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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very busy in school as we come to the end of the Autumn Term. Next week is a jam packed week with lots of events going on.

KS1 Nativity

Parents are reminded that there are specific showings of the Key Stage 1 Nativity on Thursday and we invite you to join us and support your children



Wednesday 19th December 2018

6:00pm - Performance for parents with tickets



Nursery & Reception "Wriggly Nativity"

The Nursery and Reception classes have 2 shows next week, again we invite you to join us and support your children.

Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 11:15am

Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 9:30am

Christmas Fete

The Christmas Fete is taking place next Tuesday 18th December 2018, straight after school. Please come and support us for this event. All pupils have been making items for sale.

If parents are interested in running a stall, we still have some availability at a charge of £15 per stall.





School Closure for the Christmas Holiday

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 21st December 2018. All Nursery children finish at 12:00 midday, there is no afternoon Nursery class. The rest of the school finishes at 1:30pm and reopens for children on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Clubs – Morning and After School

A letter with information about the Clubs we are running in the Spring Term can be accessed on the School Money system. We would like to remind parents that Clubs do not run the last week of term, so there are no clubs.

Clubs for the Spring Term restart on Monday 14th January 2019.

Cornet Lessons

There are still spaces for pupils who want individual or group music lessons to learn to play the cornet. Parents are reminded that if they qualify for free school meals or on a low income their child is entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of lessons. Please speak to the office about how to access this.

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
Blue Base	Stivan	Antonia	Mulberry	Dilan	Katie
Red Base	Adam	Radhiya	Cedar	Zuzanna	Danae
Sycamore	Simela	Adam	Elder	Asher	Ishmeet
Maple	Stefi	Benaiah	Ash	Nathan	Maryana
Hawthorn	Zain	Koffie	Chestnut	Andrei	Luke
Hazel	Vanessa	Stefan	Rowan	Uzair	Karola
Pine	Bentley	Khalid	Elm	Aliah	Prasun
Beech	Luigi	Frankly	Birch	Nabeela	Gail
Aspen	Adaeze	Shamil			



Nursery Open Morning and Afternoon

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are due to start in our Nursery class in September 2019.

We have an Open Morning and an Open Afternoon arranged for

- Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2:00pm

Parents are reminded that we will continue to offer 30 hours childcare as well as Wrap Around care for the parents who do not qualify for 30 hours free and wish their child to attend all day. More information about this can be found on the school website in the admissions section.

School Admissions Consultation 2020/21

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020/21 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 2 – exceptional social and medical reasons to attend a specific school' to include children previously looked after abroad and subsequently adopted;
2. To amend the schemes of coordination to clarify the process for late applications and continuing interest;
3. To reduce the published admission number at four primary schools (*you should only include this point if you are a school located in one of the relevant areas – see attached*).

The consultation period runs until 6th January 2019. Please visit

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2020> for more information and to respond online.



Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 14th December 2018



Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Liban – Year 1	Shamil – Year 3
Alizah – Year 1	Arshaq – Year 3
Peter – Year 1	Clark – Year 4
Christopher – Year 2	Yaavarthan – Year 4
Rick – Year 2	Allena – Year 6
Malwina – Year 2	Yashfa – Year 6

House Captains

We are pleased to announce our House Captains for the year:

Cassio	Leandro and Beatrice
Brightwell	Zuzanna and Uzair
Ebury	Mahek and Jayden
Vicarage	Insa and Neo

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Blue Base	KS1 Hazel
KS2 Cedar	KS2 Aspen, Pine, Birch

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday
before half-term is 95 %

Nursery am	83%	Pine	97%
Blue base	98%	Mulberry	97.5%
Red base	95.5%	Cedar	98%
Maple	96%	Ash	96%
Sycamore	96%	Elder	97%
Hawthorn	96.5%	Chestnut	95%
Hazel	95%	Birch	98%
Aspen	95%	Elm	98%
Beech	95%	Rowan	97%



Dates for your Diary

December 2018

Monday 17th December 2018 to Friday 21st December – No morning and afternoon clubs
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm
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 – 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
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
Wednesday 9th January 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Open Morning at 9:30am
Thursday 10th January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Tuesday 15th January 2019 – last day to apply for place in Reception Class September 2019
Wednesday 16th January 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Open Afternoon at 2:00pm
Thursday 17th January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Thursday 24th January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Wednesday 30th January 2019 – Greek Workshop
Thursday 31st January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Thursday 2nd February 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
Monday 11th Friday 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 inclusive – Feel Good Week
Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive Half Term
Monday 25th February 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery September 2019
Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 - Natural History Museum
Thursday 28th February 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 7 September 2019 – Allocation Day
Monday 4th March 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Allocation Day
Thursday 7th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Monday 11th March 2019 and Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Year 4 Bikeability
Thursday 14th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 6 Knebworth House (to be confirmed)
Thursday 21st March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 28th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 inclusive Bikeability Level 2
Friday 5th April 2019 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 5th April 2019 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 16th April 2019 – Reception September 2019 – Allocation Day

Holywell Term Dates

For 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 21st April 2020 – first day of term

Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Friday 17th July 2020 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)





Watford Community Housing are organising some **free** courses (equipment provided) for residents and the local community.

- Beginners computer course (very beginner): 9:30am -11:30am every Wednesday morning for 5 weeks from 16th January 2019 to 13th February 2019 inclusive at the West Watford Free Church hall on Tolpits Lane, Watford.
- Build your confidence - learn your strengths and skills and the strengths in your weaknesses: 12:30pm - 3pm every Thursday morning for 4 weeks from 24th January 2019 to 14th February 2019 inclusive at the Leavesden Green Community Hub.
- Word and Excel Course: 1:00pm -3:00pm every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 27th February 2019 to 27th March 2019 inclusive Watford Community Housing office, 59 Clarendon Road, Watford.

Priority goes to residents but it is also open to the local community.

To book please contact Elena Reis - Community Engagement Officer

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Small in size. The risk of a big problem.



Inside some electronic devices are button cell batteries that if swallowed can cause severe life-impacting burns or even death.



These batteries can be found in toys, musical books, key fobs, remote controls, calculators, and other small electronic devices.

Ensure your child does not have access to these devices if the battery compartment is not secure.

Make certain that spare batteries are locked away and that used batteries are disposed of safely.

If your child does swallow a button cell battery, seek urgent medical advice immediately.





Holywell Primary School Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who attended the Parents Evening on Wednesday. For those who did not get a chance to meet us, we will be back on Tuesday 18th December at 2.45pm at the school.

We will be providing information on the secondary transfer process. This is the process of getting your child into a secondary school and explaining the 11+ test required for admission to selected schools.

We provide expert tutoring to help your child succeed in this 11+ test.

The 11+ After School Class

Our classes are delivered by qualified teachers. We offer a structured programme to support children taking the SW Herts Secondary Transfer Test which consists of maths and verbal reasoning.

- The 11+ after school club will be on Tuesdays for year 3 and 4 straight after school at 3:30pm.
- For year 5 we will be running an intensive course going through exam style questions on Thursdays at 3:30pm.
- Each class will last 2 hours which consists of 1 hour maths and 1 hour verbal reasoning.
- The cost of each class is £30 for the first month and then £35. This is payable in advance monthly.
- Children attending classes will require a starter pack consisting of 2 course books at a cost of £15.
- All other resources will be provided.

To register for a place on our tuition service starting in January, please visit our website below and enter your details:

www.brightacademy.uk/enroll

Alternatively call or email us for more information.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards
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