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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 12th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week with the SATS for our Year 6 pupils. I would like to say well done to everyone and a big thank to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children. We will soon target the Year 5 pupils to start getting them ready for their SATS next year.

Parking

It has again been brought to my attention that parents are parking in an inconsiderate way around the school. The result of this is putting our pupils and other parents in danger. I urge all parents not to park over driveways, on walkways or on the yellow zig-zag lines. The result of this inconsiderate parking forces our pupils to have to walk in the street to get around the illegally parked cars. I would like to remind parents that they can park in the car park in the King George V car park and walk along the footpath through our nature area to school. This will also earn your child a walk to school award which all pupils are working on.

Fidget Spinner

Just a reminder, fidget spinners are banned from school as they distract pupils from their learning in class.

Bike Shed

We would like to remind you that bikes and scooters are left in the bike shed at your own risk. They need to be locked up and stored safely and carefully. Please also respect other children's bikes and scooters when storing yours.

Isle of Wight

Some of our Year 6 pupils are going to the Isle of Wight from Monday 22nd May 2017 until Friday 26th May 2017. Those pupils who are staying behind will be taking daily excursions and parents have been informed about these activities by letter.

Year 2 SATS

The Year 2 SATS will take place Monday 22nd May 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017. This is an opportunity for pupils to demonstrate what they have learnt throughout the year. Please ensure that your child is well rested and has a good breakfast before they come to school.

Year 4 Tennis Tournament

We would like to wish good luck to the Year 4 children who are taking part in the Tennis Tournament next Tuesday.



Year 6 Birch – Validation Trial for English - Reading

We have had a request from the Department of Education, Scottish Qualification Authority to take part in the validation trial for English – Reading. This will take place on Wednesday 17th May 2017.

Fire Fighters – Reception Classes

We are very lucky to have the local Fire Brigade visiting our Reception classes on Thursday 18th May 2017.

Parent Information sessions – Summer Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week.

No need to book in advance.

Where: Holywell conference room

When: Tuesday 9:00am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

| Date | Session focus | Session Leader |
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| 16 th May | KS1 Phonics Year 1 Phonics Screen Test. How you can support your child's phonics development at home. | Miss Hampton and Sam Ward |
| 23 rd May | Behaviour Strategies to support you and your child with challenging behaviour | Sam Ward |
| HALF TERM | | |
| 6 th June | Transition – Nursery to Reception What you can do to help prepare your child with the transition to Reception | Mrs Hewitt and Sam Ward |
| 13 th June | Transition – Year 2 to Year 3 Preparing your child for KS2 | Mrs Keshiro and Sam Ward |
| 20 th June | Transition – Reception to Year 1 How to help your child transition smoothly to Year 1 | Miss Tetley and Sam Ward |
| 27 th June | Healthy Eating Week Diet: nutrition effects of behaviour | Miss Hampton and Sam Ward |
| 4 th July | Transition – Year 6 to secondary school How to help your child transition to secondary school | Sam Ward and Miss McCay |
| 11 th July | No session this week | |
| 18 th July | Coffee and Farewell Join us to reflect on the year and celebrate. | Sam Ward |



Dates for your Diary

MAY 2017

- Tuesday 16th May 2017 – Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis at Watford Girls School
Thursday 18th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Monday 22nd May 2017 – Year 2 SATS and EYFS assessment all week
Monday 22nd May 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017 – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 - Year 6 – Natural History Museum
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – Year 5 and Year 6 Kwik Cricket at Watford Boys School
Wednesday 24th May 2017 – Year 6 – Tate Modern and South Bank
Thursday 25th May 2017 – Year 6 – Cassiobury Park
Thursday 25th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Friday 26th May 2017 – Last day of half term
Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017 Half Term – School Closed

JUNE 2017

- Monday 5th June to Friday 9th June 2017 – Festival of Learning Week
Thursday 8th June 2017 – Swimming starts for Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 8th June 2017 – General Election
Thursday 8th June 2017 – “R” Games – to be confirmed
Friday 9th June 2017 – School photographer in – class photographs
Monday 12th June 2017 – Whole School Assessment Week
Monday 12th June 2017 – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 14th June 2017 – Challenge Cup – Year 6 – PE at Highwood Primary School
Thursday 15th June 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Monday 19th June 2017 – Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Nursery and Reception September 2017 – Open Morning – to be confirmed
Thursday 22nd June 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 23rd June 2017 – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Saturday 24th June 2017 – Summer Fair – to be confirmed
Monday 26th June 2017 to Friday 30th June 2017 – Reception Class September 2017 – Taster Sessions – to be confirmed
Thursday 29th June 2017 – Provisional Sports Day
Friday 30th June 2017 – Provisional EYFS Sports Day

JULY 2017

- Thursday 6th July 2017 – Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 6th July 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 7th July 2017 – Reserve EYFS Sports Day
Friday 7th July 2017 – Year 6 “Prom” organised by the PTA
Tuesday 11th July 2017 – International/Community Day
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 at their new schools
Friday 14th July 2017 – Reports out to parents
Monday 17th July 2017 – Nursery AM Assembly in morning
Monday 17th July 2017 – Nursery PM Assembly in afternoon
Tuesday 18th July 2017 – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday 18th July 2017 – pm Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 1 classes
Wednesday 19th July 2017 – am Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 classes
Wednesday 19th July 2017 – 6:30 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Thursday 20th July 2017 – 2:00 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Friday 21st July 2017 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July 2017 – Nursery PM to join Nursery AM. No Nursery in afternoon. Closes at midday
Friday 21st July 2017 – School closes at 1:30 pm for Summer Break

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

| Class | Charter certificate | Star learner of the week award | Class | Charter certificate | Star learner of the week award |
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| Red Base | | | Aspen | Mataj | Kiren |
| Green Base | Ksawery | Devayan | Pine | Asim | Falak |
| Blue Base | Amin | Amelia | Mulberry | Bobbie-Jo | Jenna |
| Sycamore | Krupa | Ayman | Rowan | Carey | Mohamed |
| Maple | | | Cedar | Niya S | Connor |
| Oak | Shaya-Mae | Tiana | Ash | Kaira | Niamh |
| Hawthorn | Sid | Danae | Elder | Terin | Mason |
| Hazel | Mahi | Safal | Birch | Kenny | Whole Class |
| Willow | Yaavarthan | Isaac | Elm | Sabrinah | Whole Class |
| Beech | Ebrima | Micah | | | |

Enrichment Days

Tuesday 6th June – Anniversary of D-Day

Sunday 18th June – Father’s Day

Tuesday 20th June – World Refugee Day

Monday 26th June – Eid Ul Fitr

Sunday 23rd July – Birthday of Haile Selassie

PTA Events

Thursday 25th May – No school uniform – please bring in prize for tombola

Wednesday 14th June – No school uniform – please bring in prize for tombola

Saturday 17th June – Summer Fair

Friday 7th July – Year 6 Prom

Wednesday 12th July – To be confirmed – Reception Classes only – cake decorating class

Thursday 13th July – End of Year School Disco

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 95 %

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|------------|-----|----------|------|
| Nursery am | 88% | Aspen | 89% |
| Nursery pm | 88% | Beech | 90% |
| Blue base | 95% | Pine | 97% |
| Green base | 98% | Mulberry | 99% |
| Red base | 98% | Cedar | 96% |
| Maple | 94% | Rowan | 96% |
| Oak | 92% | Ash | 93% |
| Sycamore | 93% | Elder | 96% |
| Hawthorn | 95% | Birch | 99% |
| Hazel | 95% | Elm | 100% |
| Willow | 95% | | |

| Attendance: | Punctuality: |
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| KS1 Blue Base | KS1 Maple |
| KS2 Elm | KS2 Cedar |