



Holywell Primary School

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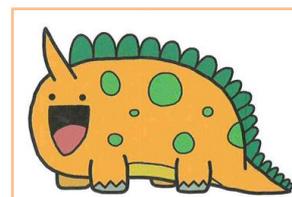
we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

Family Learning – Dangerous Dinosaurs

Parents of pupils in Reception and Year 1 are reminded to take up the offer of family learning at Holywell Primary School. The programme, called Dangerous Dinosaurs, is aimed at families with pupils in Reception and Year 1 and will have a phonics focus. The course will start with a parent session looking at phonics and how to support your child. Parents will then be joined by their children for the remainder of the session. Parents with more than one child in Reception and/or Year 1 will be able to bring them into the session together. The sessions are on a Thursday afternoon and run from 7th November 2019 to 12th December 2019.



#HelloYellow

Thank you to all the parents who made donations to help raise awareness of Mental Health. We raised £168.55 and this money will be donated to the charity “Young Minds” who supports children.

Basketball

On Tuesday 8th October 2019 children in Year 6 took part in a Basketball competition at Queens’ School. Overall our team came third. They all played really well, winning one of their matches and drawing the other two.

Irish Dancing – Year 3

Year 3 had a visit from Celtic Heart Irish Dancing School on Wednesday 8th October 2019. This links well with their learning about Ireland as part of their Geography subject. The children watched the instructors give an amazing demonstration of Irish dancing and then learnt some basic movements to the traditional Irish music.



Football Match - Away

Next Monday 14th October 2019 our boys and girls football team will be playing against Kingsway Junior School. We wish them all the best.

TRIPS

Next week we have the following trips to look forward to -

Reception - Kings Georges' playing fields

Year 1 - Museum of London

Year 2 – Natural History Museum, Tring

Year 3 - Watford Central Mosque and Wellspring Central Church



Our school sports partnership competition this coming week at Queens is Cross Country for Year 5. Good luck to the pupils who will be going to represent the school.

Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 18 th October	Year 4 Mulberry	Anti Slavery Day
Friday 25 th October	Year 4 Cedar	Diwali
Friday 8 th November	Year 3 Pine	Bon Fire Night
Friday 15 th November	Year 3 Aspen	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 22 nd November	Year 2 Hawthorn	Road Safety
Friday 29 th November	Year 2 Hazel	St Andrew
Friday 6 th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13 th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

Parents' Evening

A letter went out last Wednesday which contained details of the Autumn Term Parents' Evenings taking place on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 between 3:30pm - 6:00pm and Thursday 24th October 2018 between 5:00pm – 7:30pm. You will also have received a link to book your appointment electronically. If, for any reason, you are unable to access the online booking system please talk to the School Office and they will be happy to assist. The meeting is important to talk about how your child has settled into school and also about their targets for this term.

Secondary School – September 2020

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2019** but Hertfordshire County Council recommend parents complete it by Friday 25th October 2019, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

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

Cassiobury Park – Year 4

Year 4 went on their trip to Cassiobury Park this week, this had to be postponed previously because of heavy rain. The children learnt about habitats, took part in a mini beast hunt, woodland Olympics, bark rubbing and made some of their own beasts from the natural materials they gathered. This learning links well with their Science Topic learning and the book they are reading in class called Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf. Year 4 pupils were very excited about the bat they saw in the park as well.

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	Lily-May	Deborah	Mulberry	Charlie	Terence
Red Base	Jah-Neza	Julio	Cedar	Lois	Bailey
Sycamore	Sofia	Ruby	Chestnut	Clark	Sagal
Maple	Sathiya	Lily-Rae	Elder	Aghness	Oliver
Hawthorn	Hamza	Kashvee	Elm	Ifra	Alyssa
Hazel	Rebeka	Sainaboubinta	Rowan	Paulina	Ciara
Pine	Dilan	Summer	Birch	John	Zainab
Aspen	Jaida	Amelia			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	92%	Pine	90%
Blue Base	85%	Mulberry	95%
Red Base	94%	Cedar	98%
Maple	100%	Chestnut	93%
Sycamore	93%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	97%	Birch	95%
Hazel	98%	Elm	90%
Aspen	95%	Rowan	97%

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is:

94.2 %

Attendance and Punctuality

Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Maple	KS1: Maple, Hawthorn
KS2 : Elder	KS2: Cedar



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

OCTOBER 2019

Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Year 5 Cross Country at Queens School
Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Year 1 trip to London Museum
Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 17th October 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 17th October 2019 - Rocksteady
Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019 – Festival of Learning week
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 6:00pm
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – Wizard Theatre
Wednesday 23rd October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 24th October 2019 - Rocksteady
Thursday 24th October 2019 – Parents Evening 5:00pm to 7:30pm
Monday 28th October 2019 - Friday 1st November 2019 – Half term
Thursday 31st October 2019 – Secondary School Applications for September 2020 – Close

NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 – Year 1 Assessments start
Monday 4th November 2019 – Reception Applications for September 2020 open
Monday 4th November 2019 – Poppy appeal starts
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre Pantomime
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Governors Meeting – 6:30pm
Wednesday 6th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2
Thursday 7th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2
Thursday 7th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 7th November 2019 - Rocksteady
Monday 11th November 2019 – Whole School Assessment Week
Monday 11th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Year 6 Hockey at Queens School
Wednesday 13th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2
Thursday 14th November 2019 – School Photographer - Individual and family photographs
Thursday 14th November 2019 - Rocksteady
Thursday 14th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – School Nurse to meet Year 6 and complete online questionnaires
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Year 4 Speed Stacking at Queens School
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 9:15am – to be confirmed
Thursday 21st November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 21st November 2019 - Rocksteady
Wednesday 27th November 2019 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Sweets
Friday 29th November 2019 – Christmas Decoration Day



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM -continued

DECEMBER 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day

Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm – to be confirmed

Thursday 5th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 5th December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Chocolate and drinks bottles

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 12th December 2019 - Rocksteady

Friday 13th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15am

Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance – 9:30am

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Presentation Assembly

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 10:00am

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 2 parents - 2:00pm

Friday 20th December 2019 – Nursery AM only. Closes at 12:00 midday

Friday 20th December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020 – Christmas break

ENRICHMENT DAYS

Wednesday 16th October 2019 – World Food Day

Friday 18th October 2019 – Anti Slavery Day

Sunday 27th October 2019 – Diwali

Thursday 31st October 2019 – Halloween

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Bonfire Night

Sunday 10th November 2019 – World Science Day

Monday 11th November 2019 – Remembrance Day

Monday 11th November 2019 – Anti Bullying Week

Monday 18th November 2019 – Road safety Week

Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Universal Children’s Days – UN

Saturday 30th November 2019 – St Andrews Day

Monday 2nd December 2019 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Human Rights Day

Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah

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Dangerous Dinosaurs

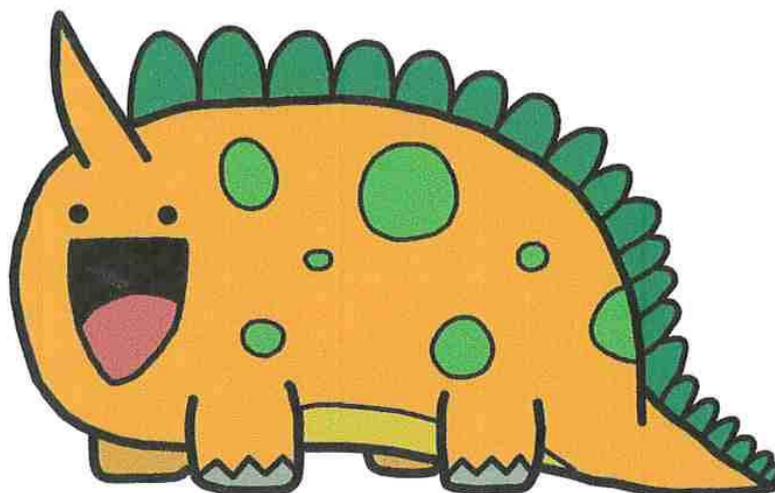
at Holywell Primary School

A **free** 6 week literacy and craft course, for parents/carers or relative over 19 & children.

12:45pm – 3:15pm on Thursdays from 7th November 2019

Session dates are 7/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 5/12 & 12/12

update your literacy skills to be able to help your child with their phonics in a short adult only session. You will then be joined by your child for a fun craft session each week which will include help for fussy eaters with some fun dinosaur food ideas.



If you'd like to take part in this course, please complete and detach the reply slip below and

Hand it to the school office by Friday 11th October.

You will be contacted by a member of CLP staff to confirm that you have secured a place on this course.

For further information, please ring CLP direct on: 020 8421 5544 or 07576 167776

REPLY SLIP

Dangerous Dinosaurs

Holywell Primary School 19685

Parent/Carer's details: Mr/Ms/Mrs First name _____ Surname _____

Child's name: _____ Year group _____

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Will you or your child require learning support on this course? Yes/No



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