



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a strange academic year for everyone, one we will remember for a long time. I really can't go far enough to thank the staff of Holywell Primary School for the absolute determination and resilience during this time. They have been tested like never before and have come out the other end absolute heroes. As we close the school year we also think about reopening for September. A letter was sent today to parents with information about opening in September. We will issue our updated reopening guidance before September to all parents.

Our staffing list for September is as follow:

SEPTEMBER 2020			
YEAR	CLASS	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Nursery	Nursery	Mrs J Hewett	Mrs J Whawell & Miss T Akbar
Reception	Blue	Mr G Szajko	Mrs N Cokl
	Red	Mrs A Lazar	Mrs P Baxter
Year 1	Maple	Miss N Kharbanda	Mrs S Datani
	Sycamore	Miss T Agbaniyaka	Mrs S Sharif
Year 2	Hawthorn	Miss H Whiting	Miss K Hughes
	Hazel	Miss C Downey	Mrs N Woolcott
Year 3/Year 4	Cedar	Miss A Hampton	Mrs C Bothamley & Mrs F Malik
	Mulberry	Mrs R Hussain	Mrs B Wylie & Mrs F Yousfi
	Rowan	Miss S Rozan	Miss A Clark & Mrs S Geze
Year 5	Chestnut	Miss P Sammy	Mrs L Bryon
	Elder	Mrs A McLaughlin & Mrs M McDonald	Mrs S Chapman
Year 6	Birch	Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran	Miss F Donohue
	Elm	Miss L Patrick	Miss M Akhtar
Deputy Headteacher & Leader of Inclusion		Mrs T Keshiro	
Art Teacher		Miss C Stahl	
Spanish Teacher		Mrs S Batra Vecchi	
Pastrol Care Leader		Mrs B Bahirathan	
Cover Supervisor		Mrs K Mosley	



As often happens at this time of year, we have a number of teachers who will be departing from the school today.

I would like to thank them for their hard work at Holywell Primary School and the commitment that they have shown to our pupils. The staff departing us are:

- Mr O'Brien who is taking up a Headship at Charter Junior School. I would like to wish him the best of luck in his new role as Headteacher.
- Mrs Bancroft Prescott is also leaving for promotion, she will be taking up the position of SENCO at a nearby school.
- Miss Rogers who is leaving us to take up a teaching position abroad.
- Mrs Roberts was a student teacher here this past year and will be taking up her first teaching post.
- Mrs Clarke recently returned from maternity leave is taking some time out to look after her family.



I wish them all the best of luck in their new roles.

I would like to make parents aware that all pupils are expected back to school from September 2020. Parents must be mindful that if they choose to go abroad to certain countries they will need to self-isolate on return for 2 weeks. Parents are reminded to check with the relevant authorities as their absences will count against them from September and they could receive the usual fines or court prosecution for unauthorised absences.

I would like to wish everyone a restful summer break and I look forward to welcome everyone back in September with some kind of normality.

Free School Meal Vouchers



During the summer holidays Edenred vouchers will be issued each Monday to children entitled to Free School Meals. Please ensure your email address is up to date.



HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Nursery	Rayaan	For trying to be more willing to join with the things that other people are doing and showing more concern for his peers
Blue	Alexia	For her continuous reading
Red	Milosz	For demonstrating great listening skills during carpet time
Maple	Skyla	For completing addition and subtraction on a number line
Sycamore	Aaron	For his excellent effort in his learning this week
Hawthorn	Kimberley	For an excellent effort throughout the lockdown
Hazel	Vishahan	For challenging himself in his maths learning
Aspen	Stefan	For his fantastic work all year
Pine	Maddison	For being creative and thinking outside the box in all class activities
Cedar	Daud	For solving addition money calculations using the formal written method
Mulberry	Ilaria	For her confidence when asking interview questions and putting on an amazing debut with her characterisation of Tracy
Chestnut	Neja	For her brilliant contribution during lessons throughout this term
Elder	Chloe	For starting to work independently
Birch	The Birch Bubble	You've all been amazing, good luck at secondary school!
Elm 1	Ifra	For always trying her hardest in everything she does
Elm 2	Jainam	For his fantastic never give up attitude in all subjects
Rowan	Angelina	For taking part in the fairground project

Enzo - Year 1 Maple



Ritesh - Year 2 Hawthorn



HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Nursery	Gabriella	For becoming a brilliant learner and knowing the things she needs to do to get better. She is also becoming a good friend to others in the class
Blue	Ashley	For joining in with more class activities
Red	Maya	For always raising her hands and sharing her ideas with the class
Maple	Noah	For showing resilience in completing work to a high standard
Sycamore	Khalil	For always being respectful and responsible
Hawthorn	Aliyah	For showing all of the 6Rs throughout the lockdown
Hazel	Stefi	For showing resilience in her learning and working exceptionally hard in all subjects taught this week
Aspen	David	For his resilience in his maths work
Pine	Kayla	For being resilient and resourceful in her museum project
Cedar	Megan	For demonstrating resilience in her learning and challenging herself
Mulberry	Megan	For her resilience in her maths work and challenging herself not just with 'Mild' work but with 'Spicy' too
Chestnut	Taiba	For always being a role model in following the 6Rs of Holywell Primary School
Elder	Zamin H	For being resilient in his learning
Birch	Birch Home Learning Class	For showing great resilience. Good luck at secondary school 😊
Elm 1	Shlok	For always following the 6Rs
Elm 2	Rita	For showing great resilience and working hard on her Endangered Animals pictures
Rowan	Luke	For being helpful

Mathieu - Reception Blue



Moriah - Reception Blue



Matthew - Reception Blue



YEAR 6 – SPANISH AWARD

Premio Español or Spanish Award

Year 6 children were set a series of challenges over the last few weeks of Spanish lessons.

Those who completed one a week were awarded bronze (bronce), two a week for silver (plata) while those who completed all the challenges or most of them were awarded gold (oro).

The list of winners is below:

Bronce:

Noran, Ifra, Emily, Dani, Zainab, Ebrima, Roksana, Thabo, Mohammad, Jaanav, Ubayd, Paulina and Maya.

Plata:

Kavya, Ishmeet and Rahul.

Oro:

Wiyam, Aisha and Nathasha.

Very well done to all our winners for their hard work and dedication.

Señora Batra Vecchi



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TERM DATES 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st September 2020 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Friday 26th March 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2021

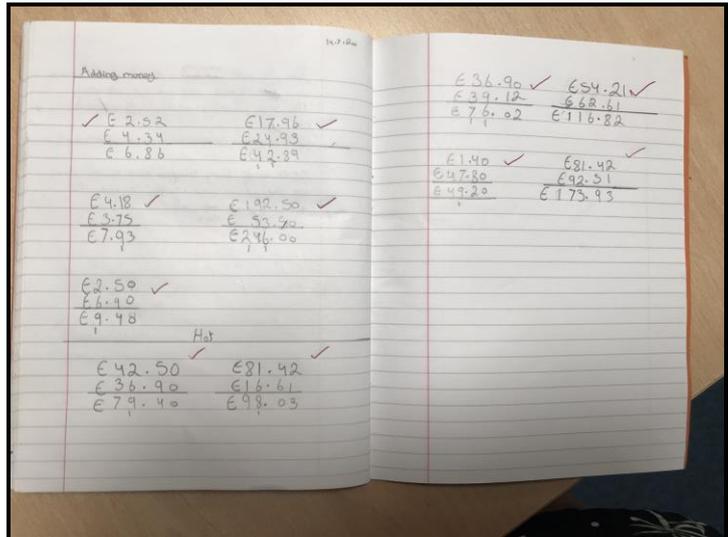
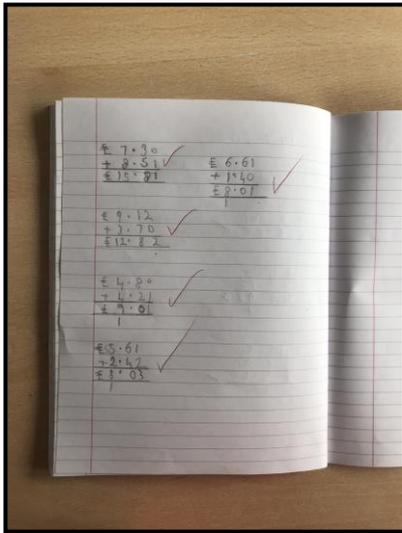
Monday 12th April 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 13th April 2021 – first day of term

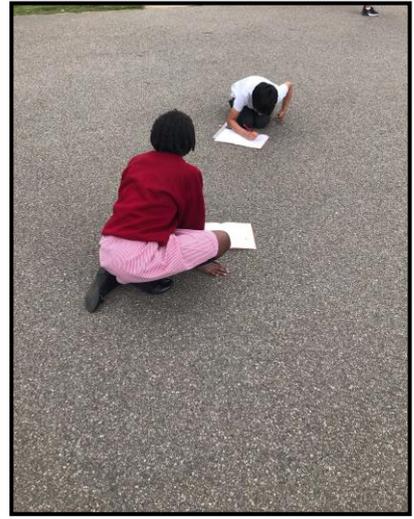
Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Friday 16th July 2021 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)



Year 4 - Mulberry



This week in nursery we have been learning about how to be a good friend and how we can make new friends when we start Reception in September.

We have made friendship chains to show who are our friends.



Ismaeel - Year 5 Elder

Swinged across bravely and quietly walked forth
Then thought why it was so rapid. Her tummy was
a rumbling beast to eat. She found herself a berry
tree then she started climbing it as it was really tall.
Mars fell and bumped her head on a hard pointy
rock, she tried and tried, At last she pulled a bunch
of rocks and quickly grabbed the berries whilst the rocks
were tumbling down.

lightning BOOMED with a fierce roar and started
to slowly drip drizzles of rain that danced on the
floor.

She found a temple and went inside and found
an amulet and grabbed it and swiftly came
back to the tree and gave it the amulet then
the old tree turned back into a woman.