

THE HOLLY LEAF

Message from the Head – Mrs Hutley

I hope you have all had a restful half term, amid torrential rain and sunny skies. The Year 10 and junior girls were certainly relieved to have their summer exams behind them, but I suspect the Year 7 to 9 girls had their holiday interrupted by periodic revision (I do hope so anyway). It is great that Hollygirt girls, all the way through school, get to experience formal exams, so by the time they get to Year 11 they are comfortable with the procedures.

Welcome to Mrs Sadler, who began work as School Secretary/Finance Clerk on Monday this week. We hope she will be very happy in her work at Hollygirt.

We have such a busy half term ahead, it's hard to know where to begin but there are some exciting new initiatives planned: the Parents' and Grandparents' Day in Junior School – fancy going back to school to see how your daughters learn? This is your chance - don't miss it!

The PE department are taking part in the City Athletics competitions with the Senior girls - good luck to them; Year 9 are going out on a Women in Engineering Day, where they will be challenged with a practical task and find out about career opportunities in the area; and so much more. Trips aplenty!

Do keep your calendars up to date and note any special arrangements for trips and special days. Details of all appear in the letters, which you sign to give permission and in the Holly Leaf. The latter is always available on the website if you need to check anything. The Junior School Garden Party is urgently seeking quality raffle prizes - one impressive item is always a ticket seller... have you a holiday home you could donate for a week's stay or perhaps a new large electrical item or something fantastic that is coveted? Please let Mrs Allen or Miss Carlin know this week, before the tickets are printed.

Message from the Head of Juniors – Mrs Payne

The Junior School girls are looking forward to seeing you all at the Parents' and Grandparents' Day. Please remember to sign in at Reception prior to your visit and from there you will be directed to your child's class. Hopefully it will bring back some fond memories of your school days.

Your support would be most welcome on Friday 24th June at Harvey Hadden Sports Centre for our annual Junior school Sports Say. Please could I remind parents not to bring in sweets and chocolate for the girls as we are trying to encourage healthy eating / lifestyles. The girls may bring water and a piece of fruit or other healthy snack.

I would like to welcome back Mrs Keyworth who is currently teaching Year 2 in the absence of Mrs Pietrantonio and may I say how impressed I am with the girls in Year 2 for adapting to the changes due to Mrs Pietrantonio's absence. Well done Year 2.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs
16th June

Parents' & Grandparents' Day

Fri 17th June
3.30pm – 5.30pm

Friends of Hollygirt Craft Afternoon

Mon
20th June

Year 8 RS Visit to a Synagogue

Wed
22nd June

ISA National Athletics

Thurs
23rd June
leaving school at 7.45am

Year 9 Geography Visit to Derwent Reservoirs, Treak Cliff Cavern & Castleton

Thurs
23rd June
2.30-4.15pm

Second Hand Uniform Shop (Juniors)

Fri 24th June
morning only

Year 10 Futurewise Profiling

Fri 24th June
9.30am
Harvey Hadden Sports Centre

Junior School Sports Day

Fri 24th June
3.45pm

Parents' Forum Meeting

Fri 24th June

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Girls in Years 6 and 7 will be visiting Wollaton Park on Monday 13th June. We will be leaving school at 12 noon and returning for the end of the school day. Girls will need to bring a picnic lunch and a cagoule... *just in case of rain!*

Mrs Atherton will be starting this term's Tennis Club at Eastwood Tennis Club from Monday 13th June. This club is for anyone in Years 6 to 10 and will take place on Mondays from 3.45pm to 5.15pm. Please see Mrs Atherton if you would like to be involved.

Parents' and Grandparents' Day Thursday 16th June

Junior School girls will be inviting their parents and grandparents into school so they can see how the girls are learning and how they are taught.

An ideal opportunity to brush up on numeracy and/or literacy skills perhaps!

**There are two sessions:
Morning: 10.45am to 12.05pm
Afternoon: 1.45pm to 3.05pm**

Please ensure you are booked onto a session.

Year 9 Geography Visit to Derwent Reservoirs, Treak Cliff Cavern and Castleton

Thursday 23rd June

The bus will be leaving school at 7.45am prompt.

Girls should bring a packed lunch, clipboard with paper, and be suitably dressed i.e. trousers, warm jumper, thick socks, walking shoes/trainers, and rainwear. This should be really **waterproof**, not shower proof. Gaiters or waterproof trousers may be necessary. A large, clear plastic bag is also needed to protect the clipboard and worksheets. A small sum of money may also be brought.

We shall return to school at 3.45pm.

Parent's Forum Meeting Friday 24th June, 3.45pm

**Please email any agenda items to
lucywilkins@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk**

On Monday 4th July the Junior School will be showcasing their summer production 'Pirates' and 'Minibeast Madness' at St Jude's Church Hall at 2pm. We look forward to watching this as we approach the end of term.

Our **Second Hand Uniform Shop** will next be open from 2.30-4.15pm on:

Thursday 23rd June (Juniors Only) and
Thursday 7th July (Seniors Only)

We are always looking for good condition, clean uniform to replace stock. If your child has grown out of hers, or is leaving the school this year, please consider sending items in. They must be individually named. The items will be priced by the Friends of Hollygirt and you will receive 75% of the sale price. Any items which are unlabelled will be sold and all proceeds put towards our school fund. We do reserve the right to dispose of any stock that is not current or not considered in a good enough condition to sell on. Senior jumpers are always in short supply and at the moment there is no stock of black and white cookery aprons/hats. Blazers always do well...

Friends of Hollygirt SCHOOL

**Craft Afternoon for Girls in Years 2 - 6
Friday 17th June 2011
Senior School Hall - 3.30-5.30pm**

We'll have several different craft activities on offer. There will be something for everyone! You'll be sure to take home some lovely work.

If you enjoy craft activities, this afternoon is for you!

Senior School Concert
Monday 27th June
7.00pm
St. Jude's Church Hall

**Summer
Serenade**

Please join us for our Summer Serenade!

Some Hollygirt Mums ran 5k for Race for Life on Saturday 4th June at The Victoria Embankment and raised over £800 between them.

Eliza Preston-Macaulay (Year 6) also took part raising £180 for Cancer Research.

Well done to everyone who took part and raised money.

If your daughter has recently achieved success then please let us know so this can be mentioned on our website. Please email: Mrs Lucy Wilkins (Headmistress's Secretary & Registrar)
lucywilkins@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk