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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all our families. This term we will be looking at Being Responsible as part of our theme with pupils. This follows on well from the Respect theme we had in the Autumn Term and also links closely to our School Charter.

Park and Stride

This morning we handed out our Walk to School awards. Children record their journey to school on a daily basis. Parents who come to school by car are encouraged to use our Park and Stride. Not only does this qualify your child to record their journey as walking to school, but also help to ease congestion within the local area. Congratulations to -

EYFS/Key Stage 1

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| 1st Place | - | Reception Blue |
| 2nd Place | - | Sycamore |
| 3rd Place | - | Hazel |

Key Stage 2

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| 1st Place | - | Birch and Rowan |
| 2nd Place | - | Aspen |
| 3rd Place | - | Cedar |

Clubs

There are still spaces available for the morning and afternoon sports clubs for the Spring term. If your child is interested in signing up please log on to School Money system and book your place. We would like to remind you that the clubs do not run during the first and last week of the school term.

Cornet lessons

We also have more places available for cornet tuition. This is a great opportunity for pupils to learn specialist music skills at an advanced level. Lessons are delivered by the Hertfordshire Music Service which is part of the Hertfordshire School of Music and based at Watford Boys Grammar School.

Reception Class Admissions for September 2019

We would like to remind you that the deadline for applications for Reception is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Parents will need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered on-time.



Under 11s Leaflets for 2019 were sent in November to all Hertfordshire residents whose children are registered on the NHS database and born between 1/09/2014 and 31/08/2015.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Parents in the Nursery are reminded that pupils do not automatically transfer to Reception and they must complete an application.

Nursery Open Afternoon

This week we had a successful Open Morning for parents who wish to enroll their children for Nursery in September 2019. The next session is Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2:00pm. Any parents who would like their child to join our Nursery in September 2019 is encouraged to attend this session. We are able to offer 30 hours free childcare sessions (if eligible) as well as Wrap Around Care to parents.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings this term will be on Tuesday 12th February 2019 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm and Thursday 14th February 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Any parents who are not able to see their teacher during these times for extra ordinary reasons will be given a date after Thursday 14th February 2019. This will ensure that all parents are given the same equal opportunities to see teachers and also means we can manage teachers workloads during a very busy time of term. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum overviews for parents will be sent out Monday. Please have a look at the topics that we will be covering with pupils in school and talk to your children about their learning. Some trips for this term have already been organised and has been added to our diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

| DATE | CLASS | TOPIC |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Friday 18th January 2019 | Sycamore | Dr Martin Luther King Junior Day |
| Friday 25th January 2019 | Rowan | Burns Night - Scotland |
| Friday 1st February 2019 | Elm | Chinese New Year |
| Friday 8th February 2019 | Birch | Internet Safety Day |
| Friday 15th February 2019 | Elder | Valentine's Day |
| Friday 22nd February 2019 | HALF TERM | HALF TERM |
| Friday 1st March 2019 | Ash | St David's Day |
| 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 |

MY HERITAGE BOX

Information for parents

As part of our **"Who Do We Think We Are?"** ERASMUS+ project, in the Spring term every child is being asked to create a heritage box that tells the story of their own family.

"Who Do We Think We Are?" offers to broaden our children's horizons whilst celebrating who they are and where they come from.

Each child will need a shoe box (or similar) that they can use to collect items that represent or explain their personal family history, values and traditions.

Items that they may wish to include are:

- Their family tree
- Photos
- Objects or "heirlooms" (not valuable) that tell some family "story"
- Information about other towns or countries that the family may have moved from
- Recordings (or written interviews) with older members of the family remembering their own childhood
- Favourite family recipes
- Family traditions or beliefs
- Any other family traits that may be quirky, unusual or of interest to others!

At the end of the Spring term the children will present their heritage boxes to class mates and some children will be chosen to present to the whole school. The best will be asked to present to other schools involved in the project.

Finally there will be an exhibition of boxes for parents and the wider community to visit in a public space in Watford.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 11th January 2019

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



| KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS | KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Harvey – Sycamore | Shaya-Mae – Beech |
| Harvey – Maple | Leo – Cedar |
| Rebeka – Maple | Clark – Cedar |
| Timotei – Hawthorn | Bailey – Mulberry |
| Summer – Hawthorn | Uzair – Rowan |
| Angel – Hazel | Gabriel – Rowan |

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

| Class | Charter certificate | Star Learner of the Week award | Class | Charter certificate | Star Learner of the Week award |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Blue Base | Jay | Mikayla | Mulberry | Areeba | Diana |
| Red Base | Maisie | Khahil | Cedar | Chloe | Aghness |
| Sycamore | Robert | Adam | Elder | Ishmeet | Eliza |
| Maple | Peter | Hailea | Ash | - | Jainam |
| Hawthorn | Safaa | Samuel | Chestnut | Ebrima | Shivam |
| Hazel | Christopher | Amin | Rowan | Ellie | Bobbie-Jo |
| Pine | Hussain | Liam | Elm | Dante | Beatrice |
| Beech | Terrence | Luigi | Birch | Maria | Mahek |
| Aspen | Richard | Tiana | | | |

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday before half-term is 94.2 %

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|------------|-----|----------|-----|
| Nursery am | 93% | Pine | 95% |
| Blue base | 90% | Mulberry | 87% |
| Red base | 95% | Cedar | 91% |
| Maple | 93% | Ash | 94% |
| Sycamore | 91% | Elder | 95% |
| Hawthorn | 97% | Chestnut | 97% |
| Hazel | 96% | Birch | 91% |
| Aspen | 95% | Elm | 99% |
| Beech | 95% | Rowan | 87% |

Enrichment Days:

Monday 21st January 2019 – Martin Luther King Day
 Friday 25th January 2019 – Burns Night, Scotland
 Sunday 27th January 2019 – Holocaust Memorial Day
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Chinese New Year
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Internet Safety Day
 Thursday 7th February 2019 – Charles Dicken's birthday
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Darwin Day
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Valentine's Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – St David's Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – Woman's History Month
 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: Hawthorn | KS1: Red Base, Sycamore, Hawthorn, Hazel |
| KS2: Elm | KS2: Aspen, Rowan |



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 15th January 2019 – last day to apply for place in Reception Class September 2019
Tuesday 15th January 2019 – Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 15th January 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 16th January 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Open Afternoon at 2:00pm
Wednesday 16th January 2019 – Meeting for Year 5 pupils going to Spain (3:00pm)
Wednesday 16th January 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 17th January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Friday 18th January 2019 – Year 1 Sycamore class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 22nd January 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 22nd January 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 23rd January 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 24th January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Friday 25th January 2019 – Year 6 Rowan class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 29th January 2019 – Year 6 Athletics competition at Queens' School
Tuesday 29th January 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 29th January 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 30th January 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Wednesday 30th January 2019 – Year 5 Greek Day Workshops
Thursday 31st January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Friday 1st February 2019 – Year 6 Elm class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 5th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Governors meeting
Tuesday 5th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 6th February 2019 – Internet Safety Workshop – Bigfoot Theatre
Wednesday 6th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Wednesday 6th February – Some Year 2 and Year 3 pupils to attend a Science Day at Sacred Heart School
Wednesday 6th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
Thursday 7th February 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Thursday 7th February 2019 – Internet Safety Workshop – Bigfoot Theatre
Thursday 7th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
Friday 8th February 2019 – Year 6 Birch class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 8th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
Friday 8th February 2019 – Internet Safety Workshop – Bigfoot Theatre
Monday 11th February 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 inclusive – Feel Good Week
Monday 11th February 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 12th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 6:00pm
Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 13th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Wednesday 13th February – 30 pupils to visit Rickmansworth Baptist Church to see performance from Purcell School



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM - Continued

Thursday 14th February 2019 – Nursery & Reception – Owl Workshop and photographs

Thursday 14th February 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming

Thursday 14th February 2019 – Parents Evening – 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 5 Elder class assembly – all parents invited

Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive Half Term

Monday 25th February 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery September 2019

Tuesday 26th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 4 Rapid fire cricket at Queens' School

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 - Natural History Museum

Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 28th February 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 5 Ash class assembly – all parents invited

Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 7 September 2019 – Allocation Day

Friday 1st March 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery class – September 2019

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 (to be confirmed)

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



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM - Continued

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



Administration Assistant (Reception) at Westfield Family centre.

**08.00 – 6.00 Monday & Friday
(Part-Time, 20 hrs per week)
Up to £17,500 (pro rata)**

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An exciting opportunity has arisen for an Administrative Assistant (Reception) at Westfield Family Centre working with an enthusiastic and friendly team.

We are looking for someone who has experience of;

- Providing excellent Face to face and telephone customer service
- Using Word/ Excel and who has a good level of computer literacy

The key aspects of the role will involve;

- Dealing with enquiries, booking of activities and rooms, casual admissions, process payments, and take advance bookings over the phone and in person ensuring the best outcome is reached for the customer
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Closing date for applications: Sunday 20th January 2019

Interview Date: week commencing 21st January 2019

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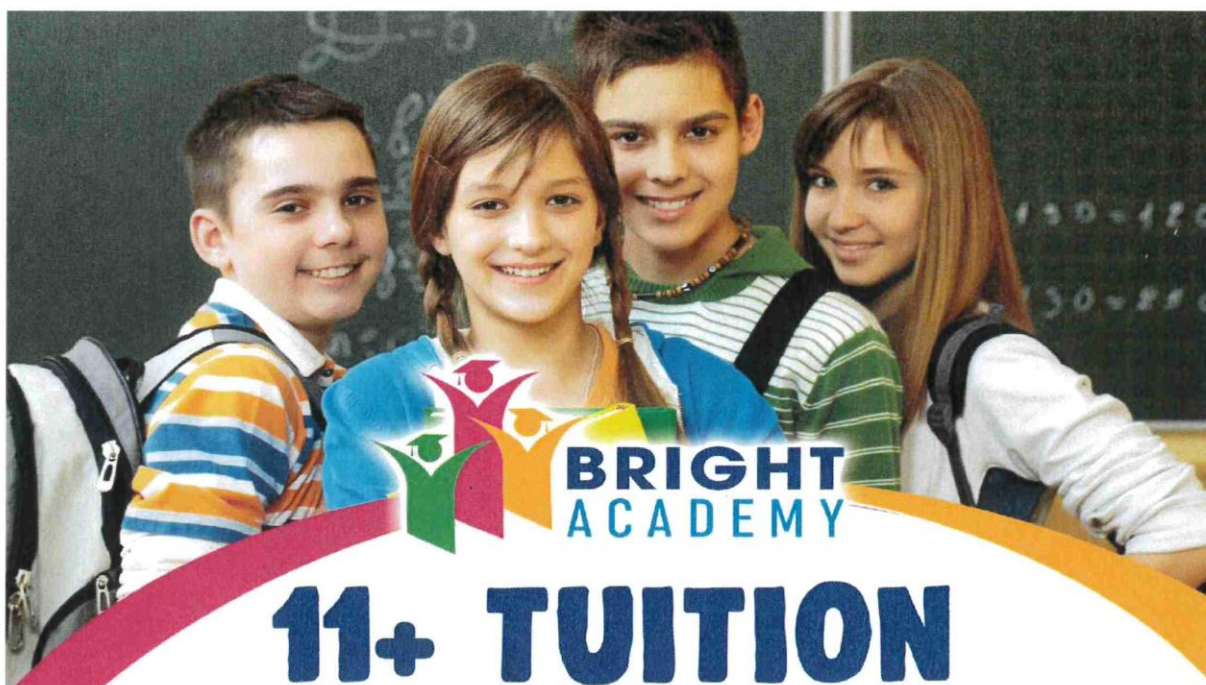


Watford Community Housing is providing IT training courses for our residents.
Courses run weekly for five weeks from the start date.

West Watford Free Church – Tolpits Lane
Wednesday 16th January 9.30am-11.30pm – IT Basics
● including security, email and using the internet.

Leavesden Green Community Hub
Wednesday 27th February 1pm-3pm – Word & Excel
● learn the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel software

To book a space please call **01923 209183** or email **community@wcht.org.uk**



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NEW TIMES & PRICE

| Day | Subject | Year | Time |
|----------|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Tuesday | Maths | Yr 3 & 4 | 3.30pm - 4.20pm |
| Tuesday | Maths | Yr 5 | 4.30pm - 5.20pm |
| Thursday | Verbal Reasoning | Yr 3 & 4 | 3.30pm - 4.20pm |
| Thursday | Verbal Reasoning | Yr 5 | 4.30pm - 5.20pm |

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