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

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

Tuesday 16^th^ October 2018 – Year 3
Tuesday 23^rd^ October 2018 – Year 4
Tuesday 6^th^ 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^rd^ and Thursday 25^th^ 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 26th 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 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 23rd October 2018 or Thursday 25th 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 15th-26th 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 smile, 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 5th October 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

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## Class Assembly
Olympic Hall at 9:10am

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Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

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## Holywell Charter and Star Certificates
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Dates for your Diary

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

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

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

January 2019
Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day
Tuesday 8th January 2019 First Day of Term
1st Touch coaching

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 8NU

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

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

Venue 2
Nascot Wood Junior School
Nascot Wood Road
Watford, WD2 5YS

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

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

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

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

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

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 .............................................

(Payments no longer accepted)

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

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

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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