



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

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Dear Parents/Carers

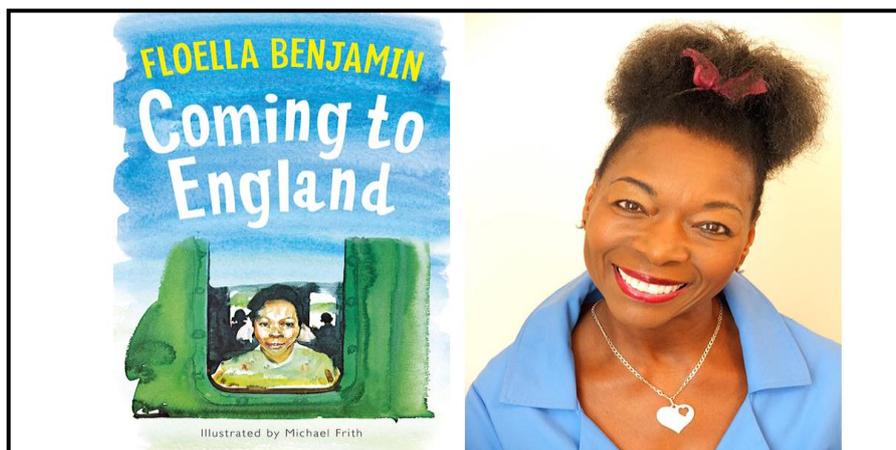
## Black History Month

Chestnut class, through their class assembly, introduced Black History month to the rest of the school a few weeks ago.

Usually we would have theatre groups coming into school, but as we are still strict about visitors entering the building, we will do things slightly differently this year. The two weeks after half term is our usual assessment weeks, where we do our 'Take One Book' unit.



The book that we will be focussing on this year is called 'Coming to England'. This book is written by Floella Benjamin and tells her story of migrating to England from Trinidad in 1960. In addition to the writing that pupils will be doing linked to the book, we will be designing some additional activities that children can complete linked to Black History month.



## Half Term

Half term is from Monday 26th October 2020 until Friday 30th October 2020 when school will be closed. School will close at normal times on Friday 23rd October 2020.

## Self-Isolating

Parents are requested to notify the school if they need to self-isolate because of Coronavirus. The school has set up remote learning that pupils can access if they need to stay at home. Once the school has been notified, the class teacher will contact parents and let them know how to access the learning. If remote learning is not possible then we will make alternative arrangements.



### October and November Festivities

In the month of October some families might choose to celebrate Halloween and November Fireworks night. Hertfordshire County Council has asked that we inform parents about safer activities that they can do at home instead of venturing out. We will keep parents posted on other activities as we are notified of them.



<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/herts-leaders-advise-stay-safe-for-halloween-2020>

### World Mental Health Day

# YOUNG MINDS



Thank you to all the parents who made donations to help raise awareness of Mental Health. We raised £129.00 and this money will be donated to the charity "Young Minds" who support children.

### Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – September 2021

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper before the closing date, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the application form from Hertfordshire County Council – Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043

### House Captains

Congratulation to our new House Captains.

Vicarage	Areeba and Dilan
Ebury	Charity and Zamin
Cassio	Ayesha and Arshaq
Brightwell	Mahi and Nuredin

## Parents' Evening

We would like to remind to parents that Parents' Evening will take place on Google Classroom. All Parents' Evening meetings will take place online this year, during our normal parents evening hours. Parents are able to book an appointment using the normal booking system, a link was sent out earlier this week. If you are unable to book your appointment please call the school office and they will be able to do this for you.



We advise parents to try logging into Google Classroom before their allotted time, well in advance of their meeting, so as not to waste their meeting time with the teacher.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**3:30pm to 6:00pm**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

**5:00pm to 7:30pm**

## Reception Class – September 2021

The on-line application system to book a place in Reception for September 2021 opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 that they must apply for a place in a Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. To book your place please contact school office.

### World Food Day Art Competition

Children between the ages of 5-19 are able to take part in an art competition for World Food Day. Please visit the website below to see how your child can enter. The deadline is Friday 6th November 2020.

<https://unric.org/en/world-food-day-poster-contest-age-5-19/>



### Healthy Eating and Reduce Food Waste Campaign

At Holywell we are promoting healthy eating and reducing food waste. We would like you to get involved at home by making healthy meals for or with your child, and upload photos of just the meal on Google Classroom.



## HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Andres	This award is for his great work with 2D shapes
Red	Skylar	For using accurate colour to colour the Harvest Festival
Sycamore	Moriah	For writing sentences independently during English
Maple	Cornet	For trying really hard with art whole models in maths
Hawthorn	Jason	For trying exceptionally hard in all of his learning this week
Hazel	Khalil	For always working his hardest
Cedar	Stanley	For an excellent diary entry in the role of an alien
Mulberry	Aliyah	For learning new techniques to solve mental subtraction and applying them to her work
Rowan	Alex	For showing perseverance when trying to challenge himself in maths
Chestnut	Lorenzo	For working hard to solve problems based on negative numbers
Elder	Hannah	For giving 100% in everything she does, thoughtful writing, beautiful presentation and a role model to all in everything that she does. Well done!
Elm	Eduarda	For her excellent attitude to learning
Birch	Neja	For showing excellent inference and reasoning skills in the recent assessments

## HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Joel	This is awarded for showing good manners and being helpful
Red	Maluchi	For resilience during name writing activities
Sycamore	Ali	For focusing and sharing lovely ideas during class discussions
Maple	Muhammad	For being reflective on a daily basis
Hawthorn	Valentina	For always being a positive role model to her peers
Hazel	Riley	For being reflective in his maths work
Cedar	Shayan	For settling in well and reflecting on his learning
Mulberry	Rick	For reflecting on his story writing and implementing ways to improve
Rowan	Simela	For reflecting on her English
Chestnut	Ilaria	For reflecting on her learning in maths
Elder	Humzah	For fantastic listening and reflection when improving on his own writing and maths work - even those challenging questions! Well done
Elm	Amina	For always reflecting and improving her work
Birch	Kalvin	For reflecting on his behaviour to be more positive and enthusiastic in his learning journey