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](https://handsendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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**Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am**

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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:

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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!

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Holywell Charter and Star Certificates – Friday 1st February 2019

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

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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
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!
WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2019

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+)
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- **Cleocatra’s Kushion** ISBN: 9781906132064 (RRP: £7.99) £7

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### The Olympuss Games series (Age 6-7)
- **Son of Spartapuss** ISBN: 9781906132811 (RRP: £6.99) £7

### The London Deep series - graphic novel (Age 9+)
- **London Sink** ISBN: 9781906132378 (RRP: £7.99) £7

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**Special offer - ANY two books for £12!**

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