



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to 'Save the Children'. We had a good response in donations from parents and pupils to support Christmas Jumper Day. We will be able to give you the final total of money raised in next week's newsletter.



## Reception Class Open Day – September 2021

Earlier this week we had our Open Day for people interested in applying for a place in our Reception Class for September 2021. Potential Reception parents can still visit the school by contacting the school office before applications close on 15th January 2021. Further information has also been added to our website.

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

## Nursery Class Open Day – September 2021

The Open Day for Nursery is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, again we ask you contact the school office to make an appointment.



### Reporting positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holidays

To support track and trace we are asking parents to inform us up to Thursday 24th December 2020 via the school admin email ([admin@hollywell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hollywell.herts.sch.uk)) if the children are showing symptoms of Coronavirus or receive a positive test for Coronavirus. That will also include close family contacts.

Schools have been asked to monitor this information so that other pupils or members of staff who need to self-isolate can be informed to do so. This will help to protect vulnerable people who might mix over the Christmas period.

### Final Week of Term

Next week we will have our usual presentation assembly on Thursday. We will award our 'Spirit to Succeed' medals at the assembly, the winners will be announced in the newsletter. The winners of all other awards will also be named in the newsletter. Unfortunately we cannot get together as a school for our usual assemblies and Christmas productions, but every class is making contributions to our little film clip that pupils will watch in their classes next week. We will provide them with a mince pie during the screening.



### Christmas Cards

We encourage pupils who want to bring in Christmas cards to write one card for their class, their teacher can put this on display in the classroom. This will stop a lot of handling of cards between pupils and the possible spread of disease.



### Last Day of Term

Even though there have been reports of some schools changing their closing day, we are still closing on Friday 18th December 2020 for the start of the Christmas holiday. School will close on Friday at 1:30 pm and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

### School Health Visit

We would like to remind parents that School Health will be in school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to see Year 6 pupils.



## Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education

We are uploading the letter and content for the Relationship education onto our school website. There is also a survey monkey link that parents can use to give us their view on the curriculum. There will also be separate information about Sex Education, and that parents may give us their views. Parents are reminded that they can choose to remove their children from Sex Education with the Headteacher's discretion, but cannot opt their children out of relationship education.

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal. We raised £258.67



## Free School Meals (FSM)

The country is continuing to see a rise in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit. As such, it is anticipated that more families will be eligible for Free School Meals for their children.

To continue supporting families, we as a school are encouraged to:

- Share the Free School Meal eligibility criteria (with families) as outlined on the Hertfordshire County Council Website

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

## Peace, You and me

Leaders of the world divide us in two  
I see it and You see it too!  
Why don't we raise our voice?  
Why don't we make a choice?

You worship Allah  
I pray to Shiva  
Someone adores Jesus  
Aren't we all the same?  
We are humans after all  
Why play with lives in God's name?

In the end, I would say  
There'd be no need of religion  
If we stand for the truth, for love and for reason  
Don't you wish that too?  
Peace for everyone  
For me and you  
**By Areeba (Birch)**

## **Water! Water!**

As a human  
I have certain rights  
like an absolute right  
of access to water.  
If the only place  
to get water  
is on private land  
then I have  
every right to  
get to that water.  
End of story.  
“Get off my land!”  
My response?  
“Get off my water!”  
Right to water over property  
every day of our lives.  
Do you get it?

By  
Charity (Birch)

## **Be fair and aware**

Human rights bring us equality  
Article 1 to Article 30  
Human rights bring us fairness  
And awareness  
Article 28 says right to education  
To learn and lead a successful life  
Human rights are the best  
Let's put our troubles to rest!

By Taiba (Birch)

## Human Rights

We shall fight for our right, every night, with all our might  
Determination is vital for the nation, to succeed our creation

Article 28 says children have a right to education

Everyone is equal there shouldn't be any discrimination

Article 24 says everyone has the right to leisure,  
this shall be a pleasure

Even if we are under extreme pressure  
we shall fight, for our right, together!

By: Bright, Rajak, Dilan and Barun

## HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Reception	Joel	This is awarded for his great achievements in all subject
Maple	Annanya	For reciting her poem lines beautifully and clearly
Sycamore	Amelia	For setting a good example to her peers and always staying focused
Hawthorn	Valentina	For being creative in making a collage of Santa for our school poem
Hazel	Noah	For working very hard in every lesson and making improvements from last week
Cedar	Anushka	For creating an interesting magical place and magician character
Mulberry	Jaida	For researching and sharing her knowledge on habitats with the class
Rowan	Joseph	For creating an interesting description that included figurative language
Chestnut	Rayya	For making good progress with the reading revival books
Elder	Terrence	For his amazing acting ability, making us smile and taking on the role of 'teacher successfully when preparing for our class performance of 'Twas the Night before Christmas'
Birch	Katie	For always contributing interesting facts during science lessons
Elm	Chloe	For her excellent effort producing a Christmas Stocking during DT

## HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Reception	Kameel	This is awarded for being a good role model
Maple	Manan	For being reflective and resilient in English
Sycamore	Abu Bakar	For writing brilliant sentences and reflecting on his dream holiday
Hawthorn	Rory	For reflecting on and improving his learning behaviours and producing high levels of
Hazel	Hannah	For showing resilience in all her work every day
Cedar	Zain	For always following the class rules and for continuing to build on the 6 Rs
Mulberry	Lacey-Marie	For showing resilience in understanding new concepts in maths
Rowan	Lorena	For showing resilience and a positive attitude towards her learning
Chestnut	Nicola	For reflecting on adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators
Elder	Rafia	For giving her all when writing and considering what will make her writing successful, especially when writing in role as a Roman soldier
Birch	Patrick	For always reflecting on the 6 Rs of Holywell in his learning
Elm	Maleehah	For always reflecting on and improving her work