



# Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Mental Health

I would like to direct parents to the Just Talk website. This website provides self-help information and details of mental health support available.

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx>.



The website provides detailed information and helpfully categorises the different audiences it serves. This includes young people and children as well as parents and carers.

## Ramadan

Ramadan has now started and quite a few pupils have requested to fast. We will only allow pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 to fast if we have written permission from their parents. We would like to remind parents that pupils will still be expected to take part in the full curriculum that we offer, including PE, trips and other outside learning. It is worth parents discussing with their child that they may break their fast should they feel that they can't manage the school day and the full curriculum because they are fasting.

We wish all parents all the best during this holy period of the year – Ramadan.

## Virtual trip - Erasmus +

Pupils in Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in a virtual poetry workshop with St Albans Cathedral and their resident poet. The event is scheduled for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and pupils from Holywell will attend the event along with pupils from Bromet Primary School, Park Gate Juniors and schools in South Oxhey.



## Bikeability

A letter was sent to parents of children in Year 6 this week about Bikeability lessons that will be delivered the first week of May 2021. This is relevant to pupils who want to undertake levels 1, 2 and 3 Bikeability.



### **Daily Mile**

In the past, pupils in school have taken part in the 'Daily Mile'. The initiative is very popular with many schools across the country and we plan to relaunch it with pupils on Monday 19th April 2021. Pupils will run in their class bubbles and will complete one lap of the route to get them used to running again. Pupils do not need a change of clothes, they will change into their PE shoes for the run.



### **Move and Learn**

This week, the pupils in Year 5 have been lucky enough to be joined by Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust who delivered Move and Learn sessions. This was the first of a series of sessions that will be delivered to Year 5 over the summer term.



### **Polling Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. In the interest of safety, I have taken the decision to close the school to pupils on that day. As coronavirus is still prevalent, we need all the space we have to be able to social distance. Pupils will be set home learning for the day and staff will work from school.



### **Year 6 – Isle of Wight**

A letter is going out to parents whose children are going to the Isle of Wight in May. The letter contains details of a forthcoming meeting, important information and forms for the parents to complete.

### **After School Sports Clubs**

Our after school clubs, Year 5 tag rugby and Year 6 football, have started this week. The football, especially, has been very popular. We still have some places available and if your child is interested in joining please, contact the school office for information on how to sign up.

## Recycled Crisp Packet Craft

Please recycle your crisp packets and turn them into something useful!



### Coronavirus Information

I would like to thank everyone for wearing their masks around the school site. We will continue to keep our current procedures in place, to keep everyone safe. The procedures will be the same as before the Easter holiday.

- Parents continue to wear face coverings when entering the premises.
- Keep to our dropping off and collection procedures and not gather in groups, but social distance from each other.

Pupils, staff and other adults are reminded not to come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

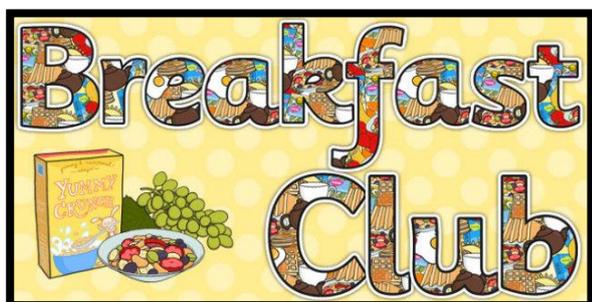
- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia),

- they must go home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

### Breakfast and After School Club

Any parents wishing to use the club are asked to contact the school office. The Breakfast Club starts from 7:30 am each morning and the After School Club runs until 5:30 pm in the afternoon.



### Week Commencing 22nd March 2021

#### Attendance by Class

Last week of Spring Term - attendance by class:

Nursery	93%	Rowan	88%
Blue	95%	Mulberry	93%
Red	91%	Cedar	91%
Maple	95%	Chestnut	92%
Sycamore	98%	Elder	98%
Hawthorn	92%	Birch	94%
Hazel	85%	Elm	91%

#### Whole School Attendance

*Whole school attendance for the academic year till last of Spring Term is:*

**95%**

#### Attendance

*Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:*

Key Stage 1	Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Elder

## HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Andres	For remembering and following our class rules
Red	Skylar	For fantastic reading in phonics
Maple	Matthew B	For working extremely hard in all subjects and for thinking outside the box in maths
Sycamore	Jah'neza	For displaying resourcefulness by accurately using coins to create different amounts of money
Hawthorn	Sarah	For creating a creative and engaging end to a story about 'The Robot and the Bluebird'
Hazel	Parmeet	For always going out of her way and being very helpful every day
Cedar	Dilan	For a good first week back and making the right choices at lunch time
Mulberry	Haresh	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and producing high quality work in English and maths
Rowan	Harvey J	For asking thoughtful questions and engaging in class discussions during our science lesson on the digestive system
Chestnut	Luigi	For solving multiplication of fractions independently
Elder	Haashir	For fantastic effort and care when creating a beautifully detailed and super impressive Travel Brochure linked to our new learning on the USA
Birch	Adam	For his amazing work in maths this week, especially his work on Roman Numerals
Elm	Luis	For his excellent work on finding percentages of amounts this week

## HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Preesha	For always being kind and polite
Red	Emilia	For following the class rules and for being a kind friend
Maple	Jay Jay	For being reflective and resilient in English with his hand up and for producing excellent class work
Sycamore	Zahra	For displaying resilience during lessons by sharing her ideas with the class
Hawthorn	Mikayla	For coming back to school with a positive mind set and trying all work independently this week. Keep it up Mikayla!
Hazel	Cristiano	For taking responsibility in his reading and homework over Easter and showing great improvement this term.
Cedar	Liban	For an excellent first week back and for always following the 6Rs
Mulberry	Esmay	For consistently following the 6Rs and becoming a positive role model in Mulberry class
Rowan	Shailah	For having a great first week back at school and taking on a responsible attitude to ensure that she is following the Holywell 6Rs at all times
Chestnut	Inci-Sue	For writing a lovely postcard based on the book 'Tom's Midnight Garden'
Elder	Megan	For using Resilience and Responsibility when creating a beautifully detailed and super impressive Travel Brochure linked to our new learning on the USA
Birch	Clark	For returning to school with a positive attitude and trying hard with all his work
Elm	Yaarvathan	For always following the 6R's and for being an excellent role model



# DIARY DATES

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Wizard Theatre restarts  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 – Whole school assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Reception Health Screening  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Bank Holiday – School closed  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Governors meeting  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – School Photographer – Class photographs  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Watford Council Elections – School closed  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Key Stage 2 MOCK – SATS  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Olympic athlete visit  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight trip  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Festival of Learning week  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Key Stage 1 MOCK – SATS  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening – all week  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Governors meeting  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up – all week  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole school assessment week  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am tbc  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in  
September  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – EYFS reserve Sports Day  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Nursery Concert to parents  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Community Day  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 (14:00)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Governors Meeting  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –  
Watford FC – tbc  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am - tbc  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30 am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00 pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Awards Assembly  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 2:00 pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30 pm – No pm Nursery

## Enrichment days

### Summer term

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 - Earth Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 - Stephen Lawrence Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 - St George's Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 - Shakespeare's birthday

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 - May Day

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 - World Press Freedom Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Bike to School Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - World Asthma Day

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021- VE Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Ramadan ends

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Eid ul-Fitr begins

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 - Pentecost

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - World Environment Day

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Anniversary of D-Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - World Oceans Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - World Refugee Day

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Father's Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 - Windrush Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Mandela Day