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### **Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 14<sup>h</sup> September 2018

#### **Curriculum Evening**

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Curriculum Evening yesterday. We had two sessions and they were well attended. The teachers in the school were introduced to parents and we talked about our priorities for the year. Any parents who were unable to attend the meeting can see their child's teacher for information. The curriculum booklets, curriculum overview and homework map were sent out yesterday via the school email system, Teachers2Parents.

The priorities this year include

- To move teaching and learning to Outstanding.
- To continue to improve attainment and progress levels of pupils in the school, especially in maths.
- To ensure that all groups perform as well as each other in reading, writing and maths.
- To make sure we always achieve good value for money, ensuring sufficiency in our budget.
- There will be a big drive on healthy eating this year. We will look at packed lunches and also want to encourage more pupils to try our tasty school dinners cooked by our own staff.
- To improve parent/school engagement by involving more parents in school life.

#### **Pupils as Leaders**

We have started to advertise our pupil leadership positions and are looking forward to receiving applications from pupils in Year 6 for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, plus House Captains and Prefects.

#### **Clubs**

We would like to remind you that clubs start again week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. We still have a few places available so if you would like to enroll please do so through the "School Money" system.

#### **Cornet Lessons**

There will be an assembly on Wednesday 26th September 2018, introducing the children to the cornet, with a view to them enrolling for lessons to learn how to play the cornet. A letter will go out that afternoon inviting pupils to sign up for cornet lessons. It is a great skill and we hope to sign more pupils up to these lessons.

### **Music across the school**

As you know, we have significantly increased the provision of music across the school. Drumming Lessons for Year 4 started this week and Year 5 also had their first ukulele lessons yesterday. We are looking forward to Year 4 and Year 5 performing to us later in the term.

### **Collecting pupils**

Just reminder to parents that teachers will not release pupils at the end of the day to someone that is under the age of 16. If pupils from Holywell Primary School are collected by older brothers or sisters then they must need to be over the age of 16.

### **Cashless – School Money**

We would like to remind you that the school has no links with Caterlink anymore. Please make all payments for school dinners, trip, clubs etc via the “School Money” system.



### **Parent Information Sessions/Coffee Morning**

For this half term the coffee mornings will run slightly differently. Coffee morning takes place on Tuesday from 9:00am to 10:00am. Following this Sam Ward our Parent Support Worker will be available to see individual parents about matters relating to school, parenting, housing and many other things. Sam has expertise in many areas and if she is unable to help she will know who can.

We hope to run the coffee mornings in the way of a parent forum and I will also attend. During the sessions we hope to talk you about matters relating to school this year and there will also be an opportunity for parents to raise any topic they feel appropriate. As always if you have any issues that you feel need addressing do not wait for your forum, take the opportunity to see your child's teacher or one of the leadership team members.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Early Year (Nursery/Reception parents)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Year 1

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – Year 2

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 6

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

## Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Ava - Sycamore	Daniel - Rowan
Angel - Hazel	Ebrima - Chestnut
Qasim - Maple	Nya Mae - Rowan
Fozia - Hawthorn	Imani - Rowan
Tyson - Sycamore	Richard - Aspen
Stanley - Maple	Sagal - Cedar

## 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	-	-	Mulberry	Areeba	Patrick
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Timothy	Chloe
Sycamore	Lacey Marie	Rayan	Elder	Dominic	Liliana
Maple	Alexander	Corey-John	Ash	Nathan	Rita
Hawthorn	Madeline	Jiada	Chestnut	Leighton	Paulina
Hazel	Kayla	Indianna	Rowan	Vlad	Yashfa
Pine	Megan	Luqmaan	Elm	Luana	Adrian
Beech	Adn	Cristiana	Birch	Neo	Nabeela
Aspen	-	-			

## Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 14th September 2018	Rowan	Respect - How do we show respect to ourselves and others?
Friday 21st September 2018	Elm	Harvest Festival
Friday 28th September 2018	Ash	Respecting our differences - 26th September 2018 - European Languages day
Friday 5th October 2018	Elder	Black History
Friday 12th October 2018	Chestnut	Walk to school day (Healthy Living)
Friday 19th October 2018	Cedar	Respecting - being thankful
Friday 26th October 2018	Mulberry	Diwali
Half Term		
Friday 9th November 2018	Beech	Remembrance Day
Friday 16th November 2018	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23rd November 2018	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30th November 2018	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7th December 2018	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14th December 2018	Maple	Hanukkah

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 93.3%

Nursery am	-	Pine	84%
Blue base	94%	Mulberry	92%
Red base	80%	Cedar	93%
Maple	85%	Ash	98%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	95%
Hawthorn	98%	Chestnut	93%
Hazel	94%	Birch	91%
Aspen	93%	Elm	96%
Beech	94%	Rowan	94%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
<b>KS1</b> Hawthorn	<b>KS1</b> Hazel
<b>KS2</b> Elm	<b>KS2</b> Ash, Rowan



## Dates for your Diary

### September 2018

Monday 17th – All clubs restart  
Monday 17th September 2018 – First day for Harvest collection  
Thursday 20th September 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming  
Friday 21st September 2018 – Last day for Harvest collections  
Thursday 27th September 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming

### October 2018

Thursday 4th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming  
Monday 8th October 2018 – Warburton Bakery in to visit Year 3  
Monday 8th October 2018 – Year 6 Health Screening  
Tuesday 9th October 2018 – Warburton's in to visit Year 3  
Wednesday 10th October 2018 – Warburton Bakery in to visit Year 3  
Thursday 11th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming  
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 (15:30 – 18:00) – Parents Evening  
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  
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**

# Financial Assistance for Music Fees

Re-applying or applying for the first time



If you are in Year 3 or above and would like to start or continue music lessons with Hertfordshire Music Service, you may be eligible for financial assistance from Hertfordshire County Council

Applications: Apply in one of the following way

- A Online, go to [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolsmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolsmeals)
- B Telephone Hertfordshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4048 (8:00am – 8:00pm, 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday)

**Queries:** contact Hertfordshire Music Service

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