



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Information

Thank you to all parents for wearing your masks when entering the premises this week. It is reassuring to know that parents are supporting us in keeping everyone safe.

I would also like to thank parents for their patience moving around the site and following the new routines. On the whole, things have been running fairly smoothly.

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

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

They must immediately cease to attend school and not return 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 test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia),

- they must go home to begin isolation – the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Routines and procedures

I have been impressed with the resilience the children have shown since the school fully opened two weeks ago. You will have noticed that teachers have started setting homework and daily reading for pupils again.

We are determined to close the gap created as a result of the two school closures.

During the past few weeks, and continuing into next week, we are again getting a baseline for pupils attainment through informal assessments. This will help guide our teaching for the summer term and ensure that -

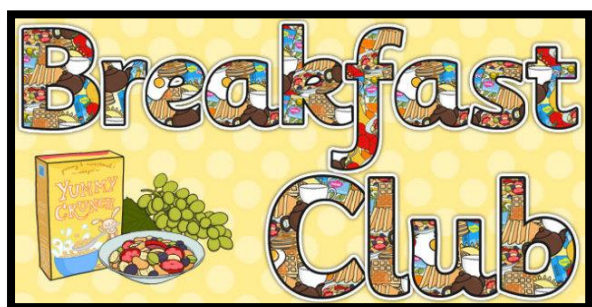
- We focus on areas of weakness identified
- Continue to deliver a broad balanced curriculum
- Speed up any progress where needed

Laptops/Chromebooks returned

Thank you to the parents who returned the laptops and Chromebooks that were lent to them during lockdown. If you still have one of the school's laptops or Chromebooks at home, please return it to the school office.

Breakfast and After School Club

We will continue with the Breakfast and After School club after the Easter Holiday. Any parents who wish to use the clubs are required to complete the registration form on the school website or pick up a pack from the school office. The Breakfast Club runs from 7:30 am each morning and the After School Club runs until 5:30 pm each afternoon.



Parent Governor

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The role of Governor gives members a look behind the scenes and the strategic working of the school. Parents who feel they are able to contribute to the wider working of the school are encouraged to write to admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk to express an interest. If we get more than one parent interested, then we will go to a vote. I am happy to have a discussion with any parent who would like more information about the role, before they put their name forward.

Winter Grant – Free School Meal Vouchers

Parents of pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will receive their Easter holiday and May half term vouchers, via Edenred, shortly. They will receive a total of £45, this is £30 for Easter and £15 for the May half term. A separate letter was sent to all parents yesterday with further details.



Sports Clubs after Easter

We have agreed to some after school sports club provision to be delivered by Watford Football Club CSE Trust. Initially, this will be rolled out to two year groups. After the previous lockdown, the uptake of clubs was understandably very low and we need to ensure we get value for money.



A separate letter will be sent out to parents about the Tag Rugby club for Year 5 and the Football club for Year 6. All coaches from Watford CSE are DBS checked and will follow the latest COVID-19 guidelines issued by the government. Many parents will be aware community sport can resume from 29th March 2021.

Red Nose Day

Today we took part in Red Nose Day. Children were permitted to wear an item of red clothing for a donation via the JustGiving link below. If you have not yet donated and wish to do so please click on link below



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holywell-primary-school-rednoseday21-4b43f46b-60f5-47e2-85d4-efafe9742fd4>

End of Term – Easter Holidays

The last day of the Spring Term is Friday 26th March 2021. School finishes at 1:30 pm. Please note there will be no afternoon Nursery or After School Club on that day. Monday 12th April 2021 is an INSET day, pupils return to school on Tuesday 13th April 2021.



Nursery Applications for September 2021

The application process for Nursery in September 2021 is now closed. Parents are reminded that even though applications have now closed and places have been allocated, they may make a late application if their child is born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. If you know of family, friends or neighbours with children who are due to start nursery in September please refer them to our school website where they can find more information about applying.

Attendance and Punctuality			
<i>Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:</i>			
Attendance		Punctuality	
Key Stage 1	Hazel	Key Stage 1	Red/Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Chestnut/Elder	Key Stage 2	Chestnut/Elm

Attendance by Class			
Last week's attendance by class:			
Nursery	94%	Rowan	91%
Blue	91%	Mulberry	93%
Red	97%	Cedar	95%
Maple	94%	Chestnut	99%
Sycamore	95%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	96%
Hazel	99%	Elm	90%

Whole School Attendance
<i>Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is:</i>
95%



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 – Wizard Theatre in

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 – Governors Meeting at 6:30pm

Wednesday 24th March 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 - am

Wednesday 24th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons - pm

Thursday 25th March 2021 – RockSteady Music Lessons

Thursday 25th March 2021 – Wizard Theatre in

Thursday 25th March 2021 – Presentation Assembly

Friday 26th March 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:30am

Friday 26th March 2021 – Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 26th March 2021 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm
(no After School Club)

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Salma	This is awarded for her maths work, knowing one more and one less
Red	Aisha	This is awarded for her maths work, knowing one more and one less
Maple	Alexia	For being a superstar in all lessons and for trying hard in all lessons
Sycamore	Yasmin	For being resourceful during lessons and for producing lovely work
Hawthorn	Esther	For her fantastic formal letter to Pashsa explaining how she has looked after Zeraffa
Hazel	Zarya	For working very hard on using her sounds for spellings and making improvements
Cedar	Ritesh	For an excellent detailed explanation text on sound
Mulberry	Sainaboubinta	For producing a well-structured explanation text all about sound
Rowan	Iniyah	For producing a wonderfully illustrated comic strip
Chestnut	Hussain	For making a great effort to improve in his English writing
Elder	Hassan	For being so polite, caring and considerate all of the time. Hassan, your manners are impeccable and you always try so hard in all that you do! We are so proud of you!
Birch	Wilan	For displaying brilliant calculation skills in solving 'Ratio and Proportion' problems
Elm	Sagal	For her excellent work on ratio and proportion

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Millie	This is awarded for being very polite and following our rules
Red	Maluchi	This is awarded for being very polite and following our rules
Maple	Bilal	For being resilient and reflective when writing sentences in English
Sycamore	Milosz	For showing respect to his teachers and his classmates
Hawthorn	Arash	For being resilient in his assessments this week
Hazel	Hannah	For showing responsibility in her maths work and always looking to achieve more
Cedar	Robert	For settling back into school and for always ensuring his is reflecting on his work and trying his best
Mulberry	Christopher	For following the 6 Rs in class and on the playground
Rowan	Joseph	For showing a responsible attitude in his music lesson when handling instruments carefully
Chestnut	Tiana	For solving roman numeral secret coding messages
Elder	Heloise	For resilience when starting at a new school and taking on responsibility to ensure that she is following the school rules, regularly reading and doing her homework. A great start to your Holywell journey! Well done.
Birch	Dilan	For showing responsibility in completing his tasks with expected standards
Elm	Amy	For her excellent attitude to learning