



Holywell Primary School

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We are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

10th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the forthcoming Christmas break. In the meantime, we are all working hard and everyone is staying focussed.

Although we currently have relatively low numbers of new positive COVID cases, we remain cautious.

As COVID continues to impact our lives, we have taken the decision to host the end of year assemblies and productions for parents, on line. The Early Years and Key Stage 1 annual Christmas productions will be recorded and put on Google Classroom and Tapestry respectively. Parents will be able to access these from Monday 20th December 2021 and they will be kept informed by teachers.

We will, however, host an Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, Carol singing event for parents on Thursday 16th December 2021. The Early Years event will take place straight after school at 3:15pm and the Key stage 1 including Year 3 event will take place at 5:00pm. A separate letter with additional details will go out to parents shortly.



Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children



Thank you to all those who supported Christmas Jumper Day. We will let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.



Reception – September 2022

The on-line application system to apply for a place for Reception class in September 2022 is now open. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that they must apply for a place in Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Alternatively, if you are unable to access the website, a paper copy of the application form from Hertfordshire can be obtained by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043.

Nursery – September 2022

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are available from Thursday 6th January 2022. They will be available from the school website or school office. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13th January 2022 at 11:15am.

End of Term and January 2022

School closes on Tuesday 21st December at 1:30pm. There will be no afternoon Nursery on that day. Staff will return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022, an INSET day. Pupils will return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022.

When we return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022, we will continue to operate in our COVID bubbles for at least 2 weeks to ensure that it is safe for pupils to mix in and around school again.



Clubs

The Clubs for Autumn term finished this week. A letter will go out shortly about breakfast and after school clubs for the Spring term.

School Uniform

We are pleased to let you know that we will soon outsource our school on-line uniform shop. You will no longer be able to buy uniform via the School Money system, except for book bags and swimming hats. The company we will use is Essential Schoolwear, and once we “go live” we will let you know the details of how to register and log in. You will be able to buy our regulation school uniform and other items of uniform such as trousers/skirts, tights/socks and plimsolls. This should make purchasing uniform easier for you. The uniform you order and pay for will then be sent to your home address within a few days.



Year 2 – St Mary’s Church, Christingle

The postponed Year 2 visit from St Mary’s Church will now take place on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 16th December 2021

On Thursday 16th December, pupils are allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers to school.



Keep Children Reading With The Winter Mini Challenge

The Reading Agency’s Winter Mini Challenge starts from 1st December 2021 and finishes on Sunday 16th January 2022.

The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books.

The Winter Mini Challenge is run through the Reading Agency year-round children's website www.readingagency.co.uk. To take part, children simply read three books or more - these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review.

Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a special virtual badge and a new Wild World Hero certificate to print off and keep. They can also find fun activities, videos, and reading recommendations.

Children will be able to join the Wild World Heroes (characters from this year's Summer Reading Challenge) once again as they embark on an Arctic Adventure to find out about the creatures that live there and the environmental issues facing this remote place.

Please don't forget to remind children to visit their local library where they will find plenty of new and exciting books to choose from and borrow for free over the Christmas holidays and help them take part in the challenge.



Human Rights Day linking UNCRC Article 4 and 41

The aim of all human rights is to make people's lives better. In the CRC there are two Articles that remind us that human rights are the **minimum standard** and that **Governments must use their laws to protect rights**.

Article 4 (implementation of the Convention) Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.



Child rights are Human rights!



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- Never Leave someone out.
- Let people participate.
- Disabilities aren't visible.
- Be kind to other people.
- Respect your properties.
- Be kind.

Everyone deserves a right,
 young or old
 Just like you need your arms and legs,
 your rights are like gold.
 no one can take your rights away
 and that is why you are all here
 today.

by Adaeze

How it should be
 Everyone wants a world without war,
 Looking for ^{the} hope of watching a star,
 children should play happily,
 they shouldn't work for the enemies,
 in this world we are all brothers,
 And we shouldn't be rebels,
 Let US all write in a big hug,
 And we give new to peace,
 Now, let's all start a new life,

childrens rights. If education was removed.

No jobs. Earth cries out.

Amelia fair special. She was the only one who could stand up on her two hind legs!
 Humans have now adapted to crawling like four legged animals.

Life without our rights would be horrible. People would stereotype men to be strong and women to be weak. People would do horrible things to eachother. Our rights and laws protect us and keep us in place.

The government give people rules and help them. Our parents have the responsibility to take care of their children.

Human Rights

UNICEF

Human rights and child rights

Everyone has rights
 The two categories are human and children rights
 Which are signed up until day and night
 There's no need to payback and make
 Children reach to their heights

Human rights are adult focused
 Children rights are about the thoughts
 Learning is a main part, so if you
 Miss a bit, be recognised
 long ago, rights weren't everywhere,
 they were under development

ben Parment

Human Right Day

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights

Governments have to protect children's rights and protect children's rights

The aim of all human rights is to protect people's rights

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Best law for children apply

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present conditions then the country must keep the laws

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

MAKING RIGHTS REAL

Best law for children's rights

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Week Commencing 29th November 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	82%	Mulberry	76%
Reception	83%	Cedar	91%
Sycamore	84%	Chestnut	81%
Hawthorn	87%	Elder	99%
Hazel	62%	Elm	77%
Rowan	90%	Birch	98%

Whole School Attendance from September 2021

93%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Elder

STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
Reception	Reception	Bilal	Nard
Year 1	Sycamore	Godfrey	Joel D
Year 2	Hawthorn	Zak	Eden
	Hazel	Jordan	Ellie
Year 3	Rowan	Skyla	Khalil
Year 4	Cedar	Harley	Stefi
	Mulberry	Rebeka	Nived
Year 5	Chestnut	David	Jaida
	Elder	Laxshan	Tanmeet
Year 6	Birch	Shamil	Lorenzo
	Elm	David	Bonnie-Lee

AUTUMN TERM

December 2021

Monday 13th December 2021 - Whole school assessment week
 Monday 13th December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
 Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club
 Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
 Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
 Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (9:15)
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Rocksteady Concert
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
 Thursday 16th December 2021 - Key Stage Concert to parents (6:00pm)
 Friday 17th December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (11:15)
 Friday 17th December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production)
 Monday 20th December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production)
 Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
 Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm
 Tuesday 21st December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday



HAPpy Holidays

What will your kids be doing this Winter holiday?

Are they in need of action-packed days with the added benefit of a free meal? If so, HAPpy Holiday Camps are taking place across Hertfordshire this Winter and might be just the answer!

It's all thanks to Hertfordshire County Council who have joined forces with the Herts Sports Partnership to organise a huge programme of activity for the school holidays.

Activities will be running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years, and all include a nutritious meal each day. As an eligible family you can book for free using your unique HAPpy Booking Code. When prompted, please make sure you enter the whole code, which includes the & symbol which is found in the middle of the code.

Your unique code is: T3&CA9

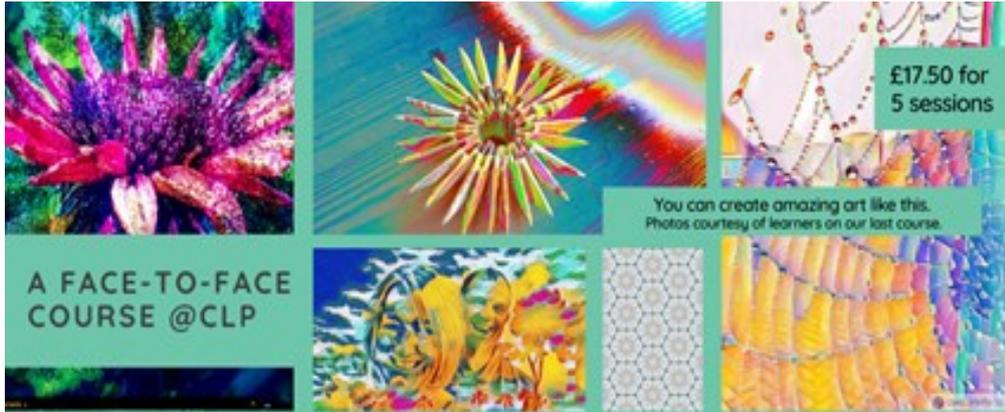
You will be able to search for activities using your postcode or child's age – places are limited and strictly on a first come basis so be quick and book online from Monday 6th December at <https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking>

If you are having trouble booking, you'll find a step-by-step guide on the booking page explaining what to do. Still need help? Hertfordshire Libraries have computers you can use, and friendly staff who will be able to help.

Additionally, there are a range of fun online Enrichment Activities to look through, with ideas for learning more about arts and crafts, history, music, and theatre, plus ways to keep your family active for 60 minutes each day! View these at

<https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/hafhappy>

Lastly, our information page has links to a variety of organisations and advice you and your family may find useful. Visit this at <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/useful-local-services>



£17.50 for 5 sessions

You can create amazing art like this. Photos courtesy of learners on our last course.

A FACE-TO-FACE COURSE @CLP

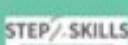
DIGITAL ART FOR ARTISTS

TUESDAYS 10.45AM - 1.15PM FROM 14TH DECEMBER FOR 5 WEEKS

Our experienced, patient tutor will guide you through this popular course. He will show you how to use a number of free apps to manipulate photos that you have taken, on your phone or tablet. This course is a perfect progression for you if you attended our art courses recently. You will be amazed at the effects that you can achieve to create really stunning art using photos of everyday things. Learning will take place at our spacious, airy venue in South Oxhey. To book go to:

https://www.cognitofirms.com/CLPSouthOxhey/_2122DigitalCoursesCLP

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Wattford School of Music

I Play Groups starting Spring Term 2022

I Play Violin/Viola: Starting Saturday 8th January 9.00am –9.30am
I Play Woodwind: Starting Saturday 8th January 11:30am-12:00pm
I Play Brass: Starting Saturday 8th January 11.30am –12.00pm
I Play Cello/Double Bass: Starting Saturday 11th 9.00am-9.30am

This project is open to those in Years 3-6.

There is no cost for this half term course in the Spring term, as it is funded by 'Get Playing'.

If you would like to reserve a space for a free first lesson or have any other enquiries please email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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Instrument introductions for our young musicians.



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