

Holywell Primary School

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21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Assessments

This week Year 2 completed their assessments. Well done to all for showing such great resilience while completing the tasks. The children have been very diligent in their approach and completed their papers with the utmost resilience.

We would like to remind parents of the dates of the forthcoming assessments –

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Whole school assessment

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Phonics testing Year 1 and Year 2

Athlete Visit – Tuesday 18th May 2021

The children had a fantastic opportunity last Tuesday, when they met Mr Ryan Scott. Ryan is a Commonwealth Games gold medallist in the 4 x 100m relay. He worked with each class on their fitness and he certainly put them through their paces!

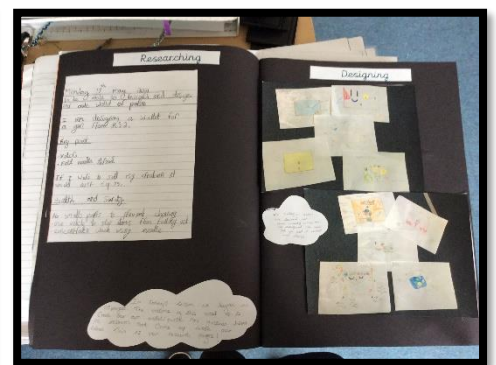


This was a fundraising event which allows us to fundraise for some new outdoor sports equipment and an athletics track. You still have time to make a donation/sponsorship, if you have not already done so.

<https://fundraise.teamsuperschools.co.uk/events/hollywell-primary-school>

Design & Technology Week (DT)

This week we had a design and technology focus with pupils. Pupils worked in their class to complete design and technology projects. This was a great opportunity for them to learn about how things are made, to design their product and then make it. At the end of the projects the children spend time evaluating their designs.



Isle of Wight

Some of our Year 6 pupils will be going to the Isle of Wight for a residential trip on Monday 24th May 2021. Previous year groups have had a great time taking part in the adventurous activities that are on offer. We wish them all the best for their trip and hopefully the weather will improve.



We ask children to meet in the Olympic Hall at 8:30am on Monday morning, for a prompt departure. We anticipate the children will arrive back at school on Friday 28th May 2021 at approximately 6:00pm, this is a revised time taking traffic into account. We will, of course, keep you updated by text on the day.

For the Year 6 pupils who will remain at school, we have planned a few projects and local excursions. Depending on the weather forecast, we will move the activities around so we have the best weather for the days out. We will keep parents updated with any changes we may need to make.

Temporary Road Closure – High View

We have received notification that High View will be closed on Wednesday 26th May 2021 from 8:00am due to work being carried out by Open Reach.

Class Photographs

The last day to place your order for class photographs is Monday 24th May 2021. Please ensure all orders are at the school office on that day.

Half Term

Parents are reminded that half term will be from Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 inclusive.



Week Commencing 10th May 2021

Attendance by Class			
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Nursery	85%	Rowan	91%
Blue	89%	Mulberry	90%
Red	93%	Cedar	85%
Maple	89%	Chestnut	87%
Sycamore	90%	Elder	88%
Hawthorn	86%	Birch	85%
Hazel	94%	Elm	88%

Whole School Attendance
95%

Attendance	
<i>Best classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Rowan

Coronavirus

We have been informed recently about a few cases of Coronavirus linked to siblings of pupils in Holywell Primary School. Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice -

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on the school site.

Even though there are more freedoms from Monday 17th May as announced by the Prime Minister recently, we will not make changes to our system of control in school. The only change allowed is for teachers to not wear masks when they walk around corridors. We have a one way system in place that will be adhered to.

We will still require teachers and parents to wear a mask when collecting and dropping off children. The reason for this, is that when teachers and parents need to speak to each other about a child, they are not able to social distance. We will review this measure after half term.

We appreciate that parents might feel that this is unnecessary, but as Coronavirus is still prevalent in the local area, and considering our very recent case, we ask parents to support us with these measures.

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Godfrey	This is awarded for his great number formation
Red	Lina	For using different strategies to solve additions independently
Maple	Amelia-Rose	For excellent ideas in design technology
Sycamore	Amelia	For modelling responsible behaviours by listening carefully during lessons
Hawthorn	Lily-Rae	For trying her best and not giving up in hers SATs this week
Hazel	Noah	For showing a positive attitude to his SATs this week and being a role model to his classmates
Cedar	Alexia	For an excellent effort at creating her wallet in DT
Mulberry	Tanmeet	For creating a well detailed plan for her free-verse poem
Rowan	Rachel	For showing resilience and having a wonderful first week at Holywell Primary School
Chestnut	Lois	For drawing angles using a protractor accurately
Elder	Simone	For dedication, listening to feedback and striving to achieve her best in maths - measuring angles, this week. Well done, Simone.
Birch	Omi	For her fantastic performance in the recent Reading and Maths assessments. Well done!
Elm	Rajab	For his excellent poetry work this week

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Oliwia	This is awarded for always following our class rules
Red	Jansen	For being resilient and never giving up in front of a challenge
Maple	Matthew B	For improving his resilience in his learning daily
Sycamore	Isaiah	For reasoning during lessons and sharing his ideas in class discussions
Hawthorn	Liam	For being resilient during his SATs and working hard in his booster classes
Hazel	Radu	For showing resilience in his maths work and for always looking to improve
Cedar	Poppy	For improving her resilience in her times tables
Mulberry	Timotei	For following the 6Rs during our DT project this week. He had a fantastic attitude whilst sewing his product together and he was very proud of the final outcome.
Rowan	Katherine	For showing a responsible attitude when handling sewing needles in D&T to make a purse
Chestnut	Haris	For taking responsibility in his learning
Elder	Momna	For challenging herself and being resilient when measuring with a protractor even when it is something new and a bit tricky. Momna persevered with this learning and I am very proud!
Birch	Sabreen	For showing a great level of resilience in her learning journey, which has reflected in her assessment results. Well done!
Elm	Cameron	For taking responsibility for his learning and for trying hard in all lessons

Enrichment days

Summer term

Sunday 23rd May 2021 – Pentecost
Saturday 5th June 2021 – World Environment Day
Sunday 6th June 2021 – Anniversary of D-Day
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – World Oceans Day
Friday 11th June 2021 – Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday
Sunday 20th June 2021 – World Refugee Day
Sunday 20th June 2021 – Father's Day
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Windrush Day
Saturday 18th July 2021 – Mandela Day



DIARY DATES

Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight trip
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Festival of Learning week
Monday 24th May 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021 – Key Stage 1 MOCK – SATS
Monday 24th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 25th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 27th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 28th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 29th May 2021 – Half term
Monday 7th June 2021 – Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening – all week
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Thursday 10th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Friday 11th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 14th June 2021 – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up – all week
Monday 14th June 2021 – Whole school assessment week
Tuesday 15th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning

Thursday 17th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 17th June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning
 Friday 18th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Friday 18th June 2021 – Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes
 Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –
 Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Thursday 24th June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 24th June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –
 Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Thursday 1st July 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 1st July 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day
 Thursday 1st July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in
 September
 Friday 2nd July 2021 – EYFS reserve Sports Day
 Friday 2nd July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –
 Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Nursery Concert to parents
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Community Day
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Friday 9th July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 (14:00)
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Governors Meeting
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop –
 Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am – tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30 am
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00 pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Awards Assembly
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 2:00 pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
 Friday 16th July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 16th July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30 pm – No pm Nursery