



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

14th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Eid

Eid Mubarak to all our families who either celebrated Eid yesterday or today.

Half Term

Parents are reminded that half term will be from Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 inclusive.



Assessments

Year 6 have completed the majority of their assessments this week and will do a few papers early next week. They have been very diligent in their approach and completed their papers with the utmost resilience.

We would like to remind parents of the other assessment dates.

17th – 21st May 2021 - Year 2

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Whole school assessment

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Phonics testing Year 1 and Year 2

Athlete Visit

Time is running out to sponsor your child for our visit by Ryan Scott. Ryan was a Commonwealth Games gold medallist in the 4 x 100m relay. He will be coming talk to children about his experience as an athlete and run a workshop with each class.

This is a fundraising event which allows us to fundraise for some new outdoor sports equipment and an athletics track.

Isle of Wight

The excitement is building for the Year 6 Isle of Wight trip which commences Monday 24th May 2021. The children will be accompanied by Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran, Mrs Bryon and Mrs Shah.

We ask children to meet in the Olympic Hall at 8:30am on Monday morning, for a prompt departure. We anticipate the children will arrive back at school on Friday 28th May 2021 at approximately 6:00pm, this is a revised time taking traffic into account. We will, of course, keep you updated by text on the day.



UNICEF Gold Award - Rights Respecting School

We are in the process of applying to achieve Gold status as a Rights Respecting School. In school we talk to pupils about their rights as children and citizens and where possible include this into their curriculum areas.

Our UNICEF Gold Award will take place on Thursday 27th May 2021.

UNICEF would really like to speak with parents and governors during our assessment at 11:15am for 20 minutes about the Rights of Children and how it has been incorporated at home. You can discuss UNICEF projects that you have supported your child in at home. Please email Miss Sammy to let her know if you are interested in taking part in the discussion. Thank you for your continued support. sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk



Roadworks on Tolpits Lane, junction with Croxley View

We have attached a leaflet containing information about temporary traffic signals between Monday 7th June 2021 and Friday 18th June 2021.

Coronavirus

We have been informed recently about a few cases of Coronavirus linked to siblings of pupils in Holywell Primary School. Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice -

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on the school site.

Even though there are more freedoms from Monday 17th May as announced by the Prime Minister recently, we will not make changes to our system of control in school. The only change allowed is for teachers to not wear masks when they walk around corridors. We have a one way system in place that will be adhered to.

We will still require teachers and parents to wear a mask when collecting and dropping off children. The reason for this, is that when teachers and parents need to speak to each other about a child, they are not able to social distance. We will review this measure after half term.

We appreciate that parents might feel that this is unnecessary, but as Coronavirus is still prevalent in the local area, and considering our very recent case, we ask parents to support us with these measures.

Week Commencing 3rd May 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	83%	Rowan	0%
Blue	95%	Mulberry	86%
Red	98%	Cedar	96%
Maple	86%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	99%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	91%	Birch	96%
Hazel	89%	Elm	91%

Whole School Attendance
95%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Elder

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Karina	This is awarded for her excellent counting
Red	Maluchi	For increased use of subject specific vocabulary in his speech
Maple	Eden	For writing an excellent poem in English
Sycamore	Maya	For resilience when separating objects into two groups during maths
Hawthorn	Edi	For settling in well in Hawthorn Class and trying his best with his work this week
Hazel	Radu	For working hard on his English work this week
Cedar	Hamithra	For improving her concentration and trying hard to get her work done
Rowan	Harvey J	For creating a humorous verse when studying limerick poems
Chestnut	Lorenzo	For solving different percentages from a whole number
Elder	Liam	For fantastic maths work when problem solving linked to fractions, decimals and percentages
Birch	Kalvin	This is for recreating a brilliant piece of artwork based on Chile
Elm	Lenny	For his excellent skills and enthusiasm displayed during PE lessons

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Joel	This is awarded for always following our class rules
Red	Junior	For always being resourceful and asking a variety of questions
Maple	Anannya	For being reflective and resilient in her reading on a daily basis
Sycamore	Isabelle	For reflecting on her poem and for using adjectives in her writing
Hawthorn	Jason	For being a positive role model and great friend by supporting a new child in the class
Hazel	Khalil	For showing resilience in his school work
Cedar	Kashvee	For always showing resilience and responsibility towards her work
Rowan	Katherine	For taking responsibility for her own learning both in class and during booster sessions
Chestnut	Parneet	For taking responsibility in her learning
Elder	Luqmaan	For his fantastic resilience and reasoning when solving mathematical fraction, decimal and percentage problems
Birch	Areeba	For showing responsibility during this week's English and maths assessments
Elm	Amina	For her excellent reasoning skills during Assessment Week

Enrichment days Summer term

Sunday 23rd May 2021 – Pentecost
 Saturday 5th June 2021 – World Environment Day
 Sunday 6th June 2021 – Anniversary of D-Day
 Tuesday 8th June 2021 – World Oceans Day
 Friday 11th June 2021 – Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday
 Sunday 20th June 2021 – World Refugee Day
 Sunday 20th June 2021 – Father's Day
 Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Windrush Day
 Saturday 18th July 2021 – Mandela Day



DIARY DATES

Monday 17th May 2021 to 21st May 2021 – Year 2 Key Stage 1 assessment
Monday 17th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Olympic athlete visit
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 20th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 21st May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight trip
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Festival of Learning week
Monday 24th May 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021 – Key Stage 1 MOCK – SATS
Monday 24th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 25th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 27th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 28th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 29th May 2021 – Half term

Monday 7th June 2021 – Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening – all week
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Thursday 10th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Friday 11th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 14th June 2021 – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up – all week
Monday 14th June 2021 – Whole school assessment week
Tuesday 15th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning
Thursday 17th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Thursday 17th June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning

Friday 18th June 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Friday 18th June 2021 - Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes
 Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - Wizard Theatre in - tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC - tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc
 Thursday 24th June 2021- Rock Steady Music Lessons - tbc
 Thursday 24th June 2021 - Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 - EYFS Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 29th June 2021 - Wizard Theatre in - tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 - Reception - Health Screening with School Nurses
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC - tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4 am tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc
 Thursday 1st July 2021- Rock Steady Music Lessons - tbc
 Thursday 1st July 2021 - Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day
 Thursday 1st July 2021 - Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in September
 Friday 2nd July 2021 - EYFS reserve Sports Day
 Friday 2nd July 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 6th July 2021 - Wizard Theatre in - tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC - tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 - Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 - Nursery Concert to parents
 Thursday 8th July 2021 - Community Day
 Thursday 8th July 2021 - Moving Up Day - Year 6 out at their new schools
 Thursday 8th July 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons - tbc
 Friday 9th July 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Wizard Theatre in - tbc
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Parents Evening - End of Year Reports out
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 (14:00)
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Governors Meeting
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC - tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4 am - tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30 am
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00 pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons - tbc
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Awards Assembly
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Year 6 performance to parents at 2:00 pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
 Friday 16th July 2021 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 16th July 2021 - Last day of term School closes at 1:30 pm - No pm Nursery