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**Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parking**

I wrote a letter to Parents/Carers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 asking them to be considerate and not park on the grass bank on Croxley View or on the pavements. The Site Team have been outside to offer Parents/Carers direction to St George V's Playing Field and parents' response has been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. I understand that it can be an inconvenience to leave home slightly earlier but I have been very pleased with how parents have responded.

**Meet the Teacher**

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who attended our Meet the Teacher evening yesterday after school. The evening was an opportunity for Teachers to share with you what pupils will be learning this year. Other useful information, routines and expectations were also shared. Curriculum Maps were distributed to those year groups who had not received them already.

Parents who were unable to attend yesterday evening will have year group booklets and curriculum maps sent home with their child today. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to clarify issues with your child's Class Teacher.

**Dogs in the playground**

A few parents have been bringing their dogs into the playground in the morning and afternoons when dropping off and collecting their children. I would like to remind you that dogs are not permitted onto the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**HAFLS**

The HAFLS course that was due to start next week will be delayed slightly. We will inform you of the new start date once we have had confirmation from HAFLS. In the meantime if you are interested in attending this course, please contact the office.

**Trips and Money**

We would like to encourage all Parents/Carers to pay for school trips online using the School Money system. Letters with information about the trips are now being sent by email. We would be grateful if you could pay promptly as this helps us in the planning.



## Friday Class Assembly

### Olympic Hall at 9:10am

Friday 22nd September	Harvest Festival	Year 5 Elder
Friday 29th September	Walk to School Day (Healthy Living - 5th October)	Year 5 Ash
Friday 6th October	Black History	Year 5 Chestnut
Friday 13th October	6Rs - Responsibility	Year 4 Cedar
Friday 20th October	Diwali	Year 4 Rowan

### Half Term

Friday 3rd November	Bonfire Night	Year 4 Mulberry
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Day	Year 3 Beech
Friday 17th November	Anti-bullying week	Year 3 Pine
Friday 24th November	Road Safety Week	Year 3 Aspen
Friday 1st December	St Andrew's Day (30th November)	Year 2 Willow
Friday 8th December	Hanukah	Year 2 Hazel
Friday 15th December	Christmas Concert to parents	Year 2 Hawthorn

**Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:**

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
<b>Red Base</b>	Kohl	Amelia	<b>Aspen</b>	Donnell	Sana
<b>Green Base</b>	Vishahan	Amina	<b>Pine</b>	Romaine	Sabreen
<b>Blue Base</b>	Adam	Nusayba	<b>Mulberry</b>	Nathan	Wiyam
<b>Sycamore</b>	Kyla	Stefan	<b>Rowan</b>	-	-
<b>Maple</b>	Nandon	Amber	<b>Cedar</b>	Lilly May	Liliana
<b>Oak</b>	Hasnain	Kiera	<b>Ash</b>	Connor	Daniel
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Temilola	Humzah	<b>Elder</b>	Archie	Mahek
<b>Hazel</b>	Jahmal	Megan M	<b>Chestnut</b>	Elliot	Elisha
<b>Willow</b>	Franklyn	Sara	<b>Birch</b>	Paige	Verginia
<b>Beech</b>	Bright	Diana	<b>Elm</b>	Vicky	Dhruv

## Parent Information Sessions – Autumn Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

Where: Holywell conference room

When: Tuesday 9:00am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<b>EYFS Transition</b> Helping your child transition into Nursery or Reception. Brief introduction to phonics and early reading.	Miss V Tetley
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<b>Protective Behaviours</b> Encouraging your child to be able to recognise when they feel safe/unsafe and know strategies with how to deal with it.	Sam Ward
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	<b>KS2 SATs</b> How to prepare your Year 6 child for SATs (Reading, writing, SPAG and maths) in May 2018.	Mrs S Alexander
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	<b>The benefits of extra-curricular activities</b> Realise the positive effects socially and educationally that extra-curricular activities can have on your child.	Mrs T Keshiro
<b>Half Term</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	<b>Building a positive relationship with your child</b> Looking at how to create a closer connection with your child.	Sam Ward
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	<b>KS1 Phonics</b> How you can support your child's phonics development at home	Miss A Hampton
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	<b>Time-out parenting strategy</b> A strategy for parents to gain control and be able to discipline effectively	Sam Ward
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	<b>Reading – Key Stage 1</b> <b>Understanding how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.</b>	Mrs T Keshiro
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Developing your child's self-esteem</b> How to promote your child's self-esteem and how to recognise possible low self-esteem	Sam Ward
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Reading – Key Stage 2</b> Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.	Mrs S Alexander



## Dates for your diary

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

### OCTOBER 2017

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Early Years Harvest Festival in KS1 Hall at 9:15am  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Reception Red – Cassiobury Park  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Reception Green – Cassiobury Park  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Reception Blue – Cassiobury Park  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – School Health to administer nasal flu vaccine to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Zoo visiting Early Years  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Half Term

### NOVEMBER 2017

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Year 3 – trip to Verulamium  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – School Photographer – Individual and family photographs  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 – Year 5 - British School Museum  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Occasional Day – School Closed  
 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming

### DECEMBER 2017

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 2 Willow and Hawthorn – Willow Farm  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 2 Hazel – Willow Farm  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:30pm**

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 91 %

<b>Nursery am</b>	54%	<b>Aspen</b>	94%
<b>Nursery pm</b>	n/a	<b>Beech</b>	86%
<b>Blue base</b>	89%	<b>Pine</b>	90%
<b>Green base</b>	88%	<b>Mulberry</b>	91%
<b>Red base</b>	98%	<b>Cedar</b>	96%
<b>Maple</b>	98%	<b>Rowan</b>	97%
<b>Oak</b>	86%	<b>Ash</b>	94%
<b>Sycamore</b>	95%	<b>Elder</b>	94%
<b>Hawthorn</b>	93%	<b>Chestnut</b>	92%
<b>Hazel</b>	90%	<b>Birch</b>	93%
<b>Willow</b>	92%	<b>Elm</b>	95%

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Punctuality:</b>
<b>KS1</b> Maple	<b>KS1</b> Oak & Sycamore
<b>KS2</b> Elm	<b>KS2</b> Cedar

# **TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2017**

Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Occasional Day – school closed

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

## **SPRING TERM 2018**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 Occasional Day – school closed

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 INSET Days – school closed for pupils

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

## **SUMMER TERM 2018**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – first day of term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – May Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)**