



Holywell Primary School

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16th April 2021

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 27th 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 school 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 6th May 2021

The school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th 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:

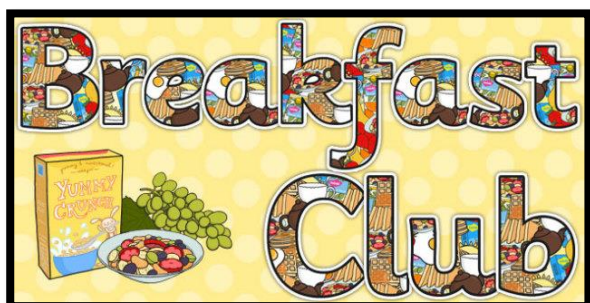
- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).

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

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

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

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

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

Enrichment days

Summer term

Thursday 22nd April 2021 - Earth Day

Thursday 22nd April 2021 - Stephen Lawrence Day

Friday 23rd April 2021 - St George's Day

Friday 23rd April 2021 - Shakespeare's birthday

Saturday 1st May 2021 - May Day

Monday 3rd May 2021 - World Press Freedom Day

Wednesday 5th May 2021 - Bike to School Day

Wednesday 5th May 2021 - World Asthma Day

Saturday 8th May 2021 - VE Day

Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Ramadan ends

Thursday 13th May 2021 - Eid ul-Fitr begins

Sunday 23rd May 2021 - Pentecost

Saturday 5th June 2021 - World Environment Day

Sunday 6th June 2021 - Anniversary of D-Day

Tuesday 8th June 2021 - World Oceans Day

Friday 11th June 2021 - Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday

Sunday 20th June 2021 - World Refugee Day

Sunday 20th June 2021 - Father's Day

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - Windrush Day

Saturday 18th July 2021 - Mandela Day