



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

16 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Bank Holiday – Monday 19th September

Can I please remind you that Monday will now be a Bank Holiday and our school is closed?

After School Clubs

This week all our Sports Clubs have re-started. Although many clubs have proved popular, we still have spaces available. If you are interested in your child taking part, please book a space using the on-line payment system.

Monday - Year 5 Football

Tuesday - Year 1 and 2 Football

Wednesday - KS2 Girls only Football

Thursday - Year 3 and 4 Football

Friday - Year 6 Football

Tuesday and Thursday mornings - Multi skills (7:50 – 8:50)



Jeans for Genes Day

This years' theme is 'How do you wear yours?'.

We shall be supporting “Jeans for Genes Day” on Friday 23rd September and your children will be able to wear their jeans to school. This worthwhile charity supports families where genetic conditions influence their daily lives. We will be holding a whole school aerobics session in the afternoon which Mrs McLaughlin is organising along with our Year 6 Play Leaders. If you would like to sponsor your children for this event, please visit the link below. The link is also available on Google classroom.

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Read, Write Ink

I am sure most of you are now aware of the new phonics scheme we are using in school.

We will be holding three sessions about the scheme where information will be shared on how it works and how you can support your children at home. The scheme is mainly aimed at pupils in Year 1, 2, and 3 but following assessments, we have also identified some older children who will also take part.

These sessions will be led by Mrs Lazar and held in the Olympic Hall. Please see below for the details of these meetings.

Meeting 1 – Thursday 22 September at 2.45 pm

An Introduction to *Read Write Inc.* Phonics (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3). An overview of the year and how we teach children to read.

Meeting 2 – Thursday 29 September 2022 at 2.45pm – Fred Talk (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3). Fred Talk is how we teach children to blend sounds into words.

Meeting 3 – Thursday 6 October 2022 at 2.45pm – Set 1 Sounds (Reception and Y1). How we teach children to read their first sounds.

Meeting 4 – Thursday 13 October at 2.45pm – Set 2 and 3 Sounds (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3) How we teach children the next group of sounds.

Meet the Teacher

I would like to thank all who managed to attend the “Meet the Teacher” presentations yesterday. These presentations will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom and All Year Group Booklets and curriculum overviews will be uploaded onto the school website.

Dogs

Can I please remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school premises; thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

Star & Charter Certificates – 16th September 2022		
	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Y1 Sycamore	Kijani	Nard
Y2 Hawthorn	Charlie	Karina
Y3 Rowan	Deborah	Bilal
Y3 Mulberry	Nathan	Maryam
Y4 Cedar	Patrick	Cristiano
Y5 Chestnut	Adam	Shailah
Y5 Elder	Iniyah	Liban
Y6 Elm	Abdullah	Kayla

<p>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022</p> <p>90%</p>

Week Commencing 6 September - 9 September 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	44%	Y3 Mulberry	90%
Reception	47%	Y4 Cedar	96%
Y1 Sycamore	95%	Y5 Chestnut	68%
Y2 Hawthorn	97%	Y5 Elder	91%
Y3 Rowan	93%	Y6 Elm	96%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Y4 Cedar & Y6 Elm

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STEADY**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child will progress through the Rocksteady curriculum and collect up to 300 different instrument, musicianship and performance skills along the way.

Here's what you need to know:

- Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place.

Best wishes,
Rachel Hawker | Director of Education



HERE'S WHAT SOME PARENTS AND HEADTEACHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ROCKSTEADY LESSONS

90% OF PARENTS
TOLD US
ROCKSTEADY LESSONS
IMPROVE THEIR CHILD'S
WELLBEING

96% OF HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS BOOST THEIR PUPILS' CONFIDENCE

100% OF HEADTEACHERS
SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS
HAVE A SIGNIFICANT
POSITIVE IMPACT
ON THEIR PUPILS

My son was very shy and lacked confidence. I cried seeing him singing at his concert. Now he is no longer shy and is so confident!!

Umsatz

My daughter loves her lessons and her band leader. It's the reason she dances into school on a Monday!

Catherine

Rocksteady facilitates a love for music and how different instruments work together. It encourages listening, co-operation and confidence among other skills. It is a fantastic opportunity.

Melanie

Signing our son up for Rocksteady is literally the best decision we have made. He loves it and it has helped with his confidence.

Angebot

I don't think he felt he had a 'place'. Rocksteady has genuinely given him that sense of belonging and having a hobby he can call his own.

Ergebnis

Feedback from our school is that my daughter is happier and more confident in lessons since starting Rocksteady.

Rachel



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