



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 20th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Meals

We would like to remind parents that we took over the catering for the school a year ago. Our meals are prepared and cooked on site using fresh ingredients and we offer children a variety of choices each day.

On a daily basis we offer children a choice of 3 hot meals; meat, vegetarian or halal. If these choices are not suitable then they can also choose a jacket potato with filling. In addition to our wide variety of choices we also offer a healthy salad bar and dessert.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. If you are also entitled to Free School Meals we would like to encourage you to register even though you get a meal under the UFSM scheme. This allows the school to claim extra funding linked to your child that can be used on additional resources. Please register at:

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals>

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher session on Thursday afternoon. The Year Group booklets have been forwarded to you by email this morning and can also be accessed from our school website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/year-group-booklets/>

Parents are able to view their child's curriculum overview via this link

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>

Please give us your thoughts on last night's Meet the Teacher session here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YSVF3JY>

Wrap Around Care/30 hours – Nursery

Parents in Nursery are reminded that we offer 30 hours Free Childcare and Wrap Around care. This means that parents who are eligible may leave their children in Nursery from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm

Please see attached information sheet:

“Does my child qualify for 30 hours Free Childcare?”

Parents who want to access the Wrap Around Care, where parents pay for additional sessions of Nursery, should speak to the Nursery staff or the School Office.

PTA Donation

We have gratefully received a donation of £2500 from our PTA. The money is to be used improving the appearance of our picnic benches. Thank you to Michaela and her team of volunteers for all their hard work and thank you also to all parents who support our PTA.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival collection officially ends today but we have decided to extend this to Monday 23rd September 2019. Unfortunately after that date we are unable to accept donations after this time.



We are collecting in aid of Watford Food Bank who help over 4,000 families in the Watford area each year by supplying them with a 3 day emergency food parcel. Ideally we are asking for food from the shopping list below, however any food cupboard staples are very much appreciated.

Watford Food Bank Shopping List

- SOUP ALL VARIETIES
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- MASHED POTATO
- INDIVIDUAL SPONGE PUDDINGS
- SMALL PACKETS OF TEA
- LONG LIFE MILK
- CARTONS OF JUICE
- TINNED MEAT OR FISH

Please do not bring in anything with a short shelf life or that is out of date, these items cannot be given to those who need the food supply. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4 Trip to Cassiobury Park

We are looking forward to receiving feedback from our Year 4 pupils and teachers who will be going on a trip to Cassiobury Park on Tuesday 24th September 2019.

SEN questionnaire

If your child is receiving extra support because they have a Special Educational need then we would like to hear from you. Last summer we invited parents to tell us about their experience of this in school. Even though we had many responses we want to hear from more/all parents who this pertains to. Please complete the SEN Survey if you have not done so already. Click in the link to do so.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZJKG8LG>



This Sunday 22nd September 2019, to celebrate the start of the UCI World Championships, we are holding a Go Ride Racing event at Watford Cycle Hub, King George Vth Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane, WD18 9QD.

Registration starts at 12:30 with racing taking place from 13:00 to 15:00 and the cost is £2 payable at registration on the day.

Go-Ride racing is a fun way to try cycle sport. If you're a novice cyclist or if you've never raced before come along and have a go! Races open to riders aged 6 to 16 years old.

Please use the link below to pre book a place:

<https://watfordcyclehub.org.uk/events/go-ride-racing-weekender-at-watford/>

Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 27th September	Year 6 Birch	Harvest Assembly
Friday 4th October	Year 5 Chestnut	Black History
Friday 11th October	Year 5 Elder	6R Reflection
Friday 18th October	Year 4 Mulberry	Anti-Slavery Day
Friday 25th October	Year 4 Cedar	Diwali
Friday 8th November	Year 3 Pine	Bon Fire Night
Friday 15th November	Year 3 Aspen	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 22nd November	Year 2 Hawthorn	Road Safety
Friday 29th November	Year 2 Hazel	St Andrew
Friday 6th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	Cayden	Megan
Red Base	Amelia	Bilal	Cedar	Aahana	Lorenzo
Sycamore	Arash	Radhiya	Chestnut	Ayodeji	Tejaswimi
Maple	-	-	Elder	Cameron	Diana
Hawthorn	Kimberley	Roberto	Elm	Shobah	Jermain
Hazel	Peter	Rebeka	Rowan	Haashim	Jale
Pine	Hasnain	J-J	Birch	Meher	Kavya
Aspen	Soha	Amadou			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	68%	Pine	92%
Blue Base	96%	Mulberry	97%
Red Base	99%	Cedar	94%
Maple	97%	Chestnut	93%
Sycamore	92%	Elder	94%
Hawthorn	98%	Birch	93%
Hazel	98%	Elm	96%
Aspen	98%	Rowan	96%

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is:

93.4 %

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Red Base	KS1: Maple
KS2 : Aspen	KS2: Pine, Elm

Bank Holiday – change of date

Please note a small change to the term dates for 2019/2020. As a result of the national announcement about VE Day, the Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday to Friday

: The new Bank Holiday date is **Friday 8th May 2020**





Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER 2019

Tuesday 24th September 2019 – Year 4 Trip to Cassiobury Park

Wednesday 25th September 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 26th September 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Thursday 26th September 2019 - Rocksteady

OCTOBER 2019

Tuesday 1st October 2019 – Wizard Theatre starts

Tuesday 1st October 2019 - Black History Month – Bigfoot Theatre

Tuesday 1st October 2019 – Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket at Queens School

Wednesday 2nd October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 3rd October 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Thursday 3rd October 2019 – Year 6 Health Screening

Thursday 3rd October 2019 - Rocksteady

Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Wizard Theatre

Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Year 3 Celtic Hearts Workshop – Irish Dancing

Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Year 6 Basketball at Queens School

Wednesday 9th October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 10th October 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Wizard Theatre

Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Year 5 Cross Country at Queens School

Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Year 1 trip to London Museum

Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 17th October 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Thursday 17th October 2019 - Rocksteady

Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019 – Festival of Learning week

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – Wizard Theatre

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 24th October 2019 - Rocksteady

Thursday 24th October 2019 – Parents Evening 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Monday 28th October 2019 - Friday 1st November 2019 – Half term

Thursday 31st October 2019 – Secondary School Applications for September 2020 – Close

NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 – Year 1 Assessments start

Monday 4th November 2019 – Reception Applications for September 2020 open

Monday 4th November 2019 – Poppy appeal starts

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre Pantomime

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Governors Meeting – 6:30pm

Wednesday 6th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2

Thursday 7th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2

Thursday 7th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 7th November 2019 - Rocksteady

Monday 11th November 2019 – Whole School Assessment Week

Monday 11th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

NOVEMBER 2019 continued:

Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Year 6 Hockey at Queens School
Wednesday 13th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2
Thursday 14th November 2019 – School Photographer - Individual and family photographs
Thursday 14th November 2019 - Rocksteady
Thursday 14th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – School Nurse to meet Year 6 and complete online questionnaires
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Year 4 Speed Stacking at Queens School
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 9:15am – to be confirmed
Thursday 21st November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 21st November 2019 - Rocksteady
Wednesday 27th November 2019 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Sweets
Friday 29th November 2019 – Christmas Decoration Day

DECEMBER 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm – to be confirmed
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Chocolate and drinks bottles
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 12th December 2019 - Rocksteady
Friday 13th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30pm to 5:00 pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15am
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Presentation Assembly
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 10:00am
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 2 parents - 2:00pm
Friday 20th December 2019 – Nursery AM only. Closes at 12:00 midday
Friday 20th December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020 – Christmas break

ENRICHMENT DAYS:

Friday 13th September 2019 – Roald Dahl Day
Friday 20th September 2019 - Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 20th September 2019 - International Day of Peace (21st September 2019)
Thursday 26th September 2019 – European Languages Day
Tuesday 1st October 2019 – Black History Month starts
Wednesday 2nd October 2019 – Walk to School Day
Friday 4th October 2019 – World Space Week begins
Monday 7th October 2019 - National Braille Week
Thursday 10th October 2019 – World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 16th October 2019 – World Food Day
Friday 18th October 2019 – Anti Slavery Day
Sunday 27th October 2019 – Diwali
Thursday 31st October 2019 – Halloween
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Bonfire Night
Sunday 10th November 2019 – World Science Day
Monday 11th November 2019 – Remembrance Day
Monday 11th November 2019 – Anti Bullying Week
Monday 18th November 2019 – Road safety Week
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Universal Children’s Days – UN
Saturday 30th November 2019 – St Andrews Day
Monday 2nd December 2019 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Human Rights Day
Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah



Does my child qualify for 30 hours Free Childcare?

A child qualifies for free additional childcare (i.e. additional 15 hours)

If they are resident in England and under compulsory school age:

Both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns, on average:

A weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW); and less than £100,000 per year.

Parent means a person who has parental responsibility for the child or care of the child. In cases where a parent has remarried or is living with a partner, the step-parent or partner must also meet the earnings threshold.

Working included employed persons, self-employed persons and parents on zero hours contracts who meet the criteria.

Families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will not usually be eligible for the extended entitlement. However the extended entitlement will be available where:

- Both parents are employed but one (or both parents) is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity leave;
- Both parents are employed but one (or both parents) is temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave;
- Both parents are employed but one (or both parents) is temporarily away from the workplace on the statutory sick pay;
- One parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring; or
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

The above information is taken from Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities – March 2016.

Where can I get more help and information?

Customer Service Centre

@ contact@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 @ www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
 ☎ 0300 123 4043

Admissions and Transport Team

@ transfer.admissions@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 @ www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Opening hours:

8am to 8pm Monday to Friday
 9am to 4pm on Saturdays

If you do not have internet access you can request a paper application form, information about the secondary transfer process and local schools by calling the Customer Service Centre. The advisers have information on many subjects. They can also refer you to the Admissions and Transport officers who have detailed local knowledge.

If you need help to understand this information, please call 0300 123 4043.

An interpreting service is available for those who need it.

Arabic

أنا كنت في حاجة للمساعدة كي أفهم هذه المعلومات، فليجاء إلى الاتصال على رقم 0300 123 4043. تتوفر خدمة الترجمة الفورية لمن يحتاجونها.

Portuguese

Se precisar de ajuda para entender estas informações, contacte o centro de atendimento ao cliente através do número 0300 123 4043. Está disponível um serviço de interpretação para quem precisar.

Bengali

এই তথ্য বুঝতে আপনাকে সাহায্যকার প্রয়োজন হলে অনুগ্রহ করে 0300 123 4043 নম্বরে (সোণারাগা) কল করুন।
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Chinese (Traditional)

如果您在理解這則資訊上需要幫助，請聯絡客戶服務中心，電話：0300 123 4043。
 我們可為有需要的人提供口譯服務。

Italian

Se avete bisogno di assistenza per comprendere quanto indicato, vi preghiamo di telefonare allo 0300 123 4043. Un servizio di interpretariato è disponibile su richiesta.

Polish

Aby uzyskać pomoc w zakresie zrozumienia tych informacji, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 0300 123 4043. Pomoc tłumacza usznego jest dostępna dla osób wymagających takiej usługi.

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Secondary Transfer 2020

A guide for parents and carers of children applying to secondary or upper schools for 2020

This leaflet explains how to apply for a secondary school place for children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 and upper schools for children born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007.

All of the information you need is available on our website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

The website has full details about the application process and a school directory providing information about secondary and upper schools in Hertfordshire.

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

What happens when?

2 September 2019	Online application system opens
September and October	Secondary and upper schools hold their open events (Details available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory)
31 October 2019	Deadline for applications
4 December 2019	Last date to:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit reasons for making a late application and for that application to be considered 'on time'. Notify us of a change of address and for that address to be taken into account for allocation day.
	Please refer to the online admission pages for more detail about these processes.
31 January 2020	Last date to make a late application to be considered for allocation day.
2 March 2020	Allocation Day. School places are offered.

You should visit the website to view admissions information and apply online because:

- It is quick, easy to use and secure
- You will receive immediate confirmation that your application has been received and you can view it at any time.
- You can change your application at any time up to the closing date.
- You can accept the school place offered online.

If you do not have internet access at home you can apply online from any Hertfordshire library.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2019.

Apply online at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Application deadline 31 October 2019

Hertfordshire



How are places offered?

Hertfordshire County Council coordinates admissions to all maintained schools and academies in Hertfordshire. If you live in Hertfordshire your application for secondary or upper schools, including any schools outside Hertfordshire, should be made online.

Many schools have more applications than there are places available. When schools are oversubscribed a set of admission criteria (rules) are used by the school's admitting authority to decide which children should be offered places. Different schools have different admission rules so it is important that you check the admission arrangements for all the schools you are interested in.

The admission authority for foundation, voluntary aided schools and academies is the governing body or academy trust.

What do I have to do?

1. You should choose up to four schools and rank them in order of preference

To help you make this decision you can:

- Find schools in your area by looking at the school directory online
- You can also find schools which are close to your home address using the "Find Your Nearest School" facility at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
- Read the admission rules for schools you are interested in and consider whether your child would be offered a place.

- Arrange to visit schools. A leaflet giving dates of open events was distributed to all pupils in July 2019. Information is also available online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory
- Consider the home to school transport policy and whether your child will qualify for free transport to any of the schools you list on your

The admission authority for community and voluntary controlled schools is the local authority in which the school is located. The admission authority for Hertfordshire community schools is Hertfordshire County Council.

The admission rules for all schools in Hertfordshire can be found in the online school directory at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory or obtained from the schools direct. You need to read the full arrangements for the schools you are interested in to get the complete picture.

Information about schools outside Hertfordshire can be found on the relevant local authority website. Website and contact details for our neighbouring local authorities are available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

application form. The transport policy is available at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport

- Consider other sources of information, e.g. the school prospectus or Ofsted reports.

2. You must make an application by 31 October 2019

You should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If you are applying to a foundation, voluntary aided school or academy, check the online directory or contact the school to see if you need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF). SIFs are used by some schools to obtain the additional information needed to apply their own admission rules correctly, for example faith schools may ask for evidence of religious attendance or faith membership.

What happens next?

3. We will offer your child a school place on 2 March 2020

Online applicants will receive an allocation email on 2 March 2020. This is the easiest way to obtain your school allocation. Individual allocation emails will be sent before parents can access the online allocation system on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Online applicants will be able to view their school offer online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions after allocation emails have been sent on 2 March 2020.

Parents/carers will **only** be sent an allocation letter by first-class post on 2 March if they applied on a paper form.

If your child qualified for more than one school, you will be offered the highest ranked school at which your child qualified for a place.

Home to School Transport

Very few children are entitled to home to school transport and you should ensure your child has a reliable method of travelling to the schools you list on your application form. The county council's full home to school transport policy and other guidance on home school transport is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport

School travel website

If you would like to know the nearest schools to your address for home to school transport purposes, visit the travel website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport

If your child did not qualify for any of the schools you ranked, we will usually offer a place at the nearest school to your home address with places still remaining (this only applies to Hertfordshire residents). This could be a school outside Hertfordshire.

4. What can you do if you are not happy with the school you have been offered?

Full details and guidance will be available on allocation day at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and in the "What Can You Do Now?" leaflet.

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



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