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Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

Year 6 SATS Booster Classes

During the half term we have planned Year 6 SATS Booster Classes. If your child has received a letter, then they are invited to attend on the two days.

Parents Consultation Evenings

We had an amazing turn out for Parents Evening on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Even the cold last night could not keep parents away. If you have not managed to see your child's Class Teacher, please touch base with them and make an appointment that suits you. In addition, I would like to thank the Governors for their support in completing the Spring Questionnaire with parents. The results will be published shortly.

Festival Of Learning

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Festival of Learning sessions in their children's classes this week. During these sessions pupils show parents what they have been learning about during the half term. We have had many positive comments from the people who attended.

Dress Up In Red Day

Many pupils have worn something red as part of our fundraiser for the Heart Foundation today. All the money raised will be donated to The Royal Brompton Hospital in London.

Nursery Applications - Open Days

We have two Open Days for Nursery September 2017.

**Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 9:30am &
Wednesday 1st March at 2:00pm.**

These are for parents who wish to apply for nursery places for 2017-2018. As ever, we will be offering all parents 3 hours of free care as entitled. Next year we will continue to offer our wrap around care which means that parents will have the opportunity for their child to attend Nursery for a whole day. There is a charge for this and more information will be shared on the Open Day. Remember all parents are entitled to 3 hours free care per day.



Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics Competitions

On Tuesday 7th February 2017 Holywell attended the Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics Tournament at Watford Girls School. They took part in various track and field indoor events showcasing their athletics skills. It was wonderful to see all children competing in at least 2 events. The team spirit of the group was fantastic; when not competing they made sure to cheer each other on. We also had good individual performances in the speed bounce and standing long jump events. The end result for the girl's team was 4th out of 8 and the boy's team finished 3rd out of 8 – just missing out on qualification to the Partnerships final! Well done to everyone involved. You did Holywell very proud!



Assessment week

Assessment Week commences Monday 27th February 2017. Please ensure your children are well rested and prepared for these important two weeks.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2017. On this day pupils, will be able to dress up as a character and discuss with their fellow pupils their favourite books. We have asked the School Council to come up with a theme and a letter will go out nearer the time to inform parents.

Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 7th February 2017

All children took part in internet safety workshops this week delivered by Big Foot Theatre Company. These workshops were both fun and informative for the children.

Parents conduct

It has been brought to our attention again that some parents are not conducting themselves well around the school premises. Parents are expected to be a role model to their own children and other children, therefore we do not allow, foul language, threats made to your children or talking to other adults and children about their behaviour.

Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you to those that have already donated vouchers to us. We are still collecting vouchers in the box in the main reception area.

Assemblies:

Please see below the assembly schedule for spring term. All parents are invited to attend our Friday whole school assemblies so come along and support your child. Parents are also able to join us for a coffee afterwards.

Topic / Theme	Whole School Assembly	
	Class	9:05am - Olympic Hall
Half-term		
Good to be me	Elm	Friday 24th February
St David's Day (1st March)	Birch	Friday 3rd March

Topic / Theme	Whole School Assembly	
	Class	9:05am - Olympic Hall
Good to be me	Oak	Friday 10th March
St Patrick's Day	Rowan	Friday 17th March
Mothering Sunday (26th March)	Pine	Thursday 24th March
Easter	Sycamore	Friday 31st March

Coffee Morning focus:



There have been a few amendments to our coffee morning schedule. Please note these changes.

Parent information sessions – Spring 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 9:00 am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
21 st February	Inclusion Recognising possible additional needs	Mrs Keshiro
28 th February	Self-esteem Tools to help your child to focus on the good in themselves	Sam Ward
7 th March	Money management & budgeting tips	Sam Ward
14 th March	Puberty Guide for parents (and children)	Sam Ward
21 st March	KS1 SATS and how to further support Developing an understanding of the Year 2 testing/assessment process and tests and what you can do at home to help.	Mrs Keshiro
28 th March	KS2 SATS How to prepare your Year 6 child for SATs (Reading, writing, SPAG and maths) in May.	Mr van Straaten

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
Red Base	Koffi	Madeline	Beech	Eliza	Luke
Green Base	JJ	Glory	Aspen	Jaanav	Demi
Blue Base	Daniel	Amelia	Mulberry	Tanishq	Daniel
Sycamore	Krupa	Bonnie	Rowan	Neo	Yashfa
Maple	Khalid	Ayaan	Cedar	Gail	Niya
Oak	Tiana	Ibrahim	Ash	Nathan	Arya
Hawthorn	Diana	Sid	Elder	Dion	Ellie-Mae
Willow	Timothy	Sabreen	Birch	Codruta	Muhammad
Hazel	Chloe	Mahi	Elm	Lois	Sofia
Pine	Leo	Matei			

Attendance

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

Nursery am	92%	Aspen	95%
Nursery pm	86%	Beech	97%
Blue base	93%	Pine	88%
Green base	82%	Mulberry	97%
Red base	96%	Cedar	96%
Maple	94%	Rowan	97%
Oak	95%	Ash	97%
Sycamore	93%	Elder	95%
Hawthorn	92%	Birch	94%
Hazel	95%	Elm	94%
Willow	95%		

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Green Base	KS1 Hawthorn
KS2 Ash	KS2 Cedar & Elm

Dates for your Diary



SPRING TERM

Monday 13th February 2017 to Friday 17th February
– Half Term

Monday 20th February – Owl Visit for Nursery and Reception

Monday 20th February – History off the page – Year 6 workshop

Tuesday 21st February – Frogmore Papermill – Year 1 Sycamore and Maple

Wednesday 22nd February – Frogmore Paper Mill – Year 1 Oak

Wednesday 22nd February – Nursery Open Day for September 2017

Thursday 23rd February – Year 3 Pine Swimming Lessons start

Monday 27th February – Assessment week

Wednesday 1st March – Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2017