



# Holywell Primary School

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20 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Staying Safe Talk

Yesterday, the children were very fortunate to hear from Alison Cope about staying safe. Alison, who is an anti-violence campaigner, shared the very emotional story of her son who tragically passed away after an altercation with another person. Alison spoke to children about many issues; about keeping themselves safe, which also included gaming and social media as well as knife crime. Can I please encourage you to keep a very close eye on the games your children play when online and the social media that your children use.

## Walk to School Week

Classes recorded pupil's journeys to school this week linked to walk to school week. Thank you to all who helped encourage pupils to take a different mode of transport instead of their usual car journeys.



## Year 2 SATS

Year 2 have been working hard at their SATS this week and will complete their assessments next week. The children should be proud of what they have achieved already.

## Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight

Some of our Year 6 pupils will be departing to the Isle of Wight on Monday and return to school late on Friday afternoon. We will text the blog link to the Year 6 parents by Monday so they will be able to see the activities their children are doing each day. Those Year 6 pupils who will not be going on the trip will be taking part in various activities throughout the week.



### **Parent Helpers**

I would like to extend a big thank you to all who have volunteered to help us on the recent school trips. Without your help, we would not be able to carry out these trips and make them enjoyable for the children.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

We are really looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an Afternoon Tea on Friday 27th May at 2:00pm.

Please join us for this event where your children will show what they have learnt about the last 7 decades. It would be great if you could provide your child with a small plate of picnic food to share with their class. Could you please bring your fresh food contributions on the morning of the event? We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Earth Day**

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the children will be taking part in Earth Day Workshops. These workshops will be presented by Veolia and will be linked to sustainability with a focus on recycling.

### **House Points**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Brightwell | 198 |
| Ebury      | 185 |
| Cassio     | 172 |
| Vicarage   | 170 |

### **Football Match**

On Wednesday, the U9 football team took on Saffron Green. We had some new players join us for the game who settled right in and played brilliantly alongside the other players. Even though we did not get the result we wanted, all of the boys played with great determination until the final whistle.

Players of the Match - The Whole Team! I honestly could not choose one player who I thought played better; they all did the school proud!



**Miss Whiting**  
**Y3 Rowan/PE Sports Lead**

### **Reception Trip to Cheslyn Gardens**

As part of our topic "Growing" this term, on Wednesday, we visited Cheslyn House and Gardens. The children have learnt about what helps plants to grow and the different parts of the plant. We have also learnt about animals and their life cycles. Whilst on our trip we went for a Spring Scavenger Hunt. We had a great time.



**Mr Szajko**  
**Reception Teacher**

### **Year 3 & Year 4 Watford Heritage Trail Walk**

The children took part in a Watford Heritage Trail this week. As part of the trail, we walked around Watford Town Centre and explored the different human and physical characteristics of the town. Whilst in their groups, each child had a checklist to tick off when they found either a human or a physical characteristic of Watford. They also explored the origin of some of these characteristics.



**Mrs Hussain**  
**Year 4 Mulberry**

Unbelievably, we are going into the last week of the half term. School will be closed for the half term between Monday 30th May and Friday 3rd June 2022. In addition, we also have an Occasional Day on Monday 6th June 2022 linked to the Queens Jubilee festivities. Children will therefore return to school on Tuesday 7th June.

Yours faithfully



**Mr C van Straaten**  
**Headteacher**

| <b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates - 20 May 2022</b> |                                 |                            |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | <b>Star Learner of the Week</b> | <b>Charter Certificate</b> |
| <b>Reception</b>                                     | <b>Abel</b>                     | <b>Amelia</b>              |
| <b>Y1 Sycamore</b>                                   | <b>Joel</b>                     | <b>Aidan</b>               |
| <b>Y2 Hawthorn</b>                                   | <b>Isaiah</b>                   | <b>Owen</b>                |
| <b>Y2 Hazel</b>                                      | <b>Julio</b>                    | <b>Liya</b>                |
| <b>Y3 Rowan</b>                                      | <b>Edi</b>                      | <b>Parmmeet</b>            |
| <b>Y4 Cedar</b>                                      | <b>Taylor</b>                   | <b>Alizah</b>              |
| <b>Y4 Mulberry</b>                                   | <b>Nived</b>                    | <b>Peter</b>               |
| <b>Y5 Chestnut</b>                                   | <b>Amadou</b>                   | <b>Abdullah</b>            |
| <b>Y5 Elder</b>                                      | <b>Hasnain</b>                  | <b>Sofia</b>               |
| <b>Y6 Birch</b>                                      | <b>Adaeze</b>                   | <b>Bartek</b>              |
| <b>Y6 Elm</b>  | <b>Humzah</b>                   | <b>Momna</b>               |

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
SUMMER TERM 2022**

**May**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Monday 23rd May        | Y6 Leave for the Isle of Wight  |
| Monday 23rd May        | Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)  |
| Tuesday 24th May       | Cricket Club (7:50 - 8:50)  |
| Tuesday 24th May       | Y1 & Y2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)                                       |
| Wednesday 25th May     | KS2 Netball Club (3:30 - 4:30)  |
| Thursday 26th May      | Multi Sports Club (7:50 - 8:50)   |
| Thursday 26th May      | Y5 Science Workshop   |
| Thursday 26th May      | Y5 Elder Swimming Lessons   |
| Thursday 26th May      | Y3 & 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)  |
| Friday 27th May        | Y6 Cineworld  |
| Friday 27th May        | Y6 Return from the Isle of Wight  |
| Friday 27th May        | Y6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)  |
| <b>Friday 27th May</b> | <b>Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea (2:00 - 3:00) - On the School Field</b> |

**Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June**      **Half Term - School Finishes @ 3:15pm**

**Monday 6th June**      **Queen's Jubilee Occasional Day - School Closed to Parents & Staff**



# Uniform

Pre Loved SALE

Wednesday 25th May

After School on the main  
Playground

Please donate any old uniform that  
you may have

Friends of Holywell PTA  
find us on Facebook

Dont forget to bring your change



**"My story"** *Sunday 29 May*  
*Festival* *Watford Library*

**10.15am-12.30pm:**

**Trestle Art Family Theatre Show and Junk Nature session**

Children aged 6+ Younger siblings welcome

£5 per child

**1.15-2.00pm: Interactive Family Poetry session**

Children aged 6+ Younger siblings welcome

£3 per child

**2.00-3.30pm: Dreamcatchers session**

£3 per child



Tickets available online and in the library - please book in advance

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Queries to [mystory@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mystory@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



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## Children's Wellbeing Practitioner (CWP) Workshop Dates 2022



Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust's Children's Wellbeing Practitioners offer a range of workshops to educate parents/carers and young people about various mental health and emotional wellbeing topics and equip them with strategies to implement at home to aid in the management of these issues.

Information about each workshop is outlined on our Eventbrite page.

To book and for more information please visit the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-service-hertfordshire-33494371787>

*Please note – you only need to register for one ticket, even if multiple people in your household are attending. If you can no longer attend, please cancel your registration to allow others to.*



| Workshop                                    | May                          | June                         | July                          | August                            | September                          | October                         | November                          | December                         |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sleep Workshop (Child)                      | 10 <sup>th</sup> May<br>10am | 9 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10am | 12 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10am | 11 <sup>th</sup> August<br>6pm    | 13 <sup>th</sup> September<br>10am | 13 <sup>th</sup> October<br>6pm | 8 <sup>th</sup> November<br>10am  | 8 <sup>th</sup> December<br>6pm  |
| Sleep Workshop (Adolescent)                 |                              | 14 <sup>th</sup> June<br>6pm | 12 <sup>th</sup> July<br>6pm  | 9 <sup>th</sup> August<br>12noon  |                                    | 6 <sup>th</sup> October<br>6pm  |                                   | 6 <sup>th</sup> December<br>6pm  |
| Emotional Regulation/Wellbeing (Child)      | 11 <sup>th</sup> May<br>10am | 8 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10am | 13 <sup>th</sup> July<br>6pm  | 10 <sup>th</sup> August<br>10am   | 14 <sup>th</sup> September<br>10am | 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>6pm | 9 <sup>th</sup> November<br>10am  | 14 <sup>th</sup> December<br>6pm |
| Emotional Regulation/Wellbeing (Adolescent) |                              | 8 <sup>th</sup> June<br>6pm  |                               | 17 <sup>th</sup> August<br>12noon | 21 <sup>st</sup> September<br>6pm  |                                 | 16 <sup>th</sup> November<br>6pm  |                                  |
| Self-esteem (Child)                         | 26 <sup>th</sup> May<br>10am | 28 <sup>th</sup> June<br>6pm | 28 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10am | 23 <sup>rd</sup> August<br>6pm    | 29 <sup>th</sup> September<br>10am | 25 <sup>th</sup> October<br>6pm | 24 <sup>th</sup> November<br>10am |                                  |
| Self-esteem (Adolescent)                    | 25 <sup>th</sup> May<br>6pm  |                              | 27 <sup>th</sup> July<br>11am |                                   | 28 <sup>th</sup> September<br>6pm  |                                 | 30 <sup>th</sup> November<br>6pm  |                                  |
| Exam Stress                                 | 12 <sup>th</sup> May<br>6pm  |                              |                               |                                   |                                    |                                 |                                   |                                  |
|   | 24 <sup>th</sup> May<br>10am |                              |                               |                                   |                                    |                                 |                                   |                                  |
| School Transitions                          |                              |                              | 14 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10am | 4 <sup>th</sup> August<br>10am    | 1 <sup>st</sup> September<br>10am  |                                 |                                   |                                  |
|   |                              |                              | 28 <sup>th</sup> July<br>6pm  | 18 <sup>th</sup> August<br>6pm    | 8 <sup>th</sup> September<br>6pm   |                                 |                                   |                                  |

