

# THE HOLLY LEAF

## Message from the Head – Mrs Hutley

Does January go on forever? It seems to be the most protracted month of the year when we stagger between cold and gloomy. Still, school is warm and we have settled down into our usual calm routine. I say calm, but on most days there is something happening - at the moment cross country is featuring large on the agenda and we have begun the cycle of weekly parents' evenings. Parents can always get a drop in appointment with me on these nights.

Can I remind parents to ensure that we have the correct contact details for them, especially daytime numbers, and emergency contacts. It is school policy to call home if parents have not let us know a girl is absent and we get concerned if we are unable to make contact.

At Parents' Forum, we welcomed Mr Rashid – our first male forum representative. We had a shorter than usual agenda! If parents wish to clarify policy or to suggest ideas or change, or have generic concerns about school, Parent's Forum is the opportunity to have your agenda item spoken about and written in minutes, which are available in the parents' area of the website for all to see. Many suggestions and ideas are acted upon so your suggestions really do make a difference. Email agenda items at any time to Lucy - [lucywilkins@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk](mailto:lucywilkins@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk)

Have you any concerns about the quality, availability, or durability of our school uniform? I have my annual meeting at the beginning of February with D&P, our suppliers, to discuss such things and as yet I have nothing on my agenda! Please let me have any comments by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. I think I have printed this before, but just to inform junior parents that if their daughter is taking part in a swimming gala, she is allowed to bring a different swimming bag to school, so she can fit in 2 towels!

In senior school there has been an outbreak of chewing gum. This is not allowed in school. Can girls be reminded that they will receive an order mark if they are caught chewing.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>  
Jan

Year 11 GCSE  
Triple Science  
Physics Exam  
(pm)

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
From 4.15pm

Year 10  
Parents'  
Evening

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

Year 6 Visit to  
Lowry  
Exhibition

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb

Year 9 & 10  
Intermediate  
Maths Challenge

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>  
Feb

Year 8 Art Visit to  
Wolverhampton  
Art Gallery

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>  
Feb

Year 10 History  
Visit to  
Loughborough

Fri  
10<sup>th</sup>  
Feb

Year 9 Option  
Choices Deadline

Ski Trip Departs  
for Austria (1pm)

Year 10 & 11 History  
Trip to Poland  
Departs (4pm)

Year 11 Reports Sent  
Home

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## Message from the Head of Juniors – Mrs Payne

I'd like to say a big thank you to Jeejee who has painted another fantastic picture to go on my wall of art. Girls just have a look when you are next passing my room. The next two weeks are really busy ones for staff and the girls so let's try to have some good early nights girls as I have noticed some very tired looking young ladies around school. Book week starts on Monday with many lovely activities planned, based around the well-known author Roald Dahl. Don't forget to have a browse around the Book Fair from "Travelling Books" in the Friends Room from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8.30-9.00am and 3.30-4.00pm.

Year 6 are off to Lakeside to view the Lowry exhibition as part of their Art curriculum and members of our Running Club are off to Wollaton Hall for their cross country race competing with many other local (and some not so local) state and independent schools. The girls have been training hard and are looking forward to the event. Rebecca Simmons said "I'm looking forward to the challenge of running a long distance" and Maria Cose said "I'm looking forward to hearing the cheering from the on-lookers". **Try your best girls but most of all have fun!**

The Junior School have got a Book Week commencing Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and there will be the 'Travelling Books' fair in the Friends' Room from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 8.30-9.00am and 3.30-4.00pm. Girls will also be doing activities in lessons and taking part in quizzes where girls can win vouchers to spend at the Book Fair.

**On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, the Year 10 History group will be going to see 'The Doctors Show' at Loughborough Town Arts Theatre. They will be leaving school at 12.00pm and returning for approximately 5.30pm.**

We would like to welcome three girls from Melbourne, Australia who will be joining Hollygirt for the remainder of the Spring Term:

Persephone (Year 1)  
Tahlia (Year 6)  
and  
Sophie (Year 10)

We hope they enjoy their time in England with us.

## Lucky Numbers

**January's Winner is MRS HEAFFORD with Lucky Number 10**

Lucky numbers continue to be drawn each month. If you would like to subscribe for the remaining 6 months (February to July), please send Mrs Nuttall a cheque for £6 payable to Friends of Hollygirt, marking your envelope 'Lucky Numbers'. You will then be allocated your number.

The Year 10 GCSE Food group have taken and passed the Level 2 exam for CIEH (Certificate in Food Safety in Catering). We are now just awaiting the certificates. The girls now have the confidence to take up the challenge to design a dish for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and will hopefully win the competition and be invited to Buckingham Palace to help prepare their dish for the Queen's party! So next half term they will be planning and testing many dishes fit for a queen! **Mrs Anstey**

**The Year 7 Visit to Cadbury World planned in the calendar for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February has been postponed and will be re-arranged later this year.**

**Year 11 French Set 2 will be doing their writing controlled assessment on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in their lesson.**

**Year 11 German will be doing their speaking controlled assessment on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

Girls going to Austria or Poland can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

As part of the Year 6 Art topic this term, they are studying the work of Lowry.

The University of Nottingham are currently holding an exhibition of his work at the Lakeside Arts Centre. There are a huge amount of his pictures displayed there and the girls will be visiting with Miss Carlin and Mrs Mason on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## School Photographs

**Many thanks to those parents who provided feedback on their daughter's individual school photographs that were taken in September.**

**There have been some service problems with the company that we used this time, which we are taking up with them, but most families seem to prefer the new style.**

**Form photographs which will be taken in school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March - we are trying out a more relaxed junior class photo this time.**

**Mrs Nuttall**

## **Calling all Singers and Musicians!**

## **Hollygirt Young Musician of the Year Competition**

**Saturday 10th March**

**Any girl from Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 can enter, (whether they come to Hollygirt or not) at any level.**

**If you would like an application form please contact Mrs Nuttall**