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**Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Coffee Morning Focus**

I have attended most of the coffee mornings this term. It has been useful to speak to parents and see what we can do to help parents and pupils across the school. Many topics have been highlighted and we will address them during the second half of the autumn term. Topics include –

1. How can I help my child academically?
2. What should my child's development look like?
3. Parenting support.
4. How does the behaviour policy work?
5. What is a Golden Table Ticket?
6. How to support my child with homework.
7. How to support my child with reading.
8. What do pupils learn in Spanish and how can I help them.
9. Clubs for KS1, especially music and musical theatre, a choir and art club.

I will continue to attend the coffee mornings until each year group has had the opportunity to let us know what we can do to help them. We are in the process of planning our next round of coffee mornings and if parents would like specific subjects included please email

[admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk)

Coffee morning takes place on Tuesday from 9:00am to 10:00am and is led by Sam Ward our Parent Support Worker.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 3

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Year 4

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 5

**Breakfast Club**

We are considering extending the time of our Breakfast Club to start at 7:30am. This will include breakfast plus the normal sporting activities that we offer. Before we start this, we will need to make sure that we can cover our costs. During our Parents Evening sessions on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 we will be asking parents to express an interest before we go any further.

### **Children leaving the school grounds**

We would like to remind all parents that the school gates open at 8:30am each morning. Parents who wish to leave their children in the playground at this time may do so if they feel that their children are sensible and mature enough to be left. We had to contact parents this week because their children left the site through the back gate that leads to the King George V playing field and car park. This is very dangerous and not acceptable.

### **Harvest**

Thank you to all parents and carers who donated food for our Harvest collection, we will be donating the goods to the Watford Food bank. A representative from the Food Bank will come and speak to pupils and thank them for their support. They will tell pupils how the food donated will benefit the people they support.

### **Secondary School – September 2019**

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 **Wednesday 31st October 2018** but Hertfordshire County Council recommend parents complete it by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 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](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version from the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

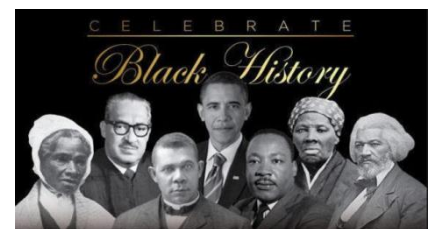
### **Attendance**

Research has shown that attending school regularly contributes to good outcomes in learning for pupils. We continuously monitor attendance and will let parents know when their child's attendance becomes a concern to the school. Making up low attendance is difficult. While we appreciate that pupils will get ill from time to time we expect pupils to be in school each day and arrive on time. School starts at 8:55 each morning.

Please let the office know if your child is absent from school and try and make appointments, where possible, after school hours.

### **Black History Month**

October is Black History Month and we will be looking at this topic in depth. Pupils will be working on projects etc. about people and events who inspired us and made a difference to the world that we live in today. We are looking forward to welcoming Big Foot Theatre Company into school next week; they will be delivering assemblies and workshops for the children. Please check our Twitter feed because we will be posting updates throughout the week.



### **Parents' Evening**

An email and text will be going out to all parents this afternoon inviting them to make an appointment for Parents' Evening on either Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Please make sure to book your appointment early to get the time slot that you want. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Parents' Evening.

## Complaints and Concerns

I have had a discussion with our cleaning company who informed me that a parent telephoned them and complained about cleaning in the school. They state that the parent, who was very rude to their staff, acted in an inappropriate manner.

Whilst I reassured the cleaning company that this is not something we encourage parents to do, can I just remind parents and carers and that we have an open-door policy. Please bring any issues you have to the Class Teacher, myself or any other member of the Senior Leaders in the school. We want to resolve issues and concerns that parents have and will get back to you about your worries as appropriate. It is concerning that someone goes around acting on behalf of Holywell Primary School when we certainly have not instructed anyone to do so. We are continuing to investigate this matter.

## Stop Means Stop! Campaign

### Safeguarding School Crossing Patrols

Hertfordshire County Council has asked schools to make parents and carers aware of the above campaign. The campaign will run from **15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October** and focuses on the law regarding school crossing patrols.

Failure to stop for the school crossing patrol is an offence and can result in a fine of up to £1000, three points on a driving licence, disqualification from driving or much worse – an avoidable road incident.

Stopping traffic is a difficult job and our school crossing patrols do this with a helping all pedestrians to safely cross the road.

Please encourage everyone to drive with care and consideration especially around school areas.



## Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Sainaboubinta – Maple	Jaanaav – Elder
Angel – Hazel	Eduarda - Cedar
Okanmiya – Hawthorn	Zanib – Chestnut
Hareh – Sycamore	Ayman – Beech
Kohl – Sycamore	Ciara – Elder
Amber – Hazel	Liam – Pine
Safaa - Hawthorn	James - Elm

## Class Assembly Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 19 October	Cedar	Respecting - being thankful
Friday 26 October	Mulberry	Diwali
Half Term		
Friday 9 November	Beech	Remembrance Day
Friday 16 November	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23 November	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30 November	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7 December	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
<b>KS1</b> Red Base	<b>KS1</b> Hawthorn
<b>KS2</b> Pine	<b>KS2</b> Chestnut

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for  
this academic year is 94.8%

<b>Nursery am</b>	91.7%	<b>Pine</b>	99.1%
<b>Blue base</b>	89.9%	<b>Mulberry</b>	92.1%
<b>Red base</b>	98.2%	<b>Cedar</b>	95.2%
<b>Maple</b>	93.5%	<b>Ash</b>	95%
<b>Sycamore</b>	97.5%	<b>Elder</b>	96.8%
<b>Hawthorn</b>	96.5%	<b>Chestnut</b>	95.7%
<b>Hazel</b>	96.7%	<b>Birch</b>	96.2%
<b>Aspen</b>	98.6%	<b>Elm</b>	95%
<b>Beech</b>	93.6%	<b>Rowan</b>	96.4%

## Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
<b>Blue Base</b>	-	-	<b>Mulberry</b>	Brooke	Jasmine
<b>Red Base</b>	-	-	<b>Cedar</b>	Sidra	Lenny
<b>Sycamore</b>	<u>Shailah</u>	<u>Hareesh</u>	<b>Elder</b>	Eliza	Salim
<b>Maple</b>	Peter	Kimberley	<b>Ash</b>	<u>Kanya</u>	Olivia
<b>Hawthorn</b>	<u>Anushka</u>	<u>Caxshan</u>	<b>Chestnut</b>	<u>Norin</u>	<u>Kadeeja</u>
<b>Hazel</b>	Daniel	Maddison	<b>Rowan</b>	Ahmed	Chloe
<b>Pine</b>	Hannah	<u>Ilinca</u>	<b>Elm</b>	Archie	Spartak
<b>Beech</b>	Chloe Mae	Charlie	<b>Birch</b>	Reggie	<u>Mahnoor</u>
<b>Aspen</b>	<u>Arshaq</u>	<u>Adaeeze</u>			



## Dates for your Diary

### October 2018

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Black History month – Bigfoot Theatre  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Festival of Learning week  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Reception Blue – Cassiobury Park  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (15:30 – 18:00) – Parents Evening  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Reception Red – Cassiobury Park  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (17:00 – 19:30) – Parents Evening  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Half term  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 – Secondary school applications for September 2019 – Close

### November 2018

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Reception Class applications for September 2019 - Open  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Start of Poppy Appeal  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Wizard Theatre  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 5  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Whole school Assessment Week  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – School Photographer – Individual and family photos  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Assessments continue  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 3 Verulamium Museum  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 – Reception Open Day – 9:15a.m  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in bottles and jars  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Christmas Decoration Day

### December 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and 'nearly new'  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents - 10:00am  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm to 5:00pm  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

### January 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 INSET Day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 First Day of Term



Ofsted - Holywell EY444153 | Nascot Wood EY467705 | Cassiobury EY535926



**1st Touch**  
coaching

## OCTOBER Multi Sports & Activity Camp

Get your children out of the house and bring them along to play, learn and make friends!



Boys and girls are invited  
from the ages of 4 to 11



Join us for games, competitions, penalty shoutouts, King of the ring, tournaments, earn certificates, individual prizes, and much more fun.

**Venue 1** Holywell Primary School  
Tolpits Lane (High View Entrance)  
Watford, WD18 6NU

**Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov**  
9am-4pm Multi Sports

**Ref - OCT1** Prices are per week: 1 Day £20 2 Days £35 3 Days £45 4 Days £55 5 Days £60

**Venue 2** Nascot Wood Junior School  
Nascot Wood Road  
Watford, WD17 4YS

**Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov**  
9am-4pm Multi Sports

**Ref - OCT2** Prices are per week: 1 Day £20 2 Days £35 3 Days £50 4 Days £60 5 Days £65

Nascot Wood Junior School  
Nascot Wood Road  
Watford, WD17 4YS

**Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov**  
8am-6pm Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Activities,  
Cooking, Sports & so much more

**Ref - OCT3** Price per day: £25 (Activity Camp includes breakfast, drinks, snacks and tea)

All 1st Touch Coaching staff are DBS checked, Paediatric First Aid trained, and have completed a Child Protection Workshop. Multi Sports Camp Coaches are all FA 1, 2 and 3 (UEFA B) accredited. We always have at least one Level 3 Childcare Practitioner at our Activity Camps.

**ONLINE BOOKINGS COMING SOON**

For more information please contact:

**1sttouchcoaching@gmail.com / 07746 945 903**

**www.xtra-time.co.uk**

Please refer to our website for full terms & conditions





# SIGN UP NOW!

## Multi Sports & Activity Camp



Childcare vouchers accepted  
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Computer share & more  
search Xtra Time Kidz Club

### PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Child's Full Name: ..... Age: ..... Child's School: .....

Full Address: .....

Venue: (see front) ..... Dates Attending: (see front) .....

Email Address: .....

Emergency Contact Number(s): .....

Medical Conditions / Allergies: .....

Name Of Person(s) Picking Up Child: ..... Relation: .....

Child's Favourite Sport: ..... Favourite Team: .....

Additional Information About Your Child: (Likes/Dislikes) .....

BRING YOUR CHILDREN ALONG WITH PLENTY OF WATER, APPROPRIATE SPORTS CLOTHING (IF ATTENDING THE SPORTS CAMP). PARENTS MUST SEND IN A PACKED LUNCH WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR ALL BOOKINGS. PLEASE AVOID SNACKS CONTAINING NUTS.

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £** ..... (Non Refundable)

**PAYMENT METHOD:** Please tick appropriate

**CASH** ☐ Amount ..... **BACS** ☐ Amount ..... **VOUCHER** ☐ Amount .....

(Cheques no longer accepted)

**PAY BY BACS:** 1st Touch Coaching Sort Code: 09-01-27 Account Number: 76622742

**PAYMENT DATE:** ..... (IF PAYMENT DATE & REF ARE NOT FILLED OUT YOUR CHILD'S SPOT WILL NOT BE HELD) .....

**PAYMENT REF:** For example OCT1YourChild'sName .....

**CHILDCARE VOUCHER NAME:** .....

**CHILDCARE VOUCHER REF:** For example OCT1YourChild'sName .....

### EVERY SECTION MUST BE FILLED IN TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT

I have no objection with pictures being taken for marketing purposes.

I give my consent to 1st Touch/Xtra Time to act to the best of their ability in an emergency.

Bookings and payments made after the book by date above will be subject to a £20 late booking fee.

We do not send booking confirmations, please get in contact if you would like confirmation of your child's booking.

Signed ..... Print Name .....

All booking forms to be posted (not emailed) to:

1st Touch Coaching - 48 Fuller Gardens, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD24 6QW

Book by  
Wed  
24th Oct

