



Holywell Primary School

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11th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

The school has slipped back into the usual routine after the half term break. It has been great having the pupils from Year 6 back after their week away in the Isle of Wight. We will share the blog written by teachers during their week away, to give parents an idea of what to expect when it is their child's turn to go to the Isle of Wight on a residential trip.

Nursery and Reception – September 2021 – Places Available

We still have vacancies for pupils due to start Nursery and Reception from September 2021.

Nursery	Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016
Reception	Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

Please contact the school office to find out how to apply. We kindly ask you to recommend us to parents that you know whose children fit into the above age categories.

Staff Changes From Monday 14th June 2021

A letter has gone out to parents of children in Reception and Cedar class about staff changes we are making from Monday. Mrs Lazar will take over in Cedar class and Mrs Whawell will move into Reception with Mr Szajko.

Whilst we appreciate that moving staff around is not ideal, I must assure parents that these decisions are not taken lightly and that steps are taken to ensure a smooth transition for the children. The children are familiar with all the staff who are moving around and parents have been asked to contact the school office if they have any questions or concerns. Telephone 01923 225188 or email admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Whilst Mrs Lazar will not be working in Reception from Monday, she is still in the school and will no doubt pop in to see her class from time to time.

Assessments

Next week the rest of the school will complete their assessments. Teachers will then adjust children's targets for the remainder of the school year.

We would like to remind parents about further assessment dates



Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Whole school assessment

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Phonics testing Year 1 and Year 2

Year 2 - Local Authority Moderation

We have had a very successful moderation of Year 2 this week. The local authority undertakes moderation of teachers' judgment to ensure there is consistency in grading across Hertfordshire. The moderator was very impressed with the work that the teachers had done in preparation for the visit and most importantly was very impressed with their knowledge of the children. Well done to all staff and teachers involved. The Year 2 children have been working hard over the last few weeks to add to their writing evidence for this moderation.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs commence on Monday 14th June 2021. A letter went out before the half term with full details. We still have some spaces left, so if your child is interested please log on to School Money and sign them up. We need a good number of participants to make the clubs viable.

- Monday 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Year 5
- Wednesday 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Year 6
- Thursday 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Year 3/4



Coronavirus

You may have seen the report about a local school having to close because of high cases of coronavirus. We will keep our protocols and safeguarding the same as before half term and ask that parents continue to support us in staying safe.

Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice -

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on site.

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Kameel	This is award for his great phonics work
Red	Junior	For fantastic progress in writing
Maple	Lily May	For her fantastic effort and focus in phonics
Sycamore	Carolina	For displaying resilience by practicing her reading often
Hawthorn	Esther	For retelling the story of 'The Cloud' using exciting adjectives and adverbs
Hazel	Faith	For being an outstanding role model to her peers
Cedar	Hasnain	For showing an excellent understanding of money all week as he has confidently rounded money to the nearest pound!
Mulberry	Sainaboubinta	For trying really hard to understand an listen to the rhythm and pulse in cornet lessons
Rowan	Ines	For creating an interesting play script independently
Chestnut	Megan	For working hard to improve her handwriting
Elder	Bailey	For his amazing dedication and resilience in all areas of learning. He is frequently displaying all of our 6Rs within his learning and we are so incredibly proud of the effort that he is putting in to everything that he does in class.
Birch	Barun	For brilliantly interpreting the hidden context of a story in multiple ways. Well done!
Elm	Rajab	For his excellent inference skills, demonstrated during English lessons this week

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Araav	This is awarded for settling well in our class
Red	Makanaka	For being a kind and supportive friend
Maple	Nasir	For being reflective with his sounds
Sycamore	Milosz	For showing respect to his peers and the adults in the room
Hawthorn	Zainab	For being resilient in her maths and solving multiplication problems independently
Hazel	Christiano	For showing resilience in his maths lessons and work all week
Cedar	JJ	For continually showing resilience in his learning and always striving to achieve more!
Mulberry	Aliyah	For following the 6Rs in the class and on the playground
Rowan	Kayla	For justifying her answers in guided reading and using valid reasons
Chestnut	Murphy	For taking responsibility in his learning and creating a lovely booklet about his half term break
Elder	Chloe Mae	For challenging herself in all areas in maths, especially when exploring scaling challenges and solving word problems.
Birch	Sana	For always showing responsibility and being resourceful in class. Well done!
Elm	Diana	For being a responsible member of Elm class and for already having learnt all her lines for our end of year production.

Week Commencing 24th May 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	86%	Rowan	91%
Blue	92%	Mulberry	86%
Red	91%	Cedar	90%
Maple	98%	Chestnut	97%
Sycamore	90%	Elder	87%
Hawthorn	100%	Birch	99%
Hazel	94%	Elm	90%

Whole School Attendance from September 2020

95%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Birch

Enrichment days Summer Term

Sunday 20th June 2021 - World Refugee Day

Sunday 20th June 2021 - Father's Day

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - Windrush Day

Saturday 18th July 2021 - Mandela Day



DIARY DATES

Monday 14th June 2021 – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up – all week

Monday 14th June 2021 – Whole school assessment week

Tuesday 15th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in

Tuesday 15th June 2021 – Year 3/4 History workshop

Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC

Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4

Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 1 – Bollywood Dance workshop

Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm

Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning

Thursday 17th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 17th June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning

Friday 18th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am

Friday 18th June 2021 – Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm

Thursday 24th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 24th June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day

Thursday 24th June 2021 – Year 5 – Rabbi visit

Friday 25th June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day

Friday 25th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am

Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in –

Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses

Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC

Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am

Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm

Thursday 1st July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 1st July 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 1st July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in September

Friday 2nd July 2021 – EYFS reserve Sports Day

Friday 2nd July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am

Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in

Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Year 2 – Paradise Wildlife Park

Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Year 5 – Visit to St Marys Church

Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC

Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am

Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm

Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Nursery Concert to parents

Thursday 8th July 2021 – Community Day
Thursday 8th July 2021 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools
Thursday 8th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 9th July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
Friday 9th July 2021 – Year 3/4 Cassiobury Park
Monday 12th July 2021 – Year 1 Cassiobury Park
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 – 2:00pm
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Governors Meeting
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –
Watford FC
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30am
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00pm
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Awards Assembly
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents – 2:00pm
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
Friday 16th July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 16th July 2021 – No afternoon Nursery, all finish at midday
Friday 16th July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30pm