



Holywell Primary School

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16th December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

This is our last newsletter for the Autumn term and I would like to thank you all for your support this term. The further away we move from COVID, the more the school feels normal again.

The Early Years and Key stage 1 Nativity performances are a very good example of that. I know you will agree it was amazing to see the children's performances. Well done and thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children and thank you for providing the fabulous costumes.



Our Vision

A letter will be sent out later today asking you to share your views on the school vision. We are in the process of updating this and would like your views. The survey will remain open until Wednesday 4th January 2022; thank you in advance.

Reception Admissions for September 2023

The deadline for Reception applications for the next academic year is Sunday 15th January 2023. Please make your application by the closing date to ensure your application is considered as on-time.



Nursery Admissions for September 2023

Applications open for Nursery 2023 on Monday 9th January 2023. We are holding a Nursery Open Morning on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 9:15. If anyone would like to join us, please contact the School Office.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed either of the flu vaccination sessions held here recently, and they are in a clinical risk group, they would be eligible to get the vaccination at their GP practice. Please contact your GP for an appointment.

PTA Donations

Thank you to the PTA who have donated the games below to each of our classes. This is just a small portion of the money you raised at the recent Christmas Fayre.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Governor vacancy for a parent who might be interested in joining the Governing body. Please email the School Office via admin@hollywell.herts.sch.uk for further details and an application form if you are interest in joining them.

Policies

If you would like to look at school policies, the most up to date versions can be found on the school website.

The Governors have also requested that if you have any school-based complaints, these should be flagged up with the school in the first instance before the Governors can consider them as part of the complaints policy.

Parking

We recently received a complaint about inconsiderate parking from a neighbour who lives in a nearby development. Even though parking has not been properly allocated for the residents, some parents are using these parking bays when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Can we ask that you do not park in these bays and use alternative parking areas?

Christmas Trees

We will be making our 10ft Christmas trees redundant on Wednesday. If any of you are interested in taking the trees home, these can be collected from school on Wednesday morning. Please contact the school office if you would like to take a tree.

Sports Clubs

The Sports Clubs restart on week commencing Monday 16th January.

End of Term

Our last day of term will be Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm.

I would like to wish all our families a very happy and restful festive period and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January. School starts at 8:55 on Monday 9th January 2023.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C van Straaten', written in a cursive style.

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher