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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 21st July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

2016 – 2017 Governors' Report

The Governors' Report to parents highlights the strengths and areas for development from 2016 - 2017. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication over the last year and also thank parents for their ongoing support. The school is going from strength to strength. Staffing is stable and progress and attainment results for all pupils in the school are improving. We are fully staffed for September, which is an achievement in itself, considering many schools still have vacancies.

The end of the year is always a time to say goodbye to some members of staff who will be leaving us.

A huge Holywell thank you is going out to Mrs Beale who is leaving us to take up her first Headship. Mrs Beale started at Holywell with me in September 2014 and has made an amazing impact on everyone in the Holywell community. Her relentless drive to improve outcomes for pupils at Holywell Primary School on every possible level has made her an outstanding Deputy Headteacher and I know it will make her an outstanding Headteacher. Mrs Beale will be greatly missed by everyone and we wish her all the best with her new Headship.

We are also saying goodbye to other members of staff. Miss Fisher, who joined us in February, is moving on to pastures new. Mr Amoaka is leaving to take up a part time position in another Hertfordshire school. Miss Norton, who covered the maternity leave for Cedar class, and Mr Earnshaw, who will be taking up a position in a neighbouring local authority. A huge thank you to all these members of staff for their time, effort and commitment and we wish them all the best with their new career opportunities.

Summer Break

Staff will be returning to school on Thursday 31st August 2017 and pupils will return to school on Monday 4th September 2017.

Parking

Again, I have been made aware by local residents, and most recently a parent, that Holywell parents are parking across our neighbours' driveways. This is a continual issue that does not reflect well on the school and our parents. Can I please urge all parents to be considerate when parking and dropping off or picking up their children. Remember that there is parking available in King George V playing fields.

The last few weeks have been very busy and lots happened in school.



Moving Up Day

Moving Up Day was a huge success and pupils were given the opportunity to meet their new class mates and Class Teachers. Transition to a new class can be a worrying time for some children and therefore we have made special arrangements for pupils to ensure that the process is not too stressful for them.

Community Day

The Community Day organised by Mrs Beale took place last week and was a great success. Over 500 children and adults took part on the day and it ran like clock-work. Regardless of the weather which forced us to have it inside, all staff had hands on deck and contributed to the smooth running of the day. During the day staff organised everything and this could not be done without them. Thank you to all parents for their food contributions.

Year 6

The Year 6 children have had a busy week, starting with the Prom and then their School Play and Leavers Assembly this morning. We wish them all the best and good luck for their future.

Nursery Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who visited the Nursery Graduation Assemblies. Your support is appreciated.

Music

Music in the school has certainly developed over the last two years. I think parents who attended the Voices performance, Summer Concert, Drumming and Ukulele performance will agree that the level of performances and skills of the children has risen on each occasion. Thank you to Miss Batliwala, who leads the school for music and is driving these initiatives. Thank you also to all staff for their determination in teaching pupils. Next year we hope to offer music tuition to pupils and a letter will go out early in the next year about this.

School Uniform

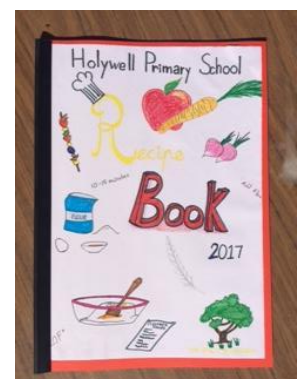
We will be opening the school uniform shop on Friday 1st September 2017 between 10:00 and 12:00 midday. You may purchase uniform at that time or order and pay online and collect it.

Community Day

At our 'Community Day' we sold Holywell Primary School Recipe Books filled with fantastic recipes made throughout the year by all the children. I am delighted to announce that selling these books has raised a total of £94.00 all of which will be donated to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity! Thank you to all who donated to such a fantastic cause!

Teddy Toddle – Watford Mencap

On Friday 7th July 2017 Nursery and Reception classes took part in a sponsored Teddy Toddle at King George V playing fields. Thank you to everyone who took part in the toddle and to everyone who sponsored the children. We raised £115.00 in sponsorship money which we are donating to Watford Mencap.



We wish all our children and families a very happy, restful and safe summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing you Monday 4th September 2017

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
Red Base	Tanmeet	Karra	Aspen	Lilly-May	Benjamin
Green Base	Roberta	Summer	Pine	Caius	Chloe
Blue Base	Daniel	Matei	Mulberry	Ayman	Anton
Sycamore	Bentley	Patrycja	Rowan	Tadhg	Imarath
Maple	Wally	Temilola	Cedar	Mudan	Timmy
Oak	Haashir	Ibrahim	Ash	Ethan	Oshana
Hawthorn	Robina	Diana	Elder	Eduarda	Dion
Hazel	Oliver	Sean	Birch	Ayomide	Crystal
Willow	Maya	Sabreen	Elm	Teodor	Taaliah
Beech	Jermaine	Eliza			



Dates for your diary

JULY 2017

Monday 17th July – Nursery AM Assembly in morning

Monday 17th July – Nursery PM Assembly in afternoon

Tuesday 18th July – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 1 classes

Wednesday 19th July – am Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 classes

Wednesday 19th July – 6:30 pm Year 6 Performance to parents

Thursday 20th July – 2:00 pm Year 6 Performance to parents

Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st July – Nursery PM to join Nursery AM.

No Nursery in afternoon. Closes at midday

Friday 21st July – School closes at 1:30 pm for Summer Break

Enrichment Days

Sunday 23rd July – Birthday of Haile Selassie

PTA Events

Friday 7th July – Year 6 Prom

Wednesday 12th July – To be confirmed – Reception Classes only – cake decorating

Thursday 13th July – End of Year School Disco

Attendance

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

Nursery am	85%	Aspen	92%
Nursery pm	87%	Beech	94%
Blue base	95%	Pine	93%
Green base	91%	Mulberry	96%
Red base	96%	Cedar	91%
Maple	94%	Rowan	95%
Oak	94%	Ash	93%
Sycamore	98%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	98%	Birch	92%
Hazel	97%	Elm	98%
Willow	96%		

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Green Base	KS1 Hawthorn
KS2 Mulberry	KS2 Mulberry



Watford Cycle Hub

The Pavilion Holywell Community Centre,
King George V Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane, WD18 9QD
Tel: 01923 223 994 **Mob:** 07818 047 838



Aged 6 – 16 and like riding your bike? Check out what's happening this summer

Friday 21st July - Go Ride at WCH - 6 to 7:30pm

Friday 28th July - Go-Ride at WCH - 6 to 7:30pm

Friday 4th August - Go-Ride at WCH - 6pm to 7.30pm

Sunday 6th August - Go-Ride Racing Event at WCH - 11am to 3pm

Tuesday 8th August Go Ride Event at Dacorum as part of Tour of Britain Launch

11am to 2pm

Friday 11th August - **No Go-ride at WCH**

Friday 18th August- WCH Go-Ride Social Ride for all families - 6 to 7:30pm

Friday 25th August-WCH - Go-ride session at Dacorum Cycle Hub – 11am to 2pm

Saturday 16th September - Go-Ride Racing at BRE's Open Day - times tbc

Book online www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk

For more details drop into Watford Cycle Hub or contact Fiona

email: go-ride@watfordcyclehub.org.uk

tel: 01923-223-994 / 07847-172-279

Adults and families want to cycle as part of a group?

check out <https://www.letsride.co.uk/>





What has Horrid Henry been up to in the sunshine?
You decide! Adults and children create a comic together to take home.
Age 5 to 11

Watford Central Library, CreatorSpace

Monday 7 August 2.00 - 3.30 Thursday 24 August 10.30 - 12.00

Tickets £2 per child (children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets available online www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraryeventtickets
and at the library

Further details 0300 123 4049
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Thursday 31st August 2017 & Friday 1st September 2017 INSET Days – school closed for pupils

Monday 4th September 2017 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

Friday 24th November 2017 Occasional Day – school closed

Tuesday 19th December 2017 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 Occasional Day – school closed

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2018 INSET Days – school closed for pupils

Monday 8th January 2018 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 17th April 2018 – first day of term

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)