



Holywell Primary School

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11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by thanking all parents for their supportive response to my request in the last newsletter, asking all adults while on site to wear a face mask. Thank you for your ongoing support.

I would also like to welcome our Reception pupils who started school this week. We are looking forward to welcoming children in Nursery next week. I would like to remind everyone of the expectations when entering the site, as we now have even more parents entering the school to drop and collect pupils.

Reception and Nursery places available - including 30 hours free

We have spaces available in our Reception and Nursery classes. The places available in Nursery are part time and full time. Children born between 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017 are entitled to 15 hours free nursery care each week. Some parents are entitled to 30 hours free care for their children. Please tell family and friends who might be interested.



Parking

As a result of staggered start and collection times, along with different drop off and pick up points for children, we are finding that some parents are parking in a way that is UNSAFE and INCONSIDERATE to our neighbours. Can I ask that parents do not park in the car park by Summer House or on the double yellow lines in front of Summer House. These spaces are reserved for the visitors of Summer House and for emergency vehicle access. Please be considerate to our neighbours as we have made changes to keep our community safe but we don't want these changes to impact on our local wider community. We have also had complaints from residents on Tolpits Lane, parents have been parking across drop kerbs and on the double yellow lines.



PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears their Holywell Primary School PE kit to school, with no variations of this. Parents can send their children in with black tracksuit bottoms on PE days, these are to be worn with their PE kits and a school jumper.

Holywell School Uniform

Please find below our school uniform expectations –

Maroon Sweatshirt – with school logo

White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers/Grey Skirt

Sensible black school shoes (no sandals or trainers)

Red Check Dress/Smart Grey Trouser Shorts (Summer Term only)

PE Kit

White T-Shirt with school logo

Maroon Shorts

Plimsolls/Trainers

Black track suit bottoms

All pupils are expected to adhere to these requirements including the PE kit, as stated above

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 17th September 2020

We will be hosting our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings online using Google Classroom for parents of pupils in Year 1 up to Year 6. The Early Years meetings will be sent out to parents via Tapestry. Meetings will be staggered to allow parents to attend multiple meetings.

3:40 pm – Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

4:00 pm - Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

4:20 pm - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6)



All meetings will be recoded and sent out to parents to watch later if they prefer, but obviously they will only be able to ask questions if watching live.

RRS - Assessment



On Thursday 17th September 2020 the school will be assessed to achieve Rights Respecting school status - Silver award. The work for this award was completed before the COVID-19 lockdown, but we feel confident that the evidence that we will put forward plus the interviews that will take place on the day with staff and pupils, will put us in a good position.

Reception Class - Times

Now that Reception pupils have started school, we ask that parents stick to the following drop off and collection times to help ease the flow of parents on site and also to help manage the smooth transition of pupils into and out of the building.

Red Base:

Drop off Time - 8.45 am to 8.55 am

Collection Time 3.15 pm to 3.25 pm

Blue Base:

Drop off Time - 8.55 am to 9.05 am

Collection Time 3.05 pm to 3.15 pm

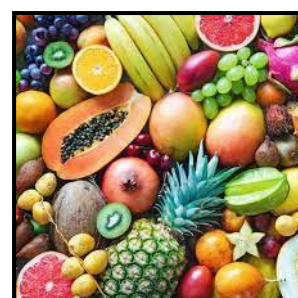
Nuts

We would like to remind parents that we have children in our school with a serious, life threatening nut allergy and as a result all products containing nuts are banned from the school premises. This includes peanut butter and Nutella.



Snack for Early Years and Key Stage 1

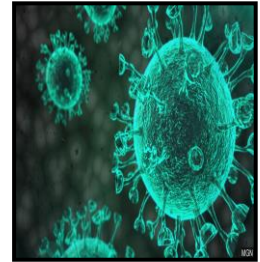
We are delighted to advise parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is up and running again. This is a government programme funded by the Department of Health that entitles the children in the above year groups to a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day.



Social Distancing and COVID-19

Schools have been given the green light to reopen because -

- COVID-19 cases have fallen sufficiently
- No evidence shows children transmit the disease more than adults
- Risk of children becoming ill is low
- No outbreaks of COVID-19 in Hertfordshire schools since June 2020



I am sure you would have seen the news about infection rates going up in certain areas. Holywell Primary School wants to play its part to ensure that infection rate stay down. Like parents, I value our pupils' education and feel pupils cannot miss any more of their education.

We are constantly reviewing our procedures related to keeping the school community safe from the spread of the coronavirus. We have some feedback from parents about some aspects and we are closely monitoring our practices to see how we can improve. We need parents to support us in this and be role models for our pupils.

		DROP OFF TIMES	COLLECTION TIMES	ONE WAY IN AND OUT
YEAR 1	Sycamore & Maple	8:45am - 8:55am (small green gate by playground entrance)	3:00pm (small green gate by playground entrance)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 2	Hawthorn & Hazel	8:45am - 8:55am (small green gate by playground entrance)	3:15pm (collect under trees by new building)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 3/4	Mulberry, Cedar & Rowan	8:45am - 8:55am (Side door of canteen, in car park)	3:00pm (collect from side door of canteen, in car park)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 5	Elder & Chestnut	8:45am - 8:55am (small green gate by playground entrance)	3:10pm Grass area in front of Summer Place	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 6	Birch & Elm	8:45am - 8:55am (Side door of canteen, in car park)	3:15pm grass areas in front of Summer Place	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View

Attendance

Parents are remind that attending school is statutory.

PE Lessons

On the days your child has PE, they should come to school in their PE kits and stay in them all day - they do not need their school uniform on these days.

YEAR 1	Sycamore	Monday and Thursday
YEAR 1	Maple	Tuesday and Wednesday
YEAR 2	Hawthorn	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 2	Hazel	Thursday and Friday
YEAR 3/4	Mulberry	Thursday and Friday
YEAR 3/4	Cedar	Monday and Thursday
YEAR 3/4	Rowan	Monday and Tuesday
YEAR 5	Chestnut	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 5	Elder	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 6	Birch	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 6	Elm	Monday and Wednesday



When to self-isolate:

If you have any of the symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature (37.8 degrees or more) suggestive of COVID-19.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have a household contact with symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have identified as a contact via Test and Trace or a risk assessment.

How long should you self-isolate for:

If you tested positive you need to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms.

If you have a prolonged raised temperature you need to continue to self-isolate beyond 10 days until 48 hours after your last raised temperature.

If you are a household contact of someone with symptoms or someone with a positive test you need to self-isolate for 14 days even if you had a negative test.

If you are a workplace or social contact you need to self-isolate for 14 days even if you had a negative test.

We trust that parents will strictly follow travel guidance and adhere to self-isolation rules for countries that they have visited.

Please keep us up to date with clear symptoms of pupils who are ill and let us know if you suspect COVID-19 or had a test so that we can enforce these policies correctly.

HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES

2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st September 2020 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Friday 26th March 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 12th April 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 13th April 2021 – first day of term

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Friday 16th July 2021 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Sycamore	Muaaz	For sharing his interesting ideas in lesson
Maple	Lily-Mae	For always being kind and working hard
Hawthorn	Skyla	For her fantastic effort and ideas in her story writing this week
Hazel	Aaron	For his unique and creative ideas in his story writing
Cedar	Anushka	For making an excellent start in Cedar class and for continually looking for ways to improve!
Mulberry	Maddison	For writing a well detailed letter about her holidays using a variety of language techniques
Rowan	Harvey	This is awarded for showing a responsible attitude towards his learning and trying his best in English
Chestnut	Bonnie-Lee	For writing a lovely letter about her holiday
Elder	Richard	This is awarded for beautiful homework, daily reading, fantastic English and Maths taking on challenges out of your comfort zone, fabulous handwriting This list goes on. You really have had an amazing start to Year 5 and I am incredibly proud of you. Well done!
Elm	Esa	For his excellent attitude to learning
Birch	Wilan	For brilliantly using his reasoning skills to solve problems in Maths

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Sycamore	Isabelle	For always keeping her work area tidy
Maple	Julio	For being reflective in his work every day
Hawthorn	Arash	For reflecting on his learning and having a positive attitude to all lessons
Hazel	Sathuja	For reflecting her spellings and improving
Cedar	Samuel	For continually showing responsibility in class and for making an excellent start in Cedar class
Mulberry	Tyson	For being resilient with his learning and completing his work to the best of his ability
Rowan	Kevin	This is awarded for showing respect and following the class rules both inside and outside of the classroom
Chestnut	Bentley	For reflecting on ordering numbers with 3 decimal places
Elder	Bailey	This is awarded for amazing Reflection on his past learning to support him when being RESPONSIBLE in moving forward with his new learning. Bailey has had an AMAZING start to Year 5. We are all incredibly proud!
Elm	Segal	For reflecting on her learning this week
Birch	Adam	For reflecting on maintaining good learning behaviour and being a role model