



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Silver Award - UNICEF

I am very proud to announce that the school has been awarded “Rights Respecting school status – Silver award”. The Rights Respecting status was awarded to our school by UNICEF. To gain the accreditation the school had to meet a number of standards, to a much enhanced level than for the Bronze award. The work undertaken by the teachers and pupils over the last year included learning the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and building an understanding of them for themselves and others.



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the “Meet the Teacher” sessions last night via Google Classroom.



Parents who were unable to join us live can watch a recording of the session, this has been emailed to them. A copy of the year booklets will be emailed to parents by teachers and they will also be uploaded to the school website next week, along with the curriculum overviews for Autumn term.

Google Classroom - Homework

Parents are reminded that homework is set on Google Classroom. The reason for this is to limit the movement of books and papers between school and home.

We have been notified by some parents that they cannot access work this way. We will continue to review this and we are happy to get parents views to help us improve our systems.

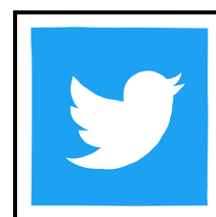
Please email the class teacher if you child cannot access google classroom for any reason.

Nursery		Mrs Hewett	hewettj@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception	Blue	Mr Szajko	szajkog@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception	Red	Mrs Lazar	lazare@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Maple	Miss Kharbanda	kharbandan@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Sycamore	Miss Agbaniyaka	agbaniyakat@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hawthorn	Miss Whiting	whitingh@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Year 2	Hazel	Miss Downey	downeyc@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3/4	Cedar	Miss Hampton	hamptona@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3/4	Mulberry	Mrs Hussain	hussainr@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3/4	Rowan	Miss Rozan	rozans@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Chestnut	Miss Sammy	sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Elder	Mrs McLaughlin	mclaughlina@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Birch	Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran	sankarann@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Elm	Miss Patrick	patrickl@holywell.hert.sch.uk

Recovery Curriculum

We have reviewed our curriculum for this academic year to ensure that learning that has been missed, needs consolidating, or re-teaching, is caught up by the Summer term. Our back on track curriculum is well underway and we look forward to sharing some of the learning that pupils are doing on twitter.



Please follow us on @PrimaryHolywell

Reception – Blue and Red - Drop Off and Pick Up

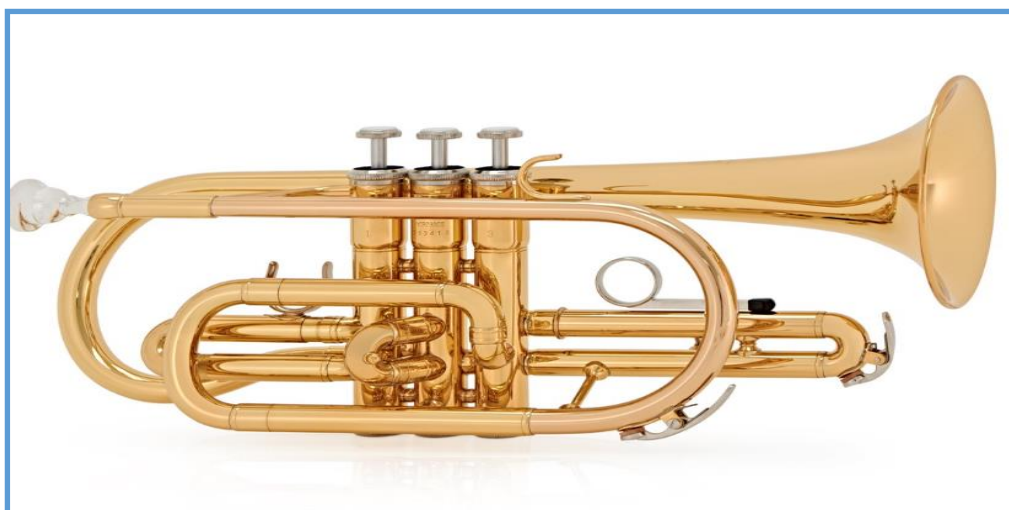
We would like to remind parents of children in Reception that we have changed our drop off and collection place for Red Base. Staff will be on hand to support parents and pupils with this. Children in Blue Base will continue to enter the building as before.

Face Coverings

A reminder to parents, please wear a face covering on site. We really appreciate your support with this.

Cornet Music Lessons Restarting

Mr Fisher from Hertfordshire Music Service will restart cornets lesson for Year 3/4 Cedar class from next Wednesday. Hertfordshire Music Service has been given clear guidelines to follow and as a school we are able to completely comply with these to ensure safe play and social distancing for our pupils. Pupils will attend sessions in their bubble for up to 45 minutes. They will be issued with a cornet that will be cleaned and sanitised in advance, but most importantly, it will not be used by anyone else.



Clubs

We did not have a sufficient interest for the clubs offered by Premier Sport to parents and therefore had to cancel. The school does not use Premier Sport anymore for PE lessons and regrettably we are not in a position to subsidise clubs as we have in the past. We understand that parents will be worried about pupils taking part in clubs in bigger year group bubbles. All providers need to provide the school with a risk assessment of their suggested activity and the school closely monitors these to ensure pupils are safely handled and that social distancing over 2 metres is maintained at clubs. Sport groups have also been given specific guidance to follow that we will implement with clubs. Watford Community and Education Trust have approached us and a letter will go out on Monday. We will try and get 3 sports clubs going and will grow our club provision as the terms progress.



School Council

Our School Council members have been selected and I would like to congratulate the following pupils who have been selected by their classmates -

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Y6 Elm Class – Yaavarthan

Y6 Birch Class - Katie

Y5 Elder Class - Luqmaan

Y5 Chestnut Class - Bonnie

Y3/4 Cedar Class - Hamza (Y3)

Y3/4 Mulberry Class - Maddison (Y4)

Y3/4 Rowan Class - Natasha (Y3) Kevin (Y4)

Y2 Hazel Class - Sofia

Y2 Hawthorn Class - Luca

Y1 Maple Class - Mathieu

Y1 Sycamore Class - Carolina

Breakfast and After School Club

We would like to check parents' interest in the school offering a breakfast and afterschool club to children on site. The club will be to support parents with morning and afternoon child care. This is something that working parents might be interest in, but we will not be selective about who wants to make use of the club. A lot of planning will have to go into this and we have already had some ideas; we should be able to set something up without too much problem. Even though we are not doing this to make a profit, we need to make sure that it is cost effective for us as a school. If you think you would be interested in making use of a breakfast and/or after school club that will be based on the school site, please let us know by sending an email to admin@holywells.herts.sch.uk.

Assemblies

I would like to thank Birch class for presenting their assembly to us this morning. Our normal Friday assemblies are now delivered to classes online as we are not able to gather in the school halls as a big group. Birch class assembly has been very informative on Democracy and is well timed after our award yesterday. Well done Birch class!



HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS		
Blue	Preesha	This is awarded for her great story re-telling skills
Red	Charlie	For writing his name independently
Sycamore	Milosz	For always treating his peers with respect and modelling good behaviour inside and outside of the classroom
Maple	Ayah	For doing fantastic listening and always participating in class
Hawthorn	Mikayla	For trying her best this week in all of her learning
Hazel	Ruby	For trying her hardest in her English work
Cedar	Amelia	For writing an excellent character description in English
Mulberry	Kyran	For writing a well-detailed character description using adjectives
Rowan	Corey-John	This is awarded for trying his best in his learning and starting to share his ideas in class
Chestnut	Luigi	For reflecting on multiplying and dividing with decimals and answering questions regarding UNICEF
Elder	Aahana	This is awarded for being fabulous! Aahana is a role model to all and an amazing support to her peers. She self-challenges and is motivated to achieve well at all times! We will miss her very much when she leaves us today!
Elm	Ada	For her excellent work on multiplying and dividing by 100,100 and 1,000
Birch	Omiolota	For showing impressive inference skills in the recent English reading test

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES		
Blue	Haider	This is awarded for being very polite at all times
Red	Hafiy	For being a great role model during tidy up time
Sycamore	Damilola	For always trying his best to sound out words during phonics
Maple	Owen	For being reflective and focusing in all his undertakings
Hawthorn	Maisey	For reflecting on her learning in order to improve it
Hazel	Noah	For reflecting on his maths work
Cedar	Summer	For reflecting on her English and editing her writing
Mulberry	Amol	For showing resilience in completing his 2 times table correctly
Rowan	Kayla	This is awarded for reflecting on her learning in English and carefully editing her descriptive writing
Chestnut	Adn1	For responding well to questions asked by our UNICEF assessor for the Silver Award
Elder	Cristiana	This is awarded for amazing Reflection on her past learning and applying this to her new learning. Cristiana has tried so hard to focus and determination consistently so far in Year 5 and is enjoying the challenge that Maths is bringing. Well done!
Elm	Nurdein	For reflecting on his English work this week
Birch	Charity	For reflecting no brilliantly improvising her recitation skills during assembly practice