



Holywell Primary School

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We are a learning community with the spirit to succeed



18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Seasons Greetings

It has been a strange last week of the Autumn term with COVID-19 still dominating our lives. The classes watched their little film performance of 'Twas the night before Christmas' whilst enjoying their mince pies. This film clip was put together by Mrs McLaughlin, and was to replace our usual festive performances. I know that the Reception teachers also sent their parents a special film clip on Tapestry.



As we could not get the panto into school this year, we opted to buy an online version from The Big Foot Theatre. They usually come into school on various occasions, including Black History Month.

School reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2021 for pupils

I would like to wish everyone "Seasons Greetings" and a restful holiday



Reception Class – September 2021 Applications

Parents are reminded that the deadline to apply for a place in Reception class for September 2021 is Friday 15th January 2021. Children who attend Nursery do not automatically transfer into the Reception Class, parents are required to complete an application via Hertfordshire County Council

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



Alternatively, if you are unable to access the website, a paper copy of the application form can be obtained by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043. More information has been added to our website

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Nursery Class Open Day – September 2021

The Open Day for Nursery is Wednesday 6th January 2021, again we ask you contact the school office to make an appointment.



Reporting positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holidays

To support track and trace we are asking that parents inform us up to the 24th December 2020 via the school admin email (admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk) if the children are showing symptoms of coronavirus or receive a positive test for Coronavirus. That will also include close family contacts.

Schools have been asked to monitor this information so that other pupils or members of staff who need to self-isolate can be informed to do so. This will help to protect vulnerable people who might mix over the Christmas period.

Reception Health Screening



The School Nurses will be in school on Thursday 14th January 2021 to carry out the Health Screening Checks for the children in Blue and Red base.

Christmas Dinner

If your child had a school dinner on Wednesday they will be able to testify that we all had a great day. Thank you to all the staff who assisted in serving the children and also the kitchen staff, they were very busy with the preparation and delivered a very tasty meal.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all the parents and children who donated last Friday to the Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £132.00



Ollie Foundation

Christmas can be a very difficult time for those who have suffered a bereavement and especially during this extremely challenging year. Join the Ollie Foundation for Just Another Day/afternoon online cafe with others who have been bereaved and are no longer able to find the season's joy, or celebrate as they might have once done. An email will be sent to parents which contains the Zoom Link.



Foodbank in Watford:

Unit 5 Empire Centre
Imperial Way
North Watford
WD24 4YH
01923 804435
07925 813027

Email: info@watford.foodbank.org.uk

Website: <http://www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk/>



SPANISH AWARDS	
Certificates awarded for excellent attitude	
Maple	Manan
	Tayla-Rose
Sycamore	Mahdi
	Maya
Hawthorn	Maisey
	Adam
Hazel	Parmeet
	Noah
Cedar	Zain
	Alexia
Mulberry	Amadou
	Sainaboubinta
Rowan	Adam
	Indianna



SPANISH AWARDS	
Primary Bee Winners	
Chestnut	Parneet, Ilaria, Nicola, Sara, Haris
Elder	Adaeza, Leira, Momna, Terrence, Hassan
Birch	Omiolota, Areeba, Taiba, Bright
Elm	Arya, Ayesha, Amina, Mahi

PE STAR LEARNERS

Maple	Mathieu	For always trying his hardest and developing and improving his skills throughout the term
Sycamore	Isabelle	For showing resilience by pushing herself and always trying her best to follow instructions
Hawthorn	Jason	For consistently showing enthusiasm in all PE lessons and working hard to improve his skills
Hazel	Antonia	For always having a fantastic and positive attitude to all PE lessons
Cedar	Rebeka	For showing great enthusiasm in all lessons and for improving her skills throughout the term
Mulberry	Amina	For improving her under and over arm throw
Rowan	Sofia	For showing resilience and always trying her best during PE lessons
Chestnut	Bentley	For demonstrating good leadership and sportsmanship skill
Elder	Hassan	For always putting the effort in, he can be relied onto follow the rules and is a good team player
Birch	Charity	Charity is always enthusiastic about learning new PE skills and shows great ability in both sports and fitness areas
Elm	Donnell	For always trying his hardest and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship

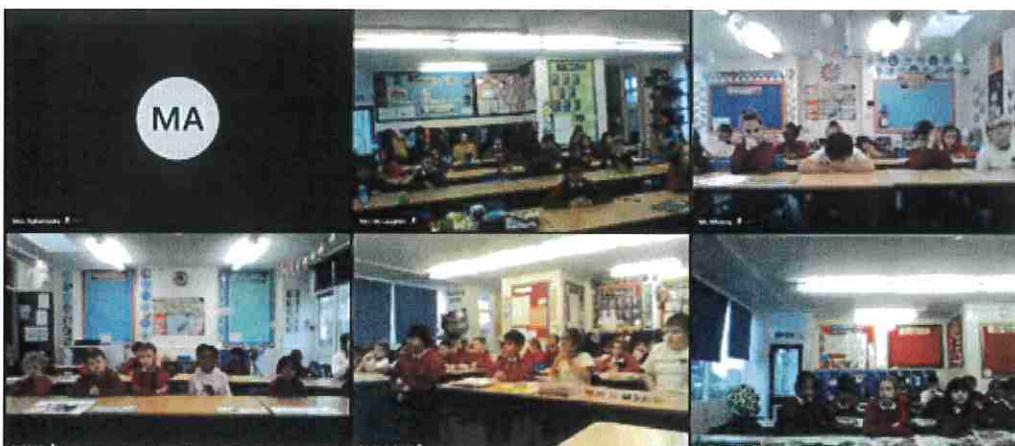
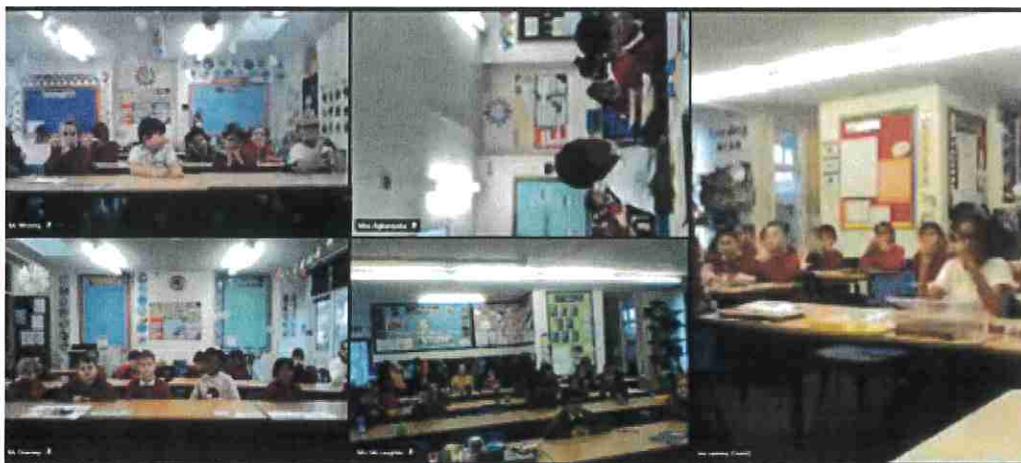
PE CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Maple	Lily May	For being resilient in ball activities and trying her hardest in all tasks
Sycamore	Mahdi	For being determined and for being a great team player at all times
Hawthorn	Maisey	For always being a good team player and showing determination in all PE lessons this term
Hazel	Aaron	For consistently showing perseverance and determination in PE lessons
Cedar	JJ	For showing excellent leadership skills in PE and for always working well within teams
Mulberry	Kyran	For showing resilience in developing rugby skills and sharing these with his peers
Rowan	Alex	For showing excellent communication and collaboration during Tag Rugby drills.
Chestnut	Husnah	For demonstrating resilience and endurance during fitness sessions
Elder	Adaeze	For resilience and respect when working as a team in our PE sessions
Birch	Rajak	Rajak displays great sportsmanship qualities throughout the PE sessions in learning new skills, applying them tactically and being a supportive team member leading his skill, applying them tactically and for being a supportive team member leading his team to success
Elm	Cameron	For his excellent teamwork and determination this term during PE

SPIRIT TO SUCCEED WINNERS

Nursery	Freddy	Freddy has started to understand ways to deal with his emotions.
	Alishba	For being such a caring friend and looking after her peers.
Blue	Joel	For his great achievements in all subjects
	Karina	For her improved English and great counting
Red	Maluchi	For being a good friend and for making great progress in all areas of learning, especially maths and phonics.
	Skylar	For trying her hardest in all areas of learning and for always putting a smile on everyone's faces with her dancing and singing.
Maple	Julio	Julio has got this award because he has shown consistent excellence on a daily basis. He tries his hardest in all lessons and is always striving to achieve more. Julio is kind and polite to everyone in the classroom and helps whenever he can. He is reflective and responsible with a great sense of humour, which gets everyone through the day. Well done Julio!
	Manan	Manan received the most class votes in Maple. Children wrote that he is kind, helpful and works extremely hard every day. They also wrote that he is a great friend and listener. Well done Manan!
Sycamore	Medeea	Medeea has been chosen by her peers as she always treats everyone in the classroom with respect. As well as that she is always very sensible inside of the classroom. She also displays resilience in lessons and always tries her best, in addition she lends a helping to others around her.
	Carolina	Carolina always has a very enthusiastic attitude towards learning and she is always kind towards the adults around the school. Carolina always consistently tries hard during lessons. As well as that Carolina practices resourcefulness by asking thoughtful questions during lessons.
Hawthorn	Sarah	For showing great resilience since coming back to school which has allowed her to make great progress across her learning. She is a good friend to all and is always responsible and respectful.
	Radhiya	For consistently being a positive role model for the rest of the class. She always goes above and beyond in her learning to achieve the best she can and is a kind and respectful girl.
Hazel	Hannah	For always being a positive and outstanding student for others to look up to. Hannah consistently tries her hardest and will always be there to support anyone who needs her.
	Hadia	For always being determined in every single lesson. Hadia will always learn from her mistakes and is a great role model for showing how we can improve on our work.

Cedar	Alizah	For being a fantastic friend to everyone all term! In particular she has shown great kindness and empathy to her injured friend, ensuring that she has everything she needs every day. In addition to being an excellent friend Alizah has continually followed the 6Rs and has also made progress in her work!
	JJ	For always being an excellent role model for all children both within the classroom and outside on the playground. Throughout the term JJ has also continually followed the 6Rs and has always raised interesting discussion points in class work. In addition to this he has been very supportive to talk partner sharing his ideas clearly.
Mulberry	Maddison	For being a good friend and caring for the pupils in her class. She also has a positive attitude towards her learning and is always willing to try her best and challenge her learning.
	Amina	For developing her self-confidence this term and is now starting to join in with class discussion. Amina has a fantastic sense of humour and is always a joy to have in the class. She has made a lot of progress in her learning this term.
Rowan	Shailah	Shailah is a very kind and responsible member of Rowan Class. She shows respect towards both children and adults around the school. She always shows resilience when completing her learning and is trying her best to work independently when in class. Shailah takes responsibility for her learning which has led to her making good progress in the core subjects. She is a positive role model and should feel very proud of her achievements this term.
	Alex	For always following the 6Rs both inside and outside of the classroom. Alex shows respect towards adults and his peers. He is a kind and caring friend on the playground and will always listen to those who in need.
Chestnut	Arshaq	For all demonstrating resilience and making great improvement in his work.
	Bonnie	For being a brilliant school councillor and for making her job roles professionally.
Elder	Margarida	For an amazing term, pushing herself to achieve so much in such a short period of time and making us all very proud of her achievements.
	Leira	The children said that 'Leira is kind and has made lots of progress', 'she helps me with spellings and handwriting' and 'she is very respectful and always helps people'.
Birch	Aghness	This is awarded for being an exemplary student in all areas including learning, behaviour and having a positive attitude towards everyone. She supports her peers in their learning; diligently follows the instructions of teachers and follows the 6Rs of Holywell. Well done Aghness!
	Neja	Birch children have voted for Neja as they find her funny, kind and caring. Besides being a great friend, they also agree that she participates well in her learning and give her 100% in everything. She is also hardworking and always follows the 6Rs of Holywell. Well done Neja!
Elm	Ayodeji	For being a good friend, always wanting to help others and for generally being a good role model.
	Amina	For always trying her hardest in everything she does. She has made good progress this term which is in part down to her fantastic attitude to learning.





Family Adventure Days

February 2021 half term

at Hudnall Park, Hudnall Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 1QN

Join us for one or two days of outdoor adventures!

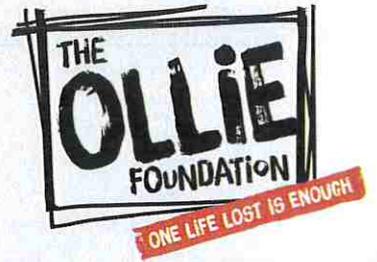
Activities are all COVID-19 secure and include den-building, bushcraft skills, orienteering, building and cooking on an open fire, woodland craft and wildlife investigations. For children aged 9-12.

Only £50 per child for two days. One free adult place per family.

For more information and to book go to www.hudnallpark.org (or use QR code below) call 01442 454345 or email hudnall.park@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

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For some people who have lost a loved one, the 25th of December is...

JUST ANOTHER DAY

Christmas can be a really hard time for people who have lost someone - the absence of a loved one can make the festive period hard to endure.

Rather than smiling politely at carol singers or gritting your teeth as someone in a Christmas jumper wishes you a happy Christmas, why not join The OLLIE Foundation on Zoom for our Just Another Day.

This will be a safe, supportive space, to have an hour off and away from it all. Join our afternoon online cafe with others who have been bereaved and are no longer able to find the season's joy, or celebrate as they might have once done. This isn't about doom and gloom, but it is a chance to get away from all the 'joy' and talk about nothing and everything.

To register your interest and be sent the Zoom link, please [click here](#). Please share this invite with anyone you think might find this helpful. **One Life Lost Is Enough.**

WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 2PM, ON ZOOM