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Holywell Primary School

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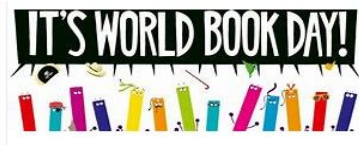
Headteacher: Mr C van Straaten

Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

We would like to remind parents that World Book Day is next week, Thursday 7th March 2019. We



will have a visit from the author Robin Price and children will be able to buy copies of his books. Please send money in on Wednesday and Thursday in an envelope with your order form (copy attached) if you have not done so already.

On Wednesday and Thursday next week children will be taking part in writing workshops led by Robin Price. Children are reminded that they are able to dress up on Thursday; the theme is Heroes and Villains.

Red Nose Day

We will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March 2019. Children are permitted to wear an item of red clothing for a donation of £1. Pupils are not allowed to wear football shirts.



Take One Book

In class, children will be studying the book, 'The Black Book of Colours' by Menena Cotin and Rosana Faria. The book is written in English and Braille. It is written from the perspective of a young blind boy and how he perceives colours. This is a good opportunity for us to raise awareness of disabilities and particularly blindness.

On Tuesday, Nat Felton is visiting us. Nat is blind and will visit the school with his guide dog called Kirk. He will speak to children about being blind and how he lives his life without being able to see. Children will have the opportunity to meet the dog up close if they want to. No child will be asked to go and stroke or go near the dog by an adult. Obviously, guide dogs are well trained and picked for their calm temperament. We are very much looking forward to the visit.

Term Dates

A reminder for parents who are planning holidays, the Easter break starts on Friday 5th April at 1:30pm. There will be no afternoon nursery on that day.

Nursery Class Admissions – September 2019

Today is the final day to apply for a place in our Nursery class for September 2019. Information on how to apply can be found on our website at

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

We would like to remind you that in addition to your 15 hours provision we also offer WRAP Around Care and 30 hours free childcare.

Football Parking

We will be opening up the school grounds for parking on the days Watford Football Club host home matches. The charge will be £5.00 for cars and £10.00 for minibuses. The next home match day is Sunday 3rd March 2019.

Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday morning at 9:05 a.m. our Parent Support Worker Sam Word hosts a coffee morning for all parents and we would like to invite you to join us.

Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 8th March 2019	Chestnut	Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday
Friday 15th March 2019	Cedar	British Science Week
Friday 22nd March 2019	Mulberry	St Patrick's Day
Friday 29th March 2019	Aspen	Responsibility
Friday 5th April 2019	Pine	Easter

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates – Friday 1st February 2019

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	-	-
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Lenny	Safia
Sycamore	Natasha	Aaduick	Elder	Dinesh	Zoyah
Maple	Khaim	Stanley	Ash	Elena	David
Hawthorn	Esmay	Okanmiyo	Chestnut	Paulina	Andrei
Hazel	Hasnain	Kayla	Rowan	Harisana	Yashfa
Pine	Hassan	Husnah	Elm	Tanishq	Alysha
Beech	Ayman	Rayya	Birch	Kohinoor	Anubas
Aspen	Simone	Ibrahim			

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday before half-term is 94.6 %

Nursery am	79%	Pine	98%
Blue base	93%	Mulberry	97%
Red base	86%	Cedar	95%
Maple	92%	Ash	96%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	95%
Hawthorn	94%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	89%	Birch	96%
Aspen	98%	Elm	97%
Beech	95%	Rowan	93%

Enrichment Days:

Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Shrove Tuesday
 Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – International Woman's Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week
 Thursday 14th March 2019 – Pi Day
 Friday 17th March 2019 – St Patrick's Day
 Thursday 21st March 2019 – World Poetry Day
 Sunday 31st March 2019 – Mothering Sunday
 Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – World Autism Awareness Day
 Friday 19th April 2019 - Passover
 Sunday 21st April 2019 – Easter Sunday
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Shakespeare Day
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – St George's Day

Whole school Attendance & Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1: Sycamore, Hawthorn	KS1: Hazel
KS2: Pine	KS2: Birch



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

Monday 4th March 2019 to Friday 8th March 2019 – Assessment Week
Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 5th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 6th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 7th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 5 Chestnut class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week starts
Monday 11th March 2019 and Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 11th March 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Allocation Day
Tuesday 12th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 13th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 14th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 15th March 2019 – Year 4 Cedar class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 6 Netball at Queens' School
Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 6 Knebworth House
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele
Thursday 21st March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 22nd March 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Year 4 Athletics at Watford Grammar School for Girls
Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 27th March 2019 - Nursery & Reception – Ark Farm workshop
Wednesday 27th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele
Thursday 28th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 29th March 2019 – Year 3 class assembly – all parents invited
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 inclusive Bikeability Level 2 Level 3 – Year 5
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 4th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 5th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 5th April 2019 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 5th April 2019 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm

Tuesday 16th April 2019 – Reception September 2019 – Allocation Day

SUMMER TERM:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Wednesday 24th April 2019 – Pupils back to school

BOOK ORDER FORM

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Children's author Robin Price is visiting the school to give a presentation on his books/graphic novels and work with the children to create their own stories. Robin is touring schools throughout the UK (and abroad) with his unique style of storytelling. If your child would like to purchase a signed book, the following titles are available...

The Spartapuss series (Age 8+)

I Am Spartapuss	ISBN: 9781906132422	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
Catligula	ISBN: 9780954657611	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
Cleocatra's Kushion	ISBN: 9781906132064	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____

Quantity

The Beowuff series (Age 8+)

Beowuff and the Horrid Hen	ISBN: 9781906132385	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
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The Olympuss Games series (Age 6-7)

Son of Spartapuss	ISBN: 9781906132811	(RRP: £6.99) £7	_____
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The London Deep series - graphic novel (Age 9+)

London Deep	ISBN: 978-1906132033	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
London Sink	ISBN: 9781906132378	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____

Picture books (Age 4+)

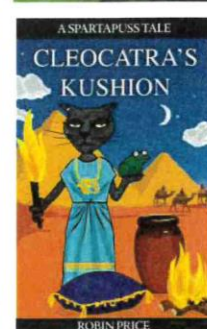
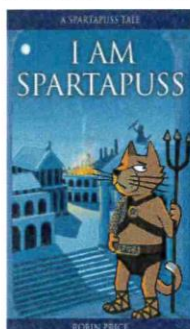
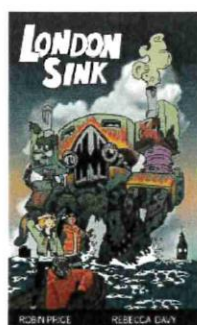
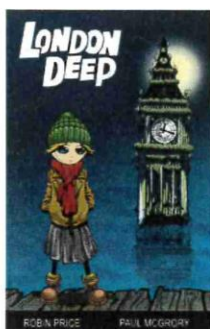
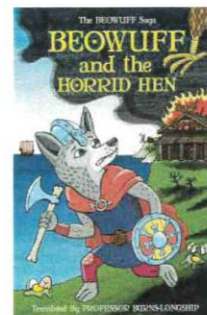
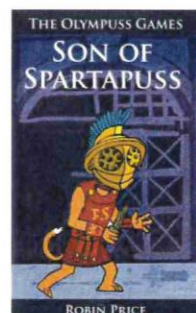
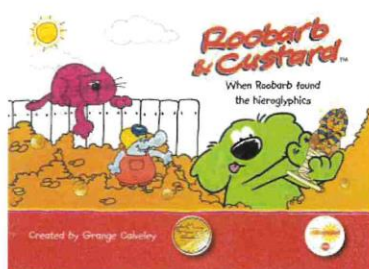
Roobarb and Custard	ISBN: 978-1906132118	(RRP: £5.99) £6	_____
Count Milkula	ISBN: 978-1906132583	(RRP: £5.99) £6	_____

Special offer - ANY two books for £12!

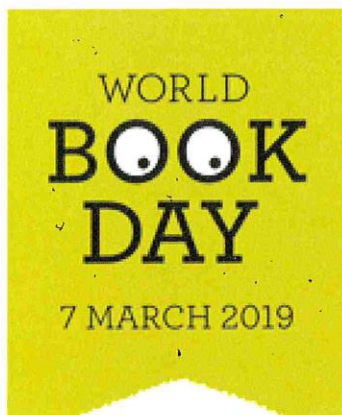
TOTAL ORDER COST:

£ _____

Cash or cheques accepted. Please make cheques payable to **Mogzilla Limited**.



View all of Robin's books at: www.mogzilla.co.uk www.spartapuss.co.uk www.londondeep.co.uk



OUR COSTUME THEME IS...

HEROES AND VILLAINS OF LITERATURE!!

**CHILDREN CAN DRESS UP AS THEIR
FAVOURITE HERO OR VILLAIN ON THURSDAY
7TH MARCH**

**WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING AN EXCITING VISIT AND
WORKSHOPS WITH AUTHOR**

ROBIN PRICE AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATIONS!

**CHILDREN CAN BUY SIGNED BOOKS - PLEASE SEE THE
ORDER FORM ATTACHED. CHILDREN NEED TO BRING IN THE
CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE.**

Easter Hockey Camp 2019



All Abilities Welcome



Run by qualified top level coaches



Specialist GK Coaching



Dates:

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th &
Wednesday 10th April

Venue: St Albans HC,
Oaklands College. AL4 0JA

Ages: 8yrs old - 18yrs old

Times: 10am-4pm
(Registration from 9.30am)

Info: Please bring a packed lunch and appropriate hockey equipment including mouthguard and shin pads.

Cost: £40 for 1 day,
£75 for 2 days, £105 for 3 days

Booking forms can be found at
www.stalbanshc.co.uk

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Brilliant Birds

Paper Engineering Challenge



 **A fun, practical STEM competition for Hertfordshire primary school children for British Science Week 2019** 

The Challenge:

- Children create their own bird
- Use a given number of card squares of different sizes (templates will be provided)
- Use only pritt-stick style glue to make your bird, and only pen/pencil to decorate so it can be recycled afterwards (no paint, sellotape, staples or paperclips etc)
- Take no longer than 1 hour (not including square-cutting)
- Children give written explanation of the birds features/adaptations

How to manage the competition in your school:

1. Register to take part in the competition by completing the GoogleForm link below.
2. Organise each class into pairs (you could do the challenge in a class or breakfast, after school or Science/Technology club).
3. Run the competition during British Science Week between 8-17th March 2019.
4. Choose a winning pair from each class; you can base your choice on the categories on page 2.
5. Take a clear photograph of the bird, accompanied by the children's written description of their bird: e.g. explanation for beak size, shape, legs, feet, wings and the environment it lives in, using the entry form in the challenge pack.
6. You can submit one winner from KS1 and one from KS2. Maximum of 2 entries per school.
7. Schools should email a photograph, accompanied by the children's written description (*This may be scribed for younger children*) to vannessa.nash@setpointherts.org.uk by the 5th April 2019 to enter the competition.



What are the benefits to your school?

Develops Engineering and Technology Skills
Encourages Creative Thinking
Cross-Curricular Links
Raises the profile of British Science Week
You can also win some great prizes!

With thanks to our sponsors:



If you would like to take part in this challenge, please register your details here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tcRAU2J1sccx7CEA3>

Brilliant Birds

Paper Engineering Challenge



The Challenge:

Create a Beautiful Bird using only recycled paper.

The rules:

Children must work individually or in pairs for this challenge, larger groups are not allowed. This challenge is to be completed in-school and not set as homework or an after school activity. (except as part of an after-school club)

Each pair may have 3 pieces of A4 card :

Sheet 1: Cut into squares of different sizes: cut from the template provided in the challenge pack or you can choose your own. We would suggest you photocopy it onto the card for pupils to cut out. This should be cut in advance, by older pupils if appropriate.

Sheet 2: This can be cut and used in any way desired for legs, wings, beaks, feathers, spots, decorations.....

Sheet 3: This is to be used as a "baseplate" OR a piece of thread/string to hang a flying bird.

Only use pritt-stick style glue to make the creature, and only pen/pencil to decorate so it can be recycled afterwards (no paint, sellotape, paperclips etc)

Take no longer than 1 hour (not including square cutting).

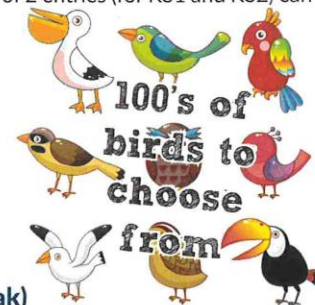
Judging:

When you have run your challenge (during British Science Week, 8th-17th March 2019) send a photograph of your schools winning bird design & explanation sheet via email to yannessa.nash@setpointherts.org.uk

You may award class/year group/key-stage winners internally yourself, but maximum of 2 entries (for KS1 and KS2) can be submitted to us, to represent your school.

The entries will be judged in the following categories:

- Most imaginative bird
- Best engineered/constructed bird
- Best written explanation of adaptations for environment



**THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS:
Friday 5th April 2019 (before the Easter Break)**

Once you have registered to take part you will be sent a Challenge Pack containing the templates and explanation sheets. Please ensure that when submitting your entry, you send us a clear photograph of the bird AND the explanation sheet with the children's names and ages.

If you would like to take part in this challenge, please register your details here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tcRAU2Jlscx7CEA3>

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Parent Network



Parent Network support & information drop in sessions for parents caring for children and young people with *any* additional needs including Autism, ADHD etc.

Come and join parents Lesley and Francine at **Families in Focus** in our **Parent Network support & information drop in** sessions for parents, adoptive parents, grandparents caring for children with *any* additional need/disability/chronic health condition including Autism, ADHD, Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, PDA, Diabetes, Crohn's and Colitis etc. in **Watford**. Meet other parents living in families similar to yours; share experiences and knowledge gained along the way in a supportive and non-judgemental environment. Each session will also include a '**Families in Focus Guide to...**' learning topic:

Where:

**Stanborough Centre
Armstrong Room
609 St Albans Road
Watford
WD25 9JL**

When:

**Mondays
7pm to 9pm**

2018/19 Dates:

March 4th

Strategies to manage behaviours that challenge

April 29th

Understanding Teenage Brain

May 20th

All you need to know to start your EHCP

June 10th

Speaker to be confirmed

July 1st

Tips for surviving the summer holidays

Families in Focus Parent Network also in Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, Harpenden Stevenage, Biggleswade; all dates, times and venue details available on our website: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

Website: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Email: info@familiesinfocus.co.uk

Facebook: Families in Focus CIC





Families In Focus CIC
LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER



Course	Venue	Date Time	Facilitated by	Free places
How to get your child with ASD to sleep DSPL 9	Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Watford WD25 9JL	Tuesday 12.30-2.30 April 23rd 30th May 7th 14th 21st	Facilitated by Francine & Lesley with over 20 years of personal and professional experience	<u>Free places</u> booking essential Book on our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk text: 07867510027 01442 219720
How to get your child with ASD to sleep (Living in Herts and awaiting diagnosis)	South Hill Centre, Cemetery Hill, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1JF	Tuesday 6.30-8.30 June 11 th 18 th 25 th July 2 nd 9 th 16 th	Facilitated by Francine & Lesley with over 20 years of personal and professional experience	<u>Free places</u> booking essential Book on our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk text: 07867510027 01442 219720
Complete guide to parenting children with SEND (Living in Herts and/or awaiting diagnosis)	Phoenix Centre 2-6 The Hyde Stevenage	Thursday 12-2pm April 25 th May 2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd June 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th July 4 th	Facilitated by Francine & Lesley with over 20 years of personal and professional experience	<u>Free places</u> booking essential Book on our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk text: 07867510027 01442 219720

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Handling anger in your family	Stanborough Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL	Tuesday 7-9pm April 23 rd 30 th May 7 th 14 th 21 st June 4 th	Facilitated by Francine & Lesley with over 20 years of personal and professional experience	Free places booking essential Book on our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk text: 07867510027
Parents living in Herts with primary aged children				
Handling anger in your family	Central Hemel Hempstead Venue to be confirmed	Tuesday 9.30-11.30 June 11 th 18 th 25 th July 2 nd 9 th 16 th	Facilitated by Francine & Lesley with over 20 years of personal and professional experience	Free places booking essential Book on our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk text: 07867510027
Parents living in Herts with primary aged children				
Handling anger in your family	Howe Dell Community Centre The Runway Hatfield AL10 9AH	Tuesday 9.30-11.30 April 23 rd 30 th May 7 th 14 th 21 st June 4 th	Facilitated by Francine & Lesley with over 20 years of personal and professional experience	Free places booking essential Book on our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk text: 07867510027
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