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Holywell Primary School

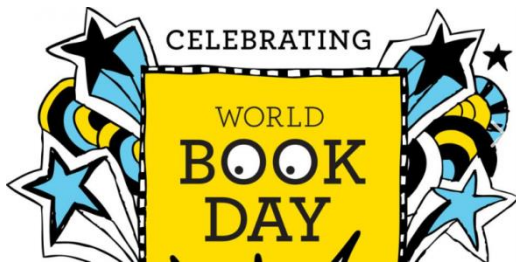
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Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all the parents who visited the school during Parents' Evening. We had a near 100% attendance rate and the parents I spoke to were very positive about the feedback that they have received. I would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work in preparing for the evenings and also for their commitment to the pupils of Holywell Primary School. Parents who have not seen their child's Class Teacher are encouraged to approach them and make an alternative appointment.



World Book Day

On Thursday the 7th March 2019 we will be celebrating World Book Day. During the day pupil needs to dress up as Heros and Villians from Literature. We will also be having an exciting visit from the author Robin Price, and he will deliver an assembly and workshops for pupils.

Pupils can pre order copies of Robin Price's books. Please see the attached form and complete the form with the correct amount of cash so that the authors can bring the correct number of books for the visit. Orders for books will close on Friday 1st March 2019.

Parent Questionnaire

As is custom now, we have asked parents to complete the Governors annual parent questionnaire. The questionnaire is completed using Survey Monkey and all parents are invited to complete one. Can I ask any parents who have not completed the questionnaire yet to please give us their views. Please click in this link to complete the questionnaire.



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZNNM23R>

We will leave the link open for the next few days before we start collating the results. Many thanks for your feedback.

Festival of Learning

Parents attended sessions during the week to see what that their children have been learning about this half term. Please complete the feedback form if you have attended the sessions this week. We are always looking for parent's views to help us improve.



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CPX79P9>

Traffic around school

We had a phone call from a member of the public this week who informed us that parents and children are crossing the road in an unsafe way. Parents are reminded that they are a role model to all pupils and should cross the road in a responsible way by using the pedestrian crossing that exists.

Feeling Good Week



The children had a very enriched and exciting week during Feeling Good Week. Pupils attended a range of activities and workshops during the week including; making healthy dishes, workshops from Herts Mind, Forest School as well as a huge obstacle course that I am sure you all saw on our field on Thursday. The purpose of this week long project was to raise awareness about children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

I would like to thank Mrs Bahirathan and the PTA for their organisation and support with the events.

E-Safety

It has been reported to me that a number of children are watching You Tube videos of rappers that are in appropriate. Parents are advised to check the age appropriateness of what their children watch on devices like iPads, phones and tablets. The content of these videos are certainly not appropriate for children of primary age.

We have been asked by Hertfordshire county council to make everyone is aware of their SEN newsletter for parents. Please click on the link to access the information.

<https://handsendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 1st March 2019	Ash	St David's Day
Friday 8th March 2019	Chestnut	Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday
Friday 15th March 2019	Cedar	British Science Week
Friday 22nd March 2019	Mulberry	St Patrick's Day
Friday 29th March 2019	Aspen	Responsibility
Friday 5th April 2019	Pine	Easter

Coffee Morning

On Tuesday mornings at 9:05am our Parent Support Worker Sam Word hosts a coffee morning for all parents. The coffee morning focus for this half term will include:

COFFEE MORNING

DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
26 th February 2019	NSPCC PANTS Rule	Learn the PANTS rule and encourage your child/children to use it as a child friendly guide to their personal safety
5 th March 2019	Behaviour - Routines and Boundaries	A look at implementing a strategy to set firm boundaries and reduce challenging behaviour at home

School Trips and Work

The first week we come back to school we have one trip and two workshops organised. We kindly ask parents, if they have not made a contribution, please go on to the School Money system and do so. These activities support and enrich the children in their learning, they are subsidised by the school but unfortunately we are unable to cover the full cost.

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 Natural History Museum

Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Year 1 Kings & Queens workshop

Half Term

I would like to wish everyone a happy half term. The school is closed Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive for half term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 25th February 2019.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 15th February 2019

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Aliza – Sycamore	Terence – Beech
Taylor – Sycamore	Murphy – Beech
Timotei – Hawthorn	Olivia – Ash
Koffi – Hawthorn	Anjali – Elder
Kayla – Hazel	Kasandra – Birch
Samanta – Maple	Asmaa – Birch

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates – Friday 1st February 2019

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Vivi	Jay	Mulberry	Neja	Patrick
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	-	-
Sycamore	Reece	Alexander	Elder	Anastazja	Ellie
Maple	Hailea	Hanithra	Ash	Ruth	Rita
Hawthorn	Laxshan	Safaa	Chestnut	-	-
Hazel	Ellie-Mae	Azlan	Rowan	Rushan	Rodrigo
Pine	Bailey	Carolina	Elm	Subhaan	Nethmi
Beech	Darina	Murphy	Birch	Kasandra	Niya
Aspen	Lorenzo	Yasmine			

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday before half-term is 94.6 %

Nursery am	87%	Pine	95%
Blue base	91%	Mulberry	97%
Red base	91%	Cedar	95%
Maple	98%	Ash	88%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	98%	Chestnut	98%
Hazel	94%	Birch	98%
Aspen	98%	Elm	97%
Beech	95%	Rowan	96%

Enrichment Days:

Friday 1st March 2019 – St David's Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – Woman's History Month
 Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Shrove Tuesday
 Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – International Woman's Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week
 Thursday 14th March 2019 – Pi Day
 Friday 17th March 2019 – St Patrick's Day
 Thursday 21st March 2019 – World Poetry Day
 Sunday 31st March 2019 – Mothering Sunday
 Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – World Autism Awareness Day
 Friday 19th April 2019 - Passover
 Sunday 21st April 2019 – Easter Sunday
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Shakespeare Day
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – St George's Day

Whole school Attendance & Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Maple, Sycamore
KS2: Birch	KS2: Aspen



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

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 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 4 Rapid fire cricket at Queens' School

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 Natural History Museum

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 - Natural History Museum

Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Workshop

Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Year 1 Kings & Queens Workshop

Thursday 28th February 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 5 Ash class assembly – all parents invited

Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 7 September 2019 – Allocation Day

Friday 1st March 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery class – September 2019

Monday 4th March 2019 to Friday 8th March 2019 – Assessment Week

Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming

Tuesday 5th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Wednesday 6th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 7th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 5 Chestnut class assembly – all parents invited

Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week starts

Monday 11th March 2019 and Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Year 4 Bikeability

Monday 11th March 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Allocation Day

Tuesday 12th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Wednesday 13th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 14th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 15th March 2019 – Year 4 Cedar class assembly – all parents invited

Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 6 Netball at Queens' School

Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming

Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 6 Knebworth House

Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele

Thursday 21st March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 22nd March 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry class assembly – all parents invited

Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Year 4 Athletics at Watford Grammar School for Girls

Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming

Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Governors meeting

Wednesday 27th March 2019 - Nursery & Reception – Ark Farm workshop

Wednesday 27th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele

Thursday 28th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 29th March 2019 – Year 3 class assembly – all parents invited

Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 – Festival of Learning Week

Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 inclusive Bikeability Level 2 Level 3 – Year 5

Dates for your Diary



SPRING TERM – Continued...

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – Year 4 Drumming

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 4th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 5th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine class assembly – all parents invited

Friday 5th April 2019 – Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 5th April 2019 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm

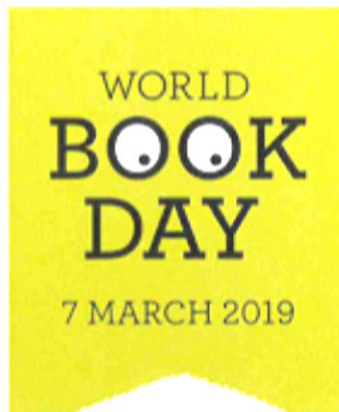
Tuesday 16th April 2019 – Reception September 2019 – Allocation Day

SUMMER TERM:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

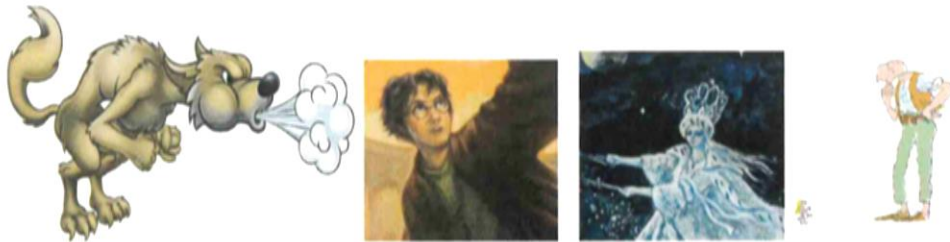
Wednesday 24th April 2019 – Pupils back to school

Have a good Half- Term!



OUR THEME IS...

HEROES AND VILLAINS OF LITERATURE!!



WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING AN EXCITING
VISIT FROM AUTHOR
ROBIN PRICE AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATIONS!



BOOK ORDER FORM

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Children's author Robin Price is visiting the school to give a presentation on his books/graphic novels and work with the children to create their own stories. Robin is touring schools throughout the UK (and abroad) with his unique style of storytelling. If your child would like to purchase a signed book, the following titles are available...

The Spartapuss series (Age 8+)

I Am Spartapuss	ISBN: 9781906132422	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
Catligula	ISBN: 9780954657611	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
Cleocatra's Kushion	ISBN: 9781906132064	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____

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The Beowuff series (Age 8+)

Beowuff and the Horrid Hen	ISBN: 9781906132385	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
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The Olympuss Games series (Age 6-7)

Son of Spartapuss	ISBN: 9781906132811	(RRP: £6.99) £7	_____
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The London Deep series - graphic novel (Age 9+)

London Deep	ISBN: 978-1906132033	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____
London Sink	ISBN: 9781906132378	(RRP: £7.99) £7	_____

Picture books (Age 4+)

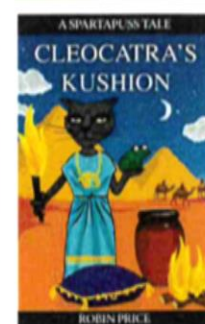
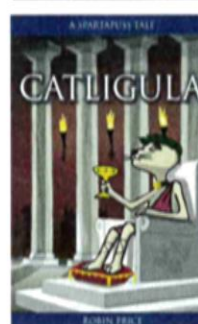
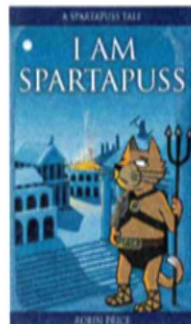
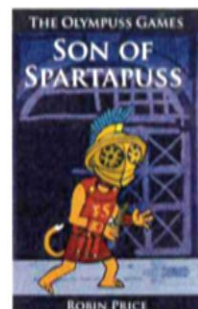
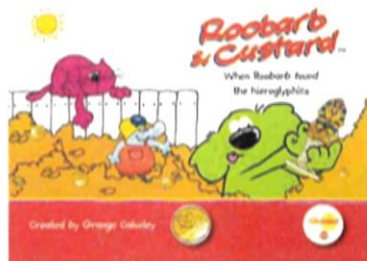
Roobarb and Custard	ISBN: 978-1906132118	(RRP: £5.99) £6	_____
Count Milkula	ISBN: 978-1906132583	(RRP: £5.99) £6	_____

Special offer - ANY two books for £12!

TOTAL ORDER COST:

£ _____

Cash or cheques accepted. Please make cheques payable to **Mogzilla Limited**.



View all of Robin's books at: www.mogzilla.co.uk www.spartapuss.co.uk www.londondeep.co.uk