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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 21st September 2018

Forum

On Tuesday morning we held our first parent forum. This was for parents of children in Nursery and Reception. We covered topics including how parents can support their child and how to know if their child is in line with other pupils or where they should be. We hope to get the Children's Centre in to come and speak to parents and also organise some parent workshops on various topics for EYFS. This Tuesday we will focus on Year 1 parents so please come along and talk to us about your child and the school.

WhatsApp

This week we met with parents of children in Year 6 who have been using WhatsApp. We would like to remind all parents that WhatsApp is considered social media. The age restriction for use of WhatsApp is 12+. Even though some parents might allow their children to use applications such as WhatsApp, they must know they have a duty to monitor their children's use. Keeping safe online and not leaving inappropriate messages needs to be closely monitored by parents. We will also be learning about Internet safety and correct use of social media with pupils especially in Year 5 and Year 6.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be collecting donations for Watford Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival celebration. Every year, Watford Food Bank helps over 4,000 families in the Watford area by supplying them with a 3 day emergency food parcel. We are asking children to bring in an item for the Harvest table on Friday 28th September 2018, ideally 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Please do not bring in anything with a short shelf life or that is out of date, these items cannot be given to those who need the food supply.

Governors

Currently we have 2 Parent Governor vacancies that we would like to fill. If you are interested in taking up the post of Parent Governor I am more than happy to meet you to discuss the time commitment and other responsibilities that the role involves. I know Irvin Needle, Chair of Governors, is more than willing to meet any interested parents. Please see me in the playground or let the office know if you are interested and we will contact you to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Isle of Wight – Year 6

The letter with information about the Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight in July went out last week. If you require further information please talk to your child's class teacher. Places on this trip are limited, so please ensure we have received your deposit before next Friday 28th September 2018.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 14th September 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Poppy - Maple	Maher - Ash
Kevin - Hawthorn	Anjali - Elder
Harvey - Sycamore	Humzah - Pine
Azlan - Hazel	Lenny - Cedar
Amber - Hazel	Franklyn - Beech
Rayan - Sycamore	Rita - Ash
Madeline - Hawthorn	Enxhi - Chestnut

Parent Forum - Information Sessions/Coffee Morning

For this half term the coffee mornings will run slightly differently. Coffee morning takes place on Tuesday from 9:00am to 10:00am. Following this Sam Ward our Parent Support Worker will be available to see individual parents about matters relating to school, parenting, housing and many other things. Sam has expertise in many areas and if she is unable to help she will know who can.

We hope to run the coffee mornings in the way of a parent forum and I will also attend. During the sessions we hope to talk you about matters relating to school this year and there will also be an opportunity for parents to raise any topic they feel appropriate. As always if you have any issues that you feel need addressing do not wait for your forum, take the opportunity to see your child's teacher or one of the leadership team members.

Tuesday 18th September 2018 – Early Year (Nursery/Reception parents)

Tuesday 25th September 2018 – Year 1

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 – Year 2

Tuesday 9th October 2018 – Year 3

Tuesday 16th October 2018 – Year 4

Tuesday 23rd October 2018 – Year 5

Tuesday 6th November 2018 – Year 6

Class Assembly Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 28th September 2018	Ash	Respecting our differences - 26th September 2018 - European Languages day
Friday 5th October 2018	Elder	Black History
Friday 12th October 2018	Chestnut	Walk to school day (Healthy Living)
Friday 19th October 2018	Cedar	Respecting - being thankful
Half Term		
Friday 26th October 2018	Mulberry	Diwali
Friday 9th November 2018	Beech	Remembrance Day
Friday 16th November 2018	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23rd November 2018	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30th November 2018	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7th December 2018	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14th December 2018	Maple	Hanukkah

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for
this academic year is 94.8%

Nursery am	96%	Pine	97.5%
Blue base	95.7%	Mulberry	95.3%
Red base	97.7%	Cedar	93.7%
Maple	91.7%	Ash	95.2%
Sycamore	98.3%	Elder	94.8%
Hawthorn	95.4%	Chestnut	94.6%
Hazel	95.8%	Birch	97.9%
Aspen	97.1%	Elm	97.9%
Beech	98.2%	Rowan	96.7%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality,
best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Sycamore	KS1 Hazel
KS2 Beech	KS2 Ash, Beech

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	Bright	Diana
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Leo	Mahi
Sycamore	Robert	Ara	Elder	Anjali	Ciara
Maple	<u>Ushahan</u>	Amina	Ash	Tiara	Gabby
Hawthorn	<u>Timotei</u>	KJ	Chestnut	<u>Thabu</u>	<u>Kaiyah</u>
Hazel	<u>Azlan</u>	Selena	Rowan	Rodrigo	Lisa
Pine	Liam	Sara S	Elm	Beatrice	Samuel
Beech	Luigi	Franklyn	Birch	Gail	Stefan
Aspen	Michael	<u>Patrycja</u>			



Dates for your Diary

September 2018

Monday 24th September 2018 - First day for Harvest collection
Thursday 27th September 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Friday 28th September 2018 – Last day for Harvest collection

October 2018

Thursday 4th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Monday 8th October 2018 – Warburton Bakery in to visit Year 3
Monday 8th October 2018 – Year 6 Health Screening
Tuesday 9th October 2018 – Warburton's in to visit Year 3
Wednesday 10th October 2018 – Warburton Bakery in to visit Year 3
Thursday 11th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Tuesday 16th October 2018 – Friday 19th October 2018 – Black History month – Bigfoot Theatre
Thursday 18th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Monday 22nd October 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018 – Festival of Learning week
Tuesday 23rd October 2018 (15:30 – 18:00) – Parents Evening
Thursday 25th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Thursday 25th October 2018 (17:00 – 19:30) – Parents Evening
Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 2nd November 2018 – Half term
Wednesday 31st October 2018 – Secondary school applications for September 2019 – Close

November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018 – Reception Class applications for September 2019 - Open
Monday 5th November 2018 – Start of Poppy Appeal
Tuesday 6th November 2018 – Wizard Theatre
Wednesday 7th November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park
Thursday 8th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Monday 12th November 2018 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 5
Monday 12th November 2018 to Friday 16th November 2018 – Whole school Assessment Week
Thursday 15th November 2018 – School Photographer – Individual and family photos
Thursday 15th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Monday 19th November 2018 – Year 1 Assessments continue
Tuesday 20th November 2018 – Year 3 Verulamium Museum
Wednesday 21st November 2018 – Reception Open Day – 9:15a.m
Thursday 22nd November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 29th November 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in bottles and jars
Thursday 29th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 30th November 2018 – Christmas Decoration Day

December 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm
Thursday 6th December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and 'nearly new'
Thursday 6th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 13th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 14th December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents - 10:00am
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Friday 21st December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 21st December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm