Friday 10th February 2017

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 be 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.

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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

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| 21st February | Inclusion
Recognising possible additional needs                                   | Mrs Keshiro         |
| 28th February | Self-esteem
Tools to help your child to focus on the good in themselves               | Sam Ward            |
| 7th March    | Money management & budgeting tips                                           | Sam Ward            |
| 14th March   | Puberty
Guide for parents (and children)                                            | Sam Ward            |
| 21st 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         |
| 28th March   | KS2 SATs
How to prepare your Year 6 child for SATs
(Reading, writing, SPAG and maths) in May.                                   | Mr van Straaten     |
TERM DATES FOR 2016–2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016
Half Term – Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016
Occasional Day – Friday 25th November 2016
Wednesday 21st December 2016 – last day of term (school finishes at 1.30pm)

SPRING TERM 2017
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th January 2017 INSET Days – school closed for pupils
Monday 9th January 2017 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 13th February 2017 to Friday 17th February 2017
Friday 31st March 2017 – last day of term (school finishes at 1.30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2017
Tuesday 18th April INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Wednesday 19th April 2017 – first day of term
Monday 1st May 2017 – May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Half Term – Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017
Friday 21st July 2017 – last day of term (school finishes at 1.30pm)

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

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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

Attendance:

Attendance: Punctuality:

KS1 Green Base
KS1 Hawthorn

KS2 Ash
KS2 Cedar & Elm