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**Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Ofsted Inspection**

As you will know we had a visit from Ofsted this week. All staff worked extraordinary hard and stayed late in preparation for the visit. The outcome from the visit is confidential until the report is published by Ofsted and we will let parents know as soon as possible. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to say a special thank you to the pupils for their efforts in class and superb behaviour. Thank you to all parents for your support and well wishes as well as to those parents who completed the online Ofsted questionnaire.

**Staff Changes**

Mrs Thompson, Teacher in Year 1 Oak, is leaving us today to start her maternity leave. Please join us in wishing her all the best with her new arrival. Mr Abolafia Gonzalez will be taking over as Class Teacher for Year 1 Oak.

**Cassiobury Park Christmas Carols**

A group of 30 children from Years 3 to Year 6 have been invited to sing Christmas carols in Cassiobury Park on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2:00pm. A separate letter with full details went out on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

**The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal**

We are delighted to inform you that Holywell Primary School raised £207.93 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Reception – September 2018 – Open Days**

If your child is born between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014 they are eligible to join Reception in September 2018. Please join us for our Open Day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2:00pm – 3:00pm

The on line application system at Hertfordshire County Council is currently open and the last day to apply for a place for September is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. All places will be allocated on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Don't forget – children in our Nursery do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception. You will need to apply via Hertfordshire County Council.



### Nursery – September 2018 – Open Days

Do you have a child born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/15? If so they are eligible for a Nursery place from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**.

We would like to invite you to join us at one of our Open Days on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9:30am or Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 2:00pm. At this time we will supply you with information on the different hours we are able to offer - 15 hours per week, 30 hours free Nursery care to children that meet the criteria and 30 hour Wrap Around Care.

Following changes at Hertfordshire County Council, schools with Nurseries are now responsible for their own admission arrangements. Parents wishing to apply for a Nursery place at our school will need to fill in the application form which will be available shortly. Applications close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at 9:00am and offer letters will be posted out on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (2<sup>nd</sup> class). The deadline to accept a place and return paperwork to school will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at 9:00am.

### Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



<b>KEY \$TAGE 1 WINNERS\$</b>	<b>KEY \$TAGE 2 WINNERS\$</b>
Angel – Oak	Isa – Chestnut
Matei – Sycamore	Mohamed – Elder
Richard – Willow	Nya Mae – Elder
Evie-Rose – Maple	Romeo – Mulberry
Devayan – Oak	Hashim – Mulberry
Aurelia – Hazel	Emanuela – Birch
Stella - Hawthorn	Patrick – Aspen
Kian - Willow	Oliver - Pine

### Friday Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

Friday 8th December	Hanukah	Year 2 Hazel
Friday 15th December	Christmas Concert to parents	Year 1 and Year 2

### Parent Information Sessions – Autumn Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

**Where:** Holywell conference room

**When:** Tuesday 9:00am

**Who:** Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Developing your child's self-esteem</b> How to promote your child's self-esteem and how to recognise possible low self-esteem	Sam Ward
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Reading – Key Stage 2</b> Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.	Mrs S Alexander

### Parent Information Sessions – Spring Term:

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Communication</b> Tips on listening skills	Sam Ward
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Reading at home – Bug Club</b> Accessing Bug Club at home and its benefits to reading with your child	Mrs S Alexander
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	<b>Quality time activities</b> Rainy day activities (low/no cost)	Sam Ward
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>Cyber Safety</b> A guide on keeping children safe online. (What apps to be aware of)	Sam Ward and Miss L Rogers



## Dates for your diary

### DECEMBER 2017

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Open Day for Reception 2018  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 4 Stone Age Workshop  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 9:30am  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Christmas Fair at 3:30pm to 5:00pm  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 201 – Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 10:00am  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 6 St Paul's Cathedral (full school uniform)  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Production at 5:30pm  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:30pm

### JANUARY 2018

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – INSET Day (Staff Training) school closed for children  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – INSET Day (Staff Training) school closed for children  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – First day of Spring Term  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Swimming  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Swimming  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Swimming  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Swimming  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Swimming

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 94 %

<b>Nursery am</b>	82%	<b>Aspen</b>	99%
<b>Nursery pm</b>	-	<b>Beech</b>	94%
<b>Blue base</b>	85%	<b>Pine</b>	99%
<b>Green base</b>	92%	<b>Mulberry</b>	96%
<b>Red base</b>	84%	<b>Cedar</b>	94%
<b>Maple</b>	89%	<b>Rowan</b>	98%
<b>Oak</b>	87%	<b>Ash</b>	99%
<b>Sycamore</b>	88%	<b>Elder</b>	94%
<b>Hawthorn</b>	97%	<b>Chestnut</b>	97%
<b>Hazel</b>	95%	<b>Birch</b>	95%
<b>Willow</b>	98%	<b>Elm</b>	94%

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Punctuality:</b>
<b>KS1</b> Willow	<b>KS1</b> Green & Red Bases
<b>KS2</b> Ash	<b>KS2</b> Beech & Elm

## Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Charter certificate</b>	<b>Star learner of the week award</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Charter certificate</b>	<b>Star learner of the week award</b>
<b>Red Base</b>	Stanley	Ava	<b>Aspen</b>	Chloe	Donnell
<b>Green Base</b>	-	-	<b>Pine</b>	Ada	Romaine
<b>Blue Base</b>	Ines	Iniyah	<b>Mulberry</b>	Demi	Haaris
<b>Sycamore</b>	-	-	<b>Rowan</b>	-	-
<b>Maple</b>	Okanmiyo	Amna	<b>Cedar</b>	Amy	Paulina
<b>Oak</b>	Angel	Karra	<b>Ash</b>	Maria	Joree
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Agra	Lorenzo	<b>Elder</b>	Samuel	Mahek
<b>Hazel</b>	Khalid	Megan M	<b>Chestnut</b>	-	-
<b>Willow</b>	Terrence	Yasmin	<b>Birch</b>	Leonardo	Emanuela
<b>Beech</b>	Naweesha	Mariam	<b>Elm</b>	Emilia	Laiba