Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week at Holywell Primary School and with just one week to go before the half term break, next week will also be a busy week.

**Festival of Learning**
We had a good turn-out of parents for our Festival of Learning this week. Parents particularly enjoyed being able to spend time with their children looking at their work. Thank you to all the pupils and teachers who invested time to prepare for these showcases.

**Parent/Carer Consultation Evening**
Parents’ Evening is next week and by now parents will have been allocated their appointment time. As usual Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be based in the Olympic Hall. Nursery, Reception and Year 3 will be based in their classrooms. If you are unable to attend on one of these nights, please touch base with your child's Teacher and make an alternative appointment. Teachers would like to meet with all parents of the children in their class. Our Governors will also be attending the Parents Evenings. They will be issuing a questionnaire and asking parents for their views.

**Trips**
Thank you to the Parents/Carers who responded to our call for trip money to be in on time. If your child's money is still outstanding please make sure that it is paid as a matter of urgency, especially if you have missed the deadline for payments.

**Enhanced Status for Healthy School.**
The school has applied to be awarded Enhanced Healthy School status and will be assessed against the standards next Friday 9th February 2018. Lots of work and preparation has gone into this so we are keeping our fingers crossed. We have received a grant allocation from the Lions Club which we are very grateful for to enable us to do this work.

**Half Term**
A reminder that it is half term from Monday 12th February 2018 until Friday 16th February 2018. School restarts again on Monday 19th February 2018 for pupils.

**Nursery Application**
If your child was born between 01/09/2014 to 31/08/3015 they are eligible to join our Nursery from September 2018. Please call contact the School Office for an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday 23rd February 2018.
Payments to School
We would like to encourage all parents to make payments to the school using the online School Money system. If you are having trouble logging in please ask the ladies in the school office for assistance, they will be very willing to help you. If you have no alternative but to pay by cash please ensure you have the exact money. Unfortunately we do not have the facilities to be able to offer change.

Walk to School
Congratulations to Year 5 Chestnut class, they have won the Walk to School Award!

Friday Class Assembly:

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**HALF TERM**

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**Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 12th January 2018**

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

**KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS**
- Laxshan – Oak
- Indyanna – Sycamore
- Ellie-Mae – Maple
- Demi – Hawthorn
- Cayden – Willow
- Humzah – Hawthorn
- Daud - Hazel

**KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS**
- Daniel – Ash
- Henry – Elm
- Imani – Ash
- Harisana – Elder
- Sabreen – Pine
- Jaanav – Rowan
- Kavya - Rowan
**Parent Information Sessions – Spring Term**

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

Where: Holywell conference room
When: Tuesday 9:00am
Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

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**Charter and Star Certificates this week**, congratulations to:

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Children at Holywell Primary School are taking part in BBC Radio 2’s 500 Words competition.

Entries are open NOW until 7pm on Thursday 22nd February.

Who can enter?

There are two age categories. Children aged between 5-9 and 10-13 can enter. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity…like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

How to submit your story at Holywell.

To submit your story, email it to holywell500words@outlook.com and include your name class and age and attach the story as a word document and it will be uploaded online. If your child does not have a computer at home then they will have the opportunity to type up and submit their story at school.

What are the prizes?

If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity. In addition to this, 500 Words 2018’s winners will also get to ride in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang before taking tea on the Thames aboard HM The Queen's row barge - Gloriana! There are also Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes up for grabs in each age group! For more information about prizes and the competition go to the BBC radio 2 500 words website where you can get tips, read more about the prizes and listen to last year’s winning stories!
TERM DATES FOR 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 4th September 2018 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 2nd November 2018

Friday 21st December 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 8th January 2019 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Friday 5th April – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Wednesday 24th April 2019 – first day of term

Monday 6th May 2019 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Friday 19th July 2019 – last day term (school finishes at 1:30pm)
Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday 3rd February – Teacher Recruitment Fair – Parmiter’s School
Monday 5th February – Year 1 Queen Victoria - workshop
Tuesday 6th February – Year 5 – A day in Ancient Greece - workshop
Tuesday 6th February – Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6:00pm
Wednesday 7th February – Year 4 Eco-electricity science workshop
Thursday 8th February – Year 4 Mulberry Swimming
Thursday 8th February – Parents Evening 5:00 to 7:30pm
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February – Half Term
    Monday 19th February – Nursery Ark Farm
    Thursday 22nd February – Year 3 Beech swimming

MARCH 2018

Thursday 1st March – Year 6 Trip to Royal Airforce Museum
    Thursday 1st March – Year 3 Beech swimming
    Thursday 8th March – Year 3 Beech swimming
    Sunday 11th March – Choir to Royal Albert Hall
    Thursday 15th March - Year 2 Willow Farm
    Thursday 15th March – Year 3 Beech swimming
    Tuesday 20th March – Year 3 Natural History Museum
    Thursday 22nd March – Year 1 Frogmore Paper Mill
    Thursday 22nd March – Year 3 Beech swimming
    Friday 23rd March – Year 1 Frogmore Paper Mill
    Tuesday 27th March – Nursery visiting Watford Library
    Wednesday 28th March – Nursery visiting Watford Library
    Wednesday 28th March - Reception Willow Farm
    Thursday 29th March – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

APRIL 2018

Monday 16th April INSET Day – school closed for pupils
    Tuesday 17th April – first day of term
**Attendance**

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 94%.

| Nursery am | 85% | Beech | 93% |
| Blue base | 92% | Pine  | 96% |
| Red base  | 91% | Mulberry | 93% |
| Maple     | 93% | Cedar  | 95% |
| Oak       | 88% | Rowan  | 94% |
| Sycamore  | 89% | Ash    | 92% |
| Hawthorn  | 97% | Elder  | 99% |
| Hazel     | 99% | Chestnut | 95% |
| Willow    | 98% | Birch  | 95% |
| Aspen     | 97% | Elm    | 94% |

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

| Attendance: | Punctuality: |
| KS1 Hazel   | KS1 Oak |
| KS2 Elder   | KS2 Chestnut |

**Dates - Continued**

**MAY 2018**

Monday 7th May – May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9th May – Class Photographs
Monday 14th May – Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 15th May – Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 16th May – Year 6 SATS
Thursday 17th May – Year 6 SATS
Friday 18th May – Year 6 SATS
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – Half Term

**JUNE 2018**

Monday 4th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Tuesday 5th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Wednesday 6th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Thursday 7th June – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 7th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Friday 8th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Thursday 14th June – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 21st June – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 28th June – Year 3 Pine swimming

**JULY 2018**

Thursday 5th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 12th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 19th July – Year 3 Pine swimming

Tuesday 24th July – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)