

Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Those parents who are sending their children into school are reminded they should not be sent in if they show any symptoms of Coronavirus or illness. For all parents, the advice by the government is **Stay At Home**. You can only send your child to school if you meet the criteria for critical worker or they are a vulnerable child.

We will continue to only take new pupils into school on a Monday. This is so we can manage and maintain social distancing and stop the mixing of pupils in school. We must keep staff and pupils, who are in school, safe. Please contact the school office if you qualify as a critical worker or under the vulnerable child category and require a place at school. We are capping the number of children in class, as social distancing is most effective. New applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

Another week of remote education has passed. This week teachers have focussed on supporting children and their families to submit more work, and the feedback I have received from the teachers is very good. We would like to thank parents for supporting their children at home with their learning. We know parents are juggling many things already, without having to help teach their children as well.

Reception Class – Google Classroom

I am excited to let you know, all pupils in Reception are now also receiving live lesson on Google Classroom. After a slight hiccup with usernames and passwords we are now fully operational. Some work will continue to be set on Tapestry. Well done everyone in Reception!



Devices

We have issued all the DfE devices received by the school to families for use. We know from speaking to parents and pupils that many families are still sharing devices or even working on mobile phones. If you are one of these families, please contact the class teacher and let them know. We are determined that pupils' learning will not lose momentum, and that means that they need to follow the learning set for them on Google Classroom.



Dean Russell MP Assembly

I have to apologise for the mix up with the assembly on Monday but Mr Dean Russel will join us next Monday 25th January 2021 in our assembly at 11:15 am. With everything going on I got my Mondays mixed up. We had a great turn out last Monday so hope that more children can join us on the 25th for the assembly.



Revision Books

From our welfare call to some families we know that many parents want more to help and support their children. This week we have placed an order for revision type books for every child from Reception up to Year 6. Each child in the school will receive a pack of books that parents can complete with them as extra revision. This is not part of the normal learning that teachers lead each week, but something that children can do separately.

Nursery Application

Children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that are due to start Nursery in September 2021. The closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 26th February 2021.

Parents are able to apply here: <http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

We will again offer 15 hours and 30 hours child care each week.

Free School Meals

This week we placed an order with Edenred, the government scheme supplying vouchers for families who have children entitled to Free School Meals. You will receive an email today containing the link for their voucher of £15 per child. These vouchers are only for the children who have not been attending school. Children attending school will have received their usual Free School Meal.



If you are not registered for Free School Meals and believe you might be entitled, please check via the Hertfordshire County Council website on the link below.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Breakfast and After School Club

A letter went out yesterday to let parents know that we will be running a breakfast and afterschool club starting on Monday 25th January 2021 for the next three weeks. We hope to maintain this offer should it be popular with parents once school fully reopens.

Mobile Data

The Government have launched a scheme where some mobile networks will extend pupils mobile data. This was initiated because many families use their mobile data through a Hotspot to provide internet access to devices such as laptops, Ipads and Chromebook. Disadvantaged families may be able to benefit from free increases to their mobile data if they are a customer of any of the companies listed below –

- EE
- O2
- Sky Mobile
- SMARTY
- Tesco Mobile
- Three
- Virgin Mobile
- Vodafone

As a school we can request that data is increased until the end of July 2021 if they are experiencing disruption to face-to-face education.

Parents must meet this criteria to be considered

- Do not have fixed broadband at home
- Cannot afford additional data for their devices
- Are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

If parents want us to apply on their behalf please contact the school office.

Ollie Foundation

Foodbank in Watford:

Unit 5 Empire Centre

Imperial Way

North Watford

WD24 4YH

01923 804435

07925 813027

Email: info@watford.foodbank.org.uk

Website: <http://www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk/>

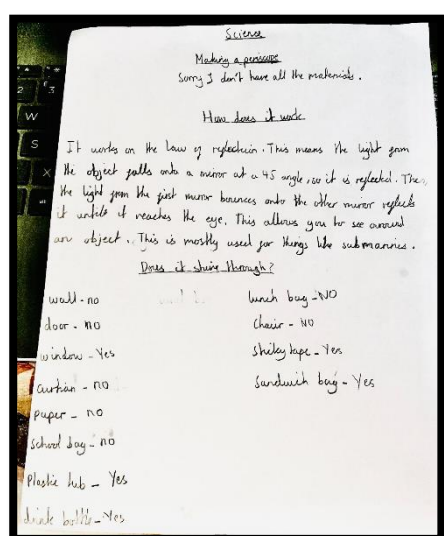


Live Lesson Timetable

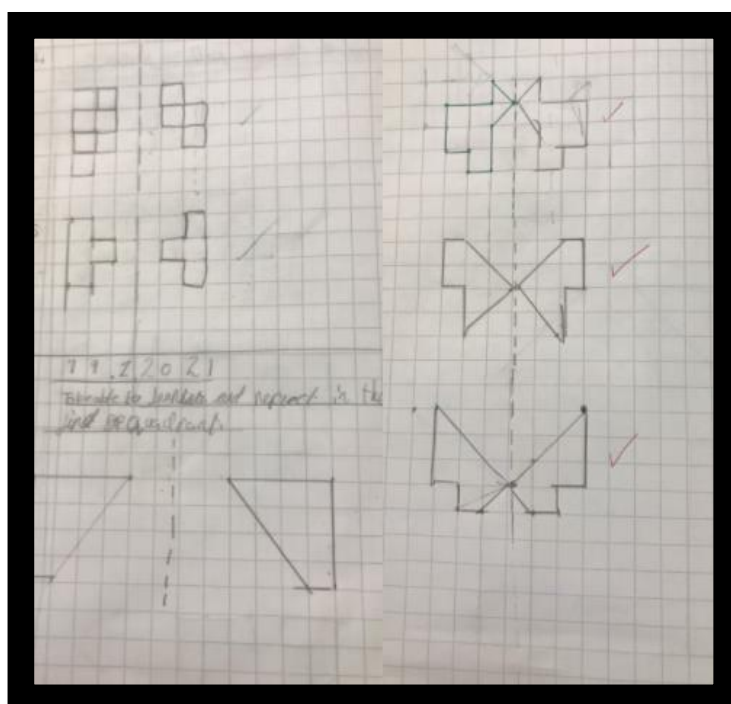
Live lessons – January 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Reception Year 6	Reception	Reception Year 6	Reception Year 6	Reception Year 6
9:30	Reception Year 2	Reception Year 5	Reception Year 5	Reception Year 5	Reception Year 5
10:00	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4
10:30	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2
11:00	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1 Mulberry class	Year 1	Year 1
11:30	Reception Year 6	Reception Year 6	Reception Rowan class Year 6	Reception Year 6	Reception Year 6
12:00	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5
12:30	Lunchtime for all				
13:00		Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2
13:30	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4 Year 6	Year 3 / 4 Cedar class	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4
14:00	Year 1 / Year 5	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1
14:30	Reception Year 6	Reception Year 6	Reception	Reception Year 6	Reception Year 6

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS		
Blue	Millie	Awarded for her great achievement in all subjects and posting them to Tapestry
Red	Makanaka	For forming fantastic letters during phonics
Maple	Anannya	For being consistently amazing in both online lessons and tasks
Sycamore	Milosz	For demonstrating responsible behaviours by taking his time to write sentences very carefully
Hawthorn	Arash	For trying hard and working independently in maths this week
Hazel	Zarya	For working hard every day at school
Cedar	Peter	For making an excellent effort this week for his learning and for joining in with our live lessons!
Mulberry	David	For attending all live lessons and submitted his work on time at a high standard
Rowan	Shailah	For showing good reasoning in English when considering essential items to take when exploring
Chestnut	Haris	For solving the perimeter of rectilinear shapes independently
Elder	Humzah	For giving 100% in all that he does no matter the challenge which is even more impressive with everything that is going on at the moment. He gives fantastic effort at all times and always happy to share his learning and understanding
Birch	Omiolota	For brilliantly contributing during lessons and promptly submitting her work. Well done and keep it up!
Elm	Ayesha	For always contributing to discussions in live lessons



Rajab – Year 6 Elm



Year 5 Elder – Michael's Fantastic reflection work

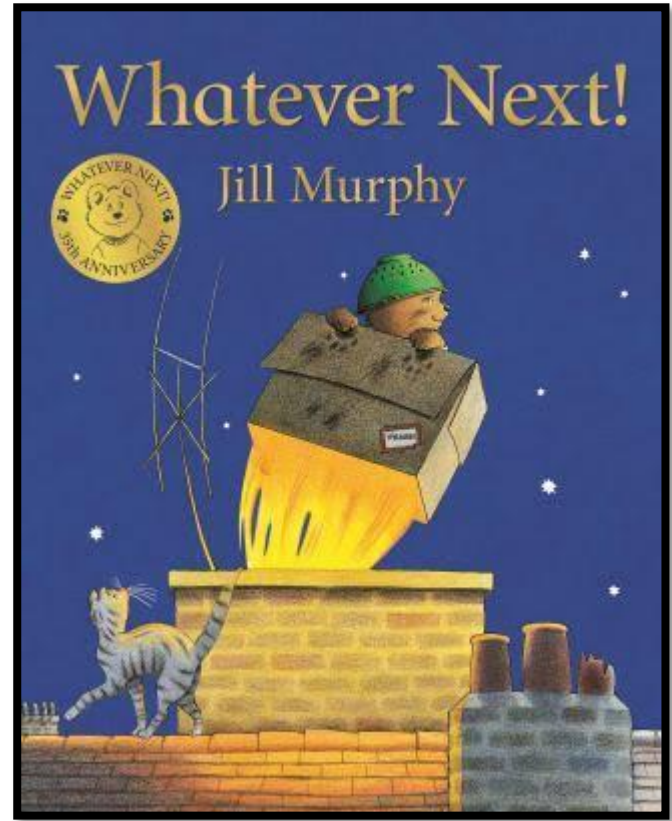
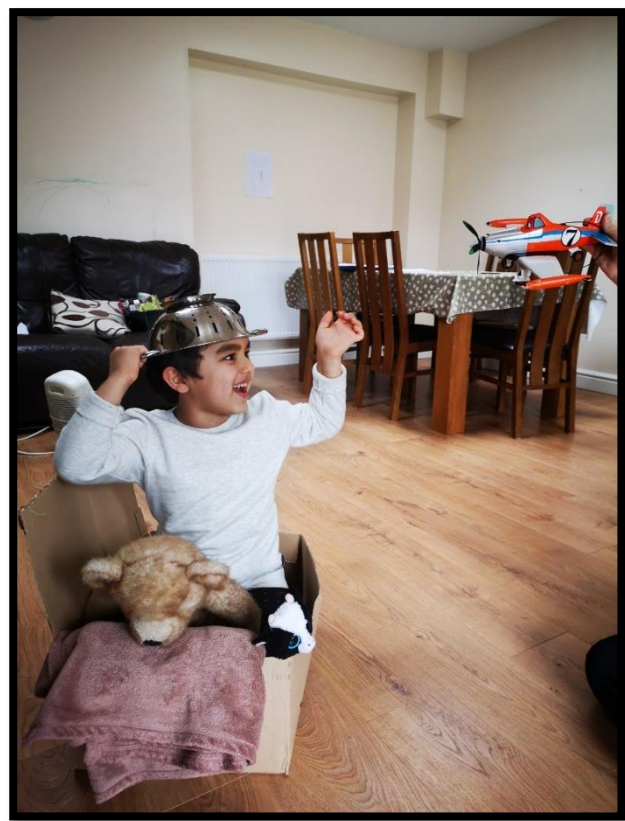
HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Oliver	This is awarded for working hard on his home learning
Red	Maluchi	For showing resilience whilst completing his maths tasks
Maple	Cornel	For being resilient and producing excellent English work at home
Sycamore	Jah'Neza	For boldly sharing her ideas during online lessons
Hawthorn	Zainab	For being a resilient learner and completing her work at home
Hazel	Hannah	For showing resilience in her learning
Cedar	Summer	For showing respect during our live lessons and for showing great resilience with all of her work!
Mulberry	Jaida	For showing resilience in learning how to subtract using the column method
Rowan	Katherine	For taking responsibility for her own learning when continuing to stay online after the live lessons and practice answering her maths questions
Chestnut	Parneet	For reflecting in her learning and for using up-levelled vocabulary to write her diary entry
Elder	Liam	For his dedication and contributions in his home learning and for submitting lovely work which has shown his resilience and reflection skills in English
Birch	Katie	For always being a responsible student and a supportive peer. Well done and keep it up!
Elm	Chloe	For being resilient in her learning

Year 5 Elder – Liam's brilliant writing on Odysseus



Reception - The children at home are involved in a role play activity based on "Whatever Next", by Jill Murphy.



Year 6 – Birch
 Wilan’s illuminating Science
 investigation about
 ‘Light travelling through different
 objects’

Does the light shine through the...	yes	no	some
wall		✓	
door		✓	
window	✓		
curtain or blind			✓
paper	✓		
school bag			✓
plastic tub		✓	
drink bottle		✓	
lunch box		✓	
chair		✓	
sticky tape	✓		
sandwich bag			✓



Year 5 Elder - Sara's Home Science investigation. Looking at separating materials

Year 5 Elder - Leiras's Reading work completed in school

Theme 5 Castles Non-Fiction (Playscript)

The Family Outing

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Mum, Dad, Sam and Faith are driving to Willaby Castle for a family day out. Dad said

1 many all some plenty of ✓
children would love to go to Willaby Castle. Faith said an old castle would be

2 great fun amazing boring ✓ terrible
to visit. Sam and Faith agreed the petting corner would be

3 too dirty. too young. ✓ too smelly. too expensive.
Mum said they couldn't go skiing because

4 it was abroad. it took too long.
we can't afford it. ✓ we wouldn't like it.
Faith wanted to go to the

5 bat's cave high wire walk ✓ in pool steam railway
first. Sam wanted to go to the

6 bat's cave high wire walk fun pool ✓ steam railway
first. Mum decided to toss a coin but the children still could not agree. Dad got angry!

Year 6 – Birch – Katie's Volume calculations
(Cuboid) –

Volume = Length X Width X Height

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A $V = l \times w \times h$
 $= 3 \times 2 \times 5$
 $= 3 \times 2 = 6 \times 5 = 30$
 $= 30 \text{ cm}^3$

B $V = l \times w \times h$
 $= 4 \times 3 \times 2$
 $= 4 \times 3 = 12 \times 2 = 24$
 $= 24 \text{ m}^3$

C $V = l \times w \times h$
 $= 2 \times 1 \times 3$
 $= 2 \times 1 = 2 \times 3 = 6$
 $= 6 \text{ m}^3$

1. $V = l \times w \times h$
 $= 6 \times 5 \times 3$
 $= 6 \times 5 = 30 \times 3 = 90$
 $= 90 \text{ m}^3$