house groups and jumped as far as possible. This was a chance to see how far we could jump.

Next was the egg and spoon race, this event was exiting because you had to try and balance the egg. It was like Mission Impossible!

Thirdly, was the obstacle course, it was a very hard task. It required skill. First you had to jump on the bouncy hopper then pull the hoop over you and then finally hit the tennis ball up 5 times and make your way back.

We had a penalty shoot-out. It was fun I got a hat trick and Isaiah got two! The game was great fun! Finally, It was speed jumps you had to jump from side to side quickly.

By Finlay & Isaiah Y4



Magical Maths

On 29th June the Magical Maths Magician came in to discuss the sessions happening on Wednesdays (next term) after school at 3.30 – 4.30pm. You will learn lots of new tricks and skills with your maths and will be able to trick and beat your mates in a playoff. The staff will supply you with games to try out the things that you have learnt throughout the session. You will enjoy a course of over 5 weeks of maths and games with your friends and you can learn your maths potential. This will help you with your maths and the parts that you struggle with. If you came last time it won't be the same tricks so feel welcome to come again. Each week there will be something different to learn and for you to enjoy. (Please note Aiden & Harry are not on commission from Magical Maths. They just listened to all the information really well!)

By Aiden & Harry Y5



Transition Days

On transition day Y4 went to Y5. We made our own Mayan Masks and it was really good fun. We did lot of other things like creating a bunting with lots of information about ourselves.

By Freya & Aurora Y4



Across the days all years moved up. Y6 had a treat day instead so they didn't move up on Tuesday. We all did fun activities and got used to our places and classes. Many classes did a self-portrait and some fun activities and colouring. Current Y5 (new Y6) made Volcanos and did the Coke and Mentos challenge. Adventurers have Mr Murrell and Discoverers have Miss Rodgers. Meteors have Miss Powis, Comets have Miss P Evans (a new teacher) Martins have a new teacher too, Mr Penhall, and Swallows have Mrs Page. Everyone enjoyed the day! By Rowan & Ryan Y5

Our new teacher was Mrs Page; she has her big treasure box! We did lots of fun stuff on Tuesday with Mrs Page. We made our own name card and told Mrs Page a bit of information about ourselves. On Wednesday we made a piece of work which was a gift to the class and filled in a jig-saw piece which we filled in with information.

By Flynn & Harry Y3

Secret City

Two visitors came in and talked and acted about different times in life e.g. Stone Age, Normans, World War 1 and 2. Grace (Y3) dressed up, it was a learning experience for everyone and fun. They showed us pictures of a Sutton Church with Norman things in it. We found out about factories in the olden times. Next year some lucky children will get to do a project with Holy Trinity Church and Secret City to make a film for the new Sutton Heritage Trail. They will learn about history and it will be fun.

By Grace (Beav) & Ellie Y3



Buddies

We went to Holland House School to meet the children that will be our buddies when they are in Y3. The teachers at Holland House were Miss Turley and Miss Wright. The Y2's found out their new buddies that are in Otters and Beavers classes. While we were at Holland House we went on their playground to get to know our buddies. Near the end of the visit the Y2's asked us questions about being in Year 3.

By Grace (Ott) & Taylor Y3

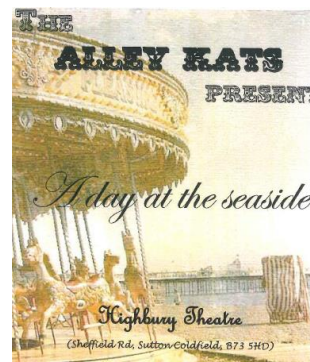


Magic Moments continued

Alley Kats Performance

The Alley Kats came to do a show called 'At the Seaside'. It was really funny; they were singing and dancing. One girl called Sarah was really funny. We also played a game called Under and Over. We watched videos and at the end got up and danced.

By Ruby and Mia



Four Oaks Assembly Team

On Tuesday 4th July the Four Oaks Team Assembly came in and gave us an incredible performance. It was a Bible story about two brothers who used to be friends when they were young but when they grew older they grew apart. The two brothers were called Jacob and Esau. One day Esau's blind dad said to him I will give you a blessing to have my money and food, but Jacob lied to his dad and got the blessing instead. The Four Oaks Assembly Team visit us regularly and they are brilliant.

By Eleanor and Libby Y5

Activity Day

On 4th July Y6 went to the cinema to watch Despicable Me 3. It was very exciting and it was great to watch. When we came back to school we were learning Health Education until an ice cream van came to the car park. The ice cream was very nice and was very cooling. We had a great day in school.

By Matthew & Finley Y6

Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe: SnapMaps

Last week SnapChat, used regularly by many children and young people, launched a new feature, SnapMaps, which allows users to see the location of their contacts. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where you are.



Sharing location can be a risky thing to do. ChildNet have posted a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe.

ChildNet's tips for location sharing are:

- Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.
- Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.
- Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time. Think about where you're sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you're on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then turn this off within your settings.

There are three possible privacy settings:

Ghost mode, where only you can see your position;

My Friends mode, where any contact can see your location; and

Select Friends mode, just those who you choose can see you.

We encourage you to visit ChildNet's website for further information: [Introducing SnapMaps \(ChildNet\)](#)

SCHOOL TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017	SPRING TERM 2018	SUMMER TERM 2018
Start	Start	Start
Monday 4 September	Monday 8 January	Monday 16 April
To	To	To
Friday 20 October	Friday 16 February	Friday 25 May
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday 30 October	Monday 26 February	Monday 4 June
To	To	To
Friday 22 December	Thursday 29 March	Tuesday 24 July

May Day - Monday 7th May 2018 is a public holiday

Training Days 2017/2018

Monday 4 September 2017
Tuesday 5 September 2017
Friday 20 October 2017
Monday 08 January 2018
Monday 23 July 2018
Tuesday 24 July 2018

School improvements

During the last fortnight the following school improvements have been undertaken:

- Mrs Smith and Miss Rodgers have undertaken lesson observations with all staff during Maths lessons.
- Miss Wilson and Mr Murrell have led Mastery in Maths staff meeting focusing on division.
- New parent meeting for Y2 families moving to Town Junior School.
- Mrs Gilmour has attended the Local Authority Safeguarding Conference.
- Y3 staff have visited their new classes at Holland House.
- Mrs Smith attended a Board of Trustees meeting with Mrs Clapcott.