



Holywell Primary School

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Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Seasons Greetings

In the last week of term a lot of festivities have taken place. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and teachers who made these opportunities available to the children. The costumes that parents provided looked really good and everyone has worked really hard to make these special events possible.



I would like wish everyone "Seasons Greetings" and a restful holiday



Nursery closes today at midday and the rest of the school finishes at 1:30pm. We re-open for all pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Nursery Open Day

We will be holding two Open Days in January for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that are due to start Nursery in September 2020.

The first is on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 9:30 am and the second on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 2:00 pm.

The nursery allocation process is co-ordinated and administered by the school. The online application process is now open via the school website. Please contact the school office if you would like any additional information.



Clubs

We would like to remind parents that clubs restart on Monday 13th January 2020. There are still places available for morning and afternoon clubs, please sign up using the School Money system.

Reception Health Screening



A reminder to parents of pupils in Reception, the School Nurse will be in on Thursday 9th January 2020 to complete the Health Screening Checks.

Christmas Dinner

If your child had a school dinner on Wednesday they will be able to testify that we all had a great day. Thank you to all the staff who assisted in serving the children and also the kitchen staff, they were very busy with the preparation and delivered a very tasty meal.



Christmas Fete



I would like to thank parents again for their generous donations to the Christmas Fete. There was a good turnout of parents and children who attended the event. We raised £702.00 that we will add to the school funds. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs McLaughlin for her organisation of the event and all the staff who helped in getting ready and delivering the event. I would also like to thank our Year 6 helpers who assisted - they were amazing!





We have a vacancy in our School Kitchen for a part-time General Catering Assistant to start in January. If you are interested in applying or require further information, please collect an application pack from the school office or apply on line at - www.teachinherts.com

Reception Class 2020

The on-line application system for Reception – September 2020 is now open and closes on Friday 15th January 2020. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 that they must apply for a place in a Reception class, starting September 2020.

Nursery parents are reminded that pupils do not automatically transfer into Reception and they need to apply for a place.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the application from Hertfordshire County Council - Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Times tables sponsorship winners!!



As part of the times tables challenge, children raised £65.00 as sponsorship from their families and friends. Cedar and Chestnut classes contributed the maximum amount collected and have won the competition.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December 2019

Thank you again for all your donations. We raised a total of £261.58 which we have donated to Save the Children



Chair of Governors

Mr Irvin Needle has stood down as Chair of Governors after many years' service. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to Holywell Primary School.



SPANISH CERTIFICATE

December 2019

Sycamore	Aaron	Naomi
Maple	Harry	Lily-Rae
Hawthorn	Ritesh	Simela
Hazel	Iniyah	Kaleem
Pine	Jaiyeoni	Kayla
Aspen	Stefan	Amelia
Mulberry	Tiana	Liam
Cedar	Murphy	Adn
Chestnut	Segal	Yaavarthan
Elder	Timothy	Charity
Elm	Shlok	Shobah
Rowan	Yasir	Ciara
Birch	Wiyam	Ishmeet

SPIRIT TO SUCCEED MEDAL

DECEMBER 2019

Blue	Alexia	Mathieu
Red	Cornel	Maryam
Sycamore	Naomi	Idil
Maple	Mikayla	Noah
Hawthorn	Kashvee	Nived
Hazel	Liban	Tyson
Pine	Harley	Maddison
Aspen	Stefan	Elif
Mulberry	Sara	Michael
Cedar	Raisa	Haris
Chestnut	Bright	Ocean
Elder	Rajak	Amina
Elm	Liliana	Dennis
Rowan	Kai	Jale
Birch	Nathan	Idhla



PE CERTIFICATES

December 2019

	STAR	CHARTER
Sycamore	Sofia	Cristiano
Maple	Luca	Sathiya
Hawthorn	Aliyah	David
Hazel	Peter	Rebeka
Pine	Samuel	Summer
Aspen	Kevin	Esmay
Mulberry	Tiana	Liam
Cedar	Luigi	Megan
Chestnut	Rajab	Ada
Elder	Rajak	Amina
Elm	Dennis	Anjali
Rowan	Luke	Natasha
Birch	Nycolas	Leighton



Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER 2019

Friday 20th December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020 – Christmas break

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 – INSET Day, school closed for pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – First day back of Spring Term

ENRICHMENT DAYS

Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class: 9/12/19 to 13/12/19

Nursery	83%	Pine	94%
Blue	97%	Mulberry	97%
Red	90%	Cedar	93%
Maple	99%	Chestnut	93%
Sycamore	89%	Elder	94%
Hawthorn	95%	Birch	87%
Hazel	88%	Elm	95%
Aspen	98%	Rowan	94%

Attendance and Punctuality

Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Maple	KS1: Maple
KS2: Aspen	KS2: Aspen

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is

94.4%