



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 – The SW Herts Schools Consortium

We would like to remind parents with children in Year 5, today is the last day you are able to apply for your child to sit the admission test. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Welcome to
South West Herts
Schools Consortium



YEAR 5

The SW Herts Schools Consortium comprises the seven secondary schools in the area which operate admission tests for a proportion of their intake:

Croxley Danes, Parmiter's, Queens', Rickmansworth, St Clement Danes, Watford Grammar Schools for Boys and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

If parents of children in Year 5 are considering applying under the academic or music criteria for a place at any of these schools, they will need to register with the Consortium.



Nursery and Reception – September 2021 – Places Available

We still have vacancies for pupils due to start Nursery and Reception from September 2021.

Nursery Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016

Reception Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

Please contact the school office to find out how to apply. We kindly ask you to recommend us to parents that you know whose children fit into the above age categories.

End of Year Events

We were hoping to be able to invite parents into school for our usual end of year events. This included Sports Day, Parents Evening, Year 6 End of Year production and End of Year assemblies. But as a result of the delayed reopening of venues and no changes to schools around social distancing, I have taken the decision to keep the current measures in place until the end of the academic year. The means -

- We keep our current social distancing measures in school as they are
- Parents will only be allowed into school in exceptional circumstances and with a pre booked appointment
- We will continue to closely monitor the visitors coming into school, impressing upon them our social distancing protocols.

To give parents the opportunity to be part of these events we will post photos on twitter and either make recordings available or live stream through Google Classroom.

I appreciate this is difficult for parents, but with the increasing number of cases of Coronavirus we need to ensure we keep ourselves safe. To date, a number of schools have had to close completely or self-isolate large numbers of their school community. We want to avoid this happening to us as the knock on effect impacts on the life of everyone.



Year 1 and Year 2 Collection

From Monday 21st June 2021 we are changing the way Year 1 and Year 2 are collected at the end of the day. We find the current situation is not the safest because many pupils walk between the adults and teachers, we need more control of the handover. Also, on occasions parents want to speak to their child's teacher.

To remedy this, we ask that parents walk a bit further into the playground, and collect their children from the bottom of the path below the classes. Teachers will then send the children down to their parents. Parents who need to speak to the teacher are asked to wait behind; once all the class has been dismissed, teachers will walk down the path and speak to parents. Alternatively, parents are welcome to make an appointment to speak to their child's teacher.

EYFS Meetings

This week, we held the parents meetings for the children who will be in Nursery and Reception from September 2021. If any parent missed the meeting and would like more information about school for September, we encourage them to call the office and we will provide them with more information. We are very excited to welcome our new families on transition day on Thursday 8th July 2021.

Trips and Workshops

We have lots of exciting things coming up in the next few weeks –

Year 1	Monday 12 th July 2021 – Cassiobury Park
Year 2	Tuesday 6 th July 2021 - Paradise Wildlife Park
Year 3/Year 4	Friday 9 th July 2021 – Cassiobury Park
Year 5	Thursday 24 th June 2021 – Rabbi visiting
Year 5	Thursday 6 th July 2021 – Visit to St Mary's Church

Tudor Workshop – Year 3 & Year 4

This week, Year 3 and Year 4 were excited to find a knight in chainmail armour greeting them for their Tudor Workshop. During the day, the children studied and held a range of medieval armour and artefacts. The knight shared some gruesome tales of life in Tudor times and each class re-enacted an historical story. The session ended with some Tudor dancing.



Bollywood Dancing Workshop – Year 1

Year 1 had a special visitor who introduced them Bollywood dancing. The workshop, lead by Vibes Dance Limited, gave the children the opportunity to dress up and learn some of the basic movements associated with Bollywood dancing. The children had a great time and were full of enthusiasm and energy after the workshop. This workshop is linked to Year 1's learning about India.



Covid-19 Testing - Lateral Flow Test and PCR Test

Parents are reminded that if their child shows symptoms of Coronavirus that they need to book a PCR Test, as set out in government guidance. Using a Lateral Flow Test to rule out Coronavirus is not sufficient because these tests work differently. The most accurate way to establish if someone has Coronavirus is through using a PCR Test. We kindly ask you always inform the school of the results please.

Coronavirus

We will keep our protocols and safeguarding the same as before half term and ask that parents continue to support us in staying safe.

Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice -

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

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

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school 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 PCR or Lateral Flow Test

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on site.

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Haider	This is awarded for his great reading and excellent writing
Red	Makanaka	This is awarded for her excellent work in addition
Maple	Julio	For always trying his hardest even when he is not confident in a task
Sycamore	Muaaz	For displaying resilience by sharing his ideas in maths
Hawthorn	Sarah	For creating an eye-catching information poster about Emily Davison
Hazel	Sathuja	For working her hardest in every maths booster sessions
Cedar	Summer	For showing resilience in English when editing her writing
Mulberry	Grace	For showing a positive attitude towards her assessments and trying her best
Rowan	Samanta	For showing a wonderful attitude towards her learning this week and trying to improve on her work when asking questions in our lessons on Google Classrooms
Chestnut	Ibrahim	For doing well in his assessments
Elder	Humzah	For his amazing dedication to all areas of learning and improving himself! He is frequently displaying all of the 6Rs within his learning and we are so incredibly proud of the care and effort that he is putting into everything that he does in class. Amazing Humzah!
Birch	Zazanna	For exhibiting excellent serving skills and enthusiasm in volleyball. Well done!
Elm	Luis	For his excellent work on finding the nth term

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Zack	This is awarded for settling well in our class
Red	Aidan	This is awarded for his continuous help in class
Maple	Oliver	For doing so well with Bollywood dancing and for being resilient
Sycamore	Maryam	For taking responsibility for her learning
Hawthorn	Maisey	For reflecting on her work and editing to improve it independently
Hazel	Khalil	For taking responsibility in all his work and continuing to improve on his letter formation
Cedar	Zain	For excellent recall of key multiplication and division facts
Mulberry	Mahira	For settling into Mulberry class this week and showing an understanding of the 6Rs
Rowan	Nived	For showing reasoning when discussing different feelings and emotions in scenarios that were presented to him
Chestnut	Ilaria	For taking responsibility in her learning and for writing a lovely advert
Elder	Michael	For reasoning, determination and resilience when completing his assessments to an amazing standard
Birch	Mariam	For showing resilience and confidence in breaking her barriers, developing her social skills. Keep it up!
Elm	Ayesha	For always following the 6Rs and for being an excellent role model to her peers

Week Commencing 7th June 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	92%	Rowan	85%
Blue	91%	Mulberry	92%
Red	89%	Cedar	93%
Maple	93%	Chestnut	95%
Sycamore	93%	Elder	88%
Hawthorn	97%	Birch	99%
Hazel	100%	Elm	94%

Whole School Attendance from September 2020

94%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Birch

Enrichment days Summer Term

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



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Thursday 24th June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 24th June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
Thursday 24th June 2021 – Year 5 – Rabbi visit
Friday 25th June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day
Friday 25th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am Year 5 Chestnut - Windrush
Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in –
Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses
Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Thursday 1st July 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons
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 9:10am Year 5 Elder - Reasoning
Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Year 2 – Paradise Wildlife Park
Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Year 5 – Visit to St Marys Church
Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
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
Friday 9th July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
Friday 9th July 2021 – Year 3/4 Cassiobury Park
Monday 12th July 2021 – Year 1 Cassiobury Park
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 – 2:00pm
Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Governors Meeting
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30am
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00pm
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Awards Assembly
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents – 2:00pm
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
Friday 16th July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 16th July 2021 – No afternoon Nursery, all finish at midday
Friday 16th July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30pm