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**Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Easter Break**

We would like to remind you that school finishes next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 1:30pm for the Easter Holiday and Nursery will finish at midday. School restarts on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Teachers will be in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April for a training day.



**Sports for School Athlete Day**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 we were lucky enough to receive two famous athletes who have both represented Great Britain at various stages throughout their careers. The first athlete was Steve Frew, who was a gymnast and won gold in the men's rings at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Our second athlete was Fontaine Chapman who represented England as a badminton player. Both of the athletes provided a fun, energetic circuit for the children to complete. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their circuits!



Congratulations to the 2 children who raised the most money sponsorship money:

Megan H - Year 2 Hazel £180.00 and Bailey B - Year 3 Aspen £60.00



## Sports Relief

Throughout this week we have provided the children with a range of activities to help raise money for Sports Relief.

At the beginning of the week the children had an opportunity to participate in a skipping and hula hooping activity, the children challenged themselves to keep active for a set time and also competed against one another to see who could do the most skips/hula hoops in a set time. On Thursday the children then got active by completing the schools fun run around the school grounds. We had many children who walked, jogged or danced their way around! Finally on Friday the children dressed up in their sports clothes to represent their favourite athlete or sport.



## Festival of Learning

As it is the last week of term we would like to invite Parents/Carers into classes to see what children have been learning about this term. Our Festival of Learning dates are:

- Nursery – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11:30am
- Reception – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2:30pm
- Year 1 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2:45am
- Year 2 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 9:05am
- Year 3 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 9:05am
- Year 4 – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 3:00pm
- Year 5 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 3:00pm
- Year 6 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 3:00pm



## Polling Station

The school is to be used as a Polling Station for the Local Council Elections on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. The school will remain open for all pupils. We will take pupils' safety into consideration and ensure the day runs without disruption.

## Clubs

We would like to remind all parents that there are no sports clubs next week as is custom the last week of term. Clubs resume on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. If you have not signed up yet for any clubs please do so quickly. A list of clubs can be accessed through your School Money account.

## Friday Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Thursday 29th March 2018	Elder	Easter
<b>Easter Holiday</b>		
Friday 20th April 2018	Cedar	St George's Day – 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018
Friday 27th April 2018	Aspen	Rights
Friday 4th May 2018	Beech	British Values
Friday 11th May 2018	Mulberry	Ramadan
Friday 18th May 2018	Hazel	6Rs
Friday 25th May 2018	Willow	6Rs
<b>Half Term</b>		
Friday 8th June 2018	Hawthorn	Anti-Bullying
Friday 15th June 2018	Oak	Eid al Fitre
Friday 22nd June 2018	Blue	Father's Day
Friday 29th June 2018	Maple	World Refugee Day - 20th June 2018
Friday 6th July 2018	Hazel	Stranger Danger
Friday 13th July 2018	Sycamore	NSPCC
Friday 20th July 2018	Red	Friendship and Award Assembly

# HINDI CLUB

Do you want your children to learn Hindi in a fun way and learn about Indian culture?

We are planning to start Hindi language beginners classes as an after school club in September.

Classes will run for an hour once a week during term time and are open for all year groups. The club will be run by an experienced postgraduate and professional tutor. The course is structured on the theme of fun based learning for kids with activities and games. It caters for both speaking and writing skills, with reading skills later on.

Please register your interest with your school name, child's name and year group at: [learnwithfun11@gmail.com](mailto:learnwithfun11@gmail.com)



## Parent Information Sessions – Spring Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

Where: Holywell conference room

When: Tuesday 9:00am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
<b>Tuesday 27th March 2018</b>	Things to do in the holidays	Sam Ward
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Tuesday 17th April 2018</b>	Developing healthy relationships. Help you to recognise low self-esteem, anxiety and the need for resilience.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 24th April 2018</b>	Year 6 SATs. Will answer any queries, questions or concerns you may have about the upcoming tests.	Sam Ward and Mrs S Alexander
<b>Tuesday 1st May 2018</b>	Children's Wellbeing. How to help if your child suffers from low self-esteem, anxiety or lack of resilience.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 8th May 2018</b>	Online Safety. Do you know what your child is doing online? How to keep them safe.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 15th May 2018</b>	Protective Behaviours. How to help your child recognise when they feel unsafe and provide strategies to deal with this.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 22nd May 2018</b>	Phonics. How you can help support phonics development for reading and writing.	Sam Ward, Miss V Tetley and Miss A Hampton
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
<b>Tuesday 5th June 2018</b>	Puberty. Strategies to be able to discuss this sensitive topic with your child.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 12th June 2018</b>	Transition Nursery to Reception. How you can help prepare your Nursery aged child for Reception.	Sam Ward and Miss V Tetley
<b>Tuesday 19th June 2018</b>	Transition Reception to Key Stage 1. How you can help prepare your child for Year 1	Sam Ward and Mrs J Hewett
<b>Tuesday 26th June 2018</b>	Transition Year 2 to Year 3. How you can help prepare your child for Year 3	Sam Ward and Mr M Keller
<b>Tuesday 3rd July 2018</b>	Transition Year 6 to Year 7. How you can help prepare your child for Year 7.	Sam Ward and Mrs S Alexander
<b>Tuesday 10th July 2018</b>	Money management and budgeting tips. How to make your money go further.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 17th July 2018</b>	Coffee and farewell. Open forum to reflect on the year, ask any questions, celebrate and look forward to the summer holidays.	Sam Ward



## Dates for your Diary

### MARCH 2018

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Festival Of Learning Week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Year 4 at 3:00pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Year 3 at 9:05am

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Cedar and Mulberry Aylesbury Ambassador Theatre

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery visiting Watford Library

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & Year 6 Hockey Tournament at Queens School

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Reception at 2:30pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Year 5 at 3:00pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Year 6 at 3:00pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Year 2 at 9:05am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery visiting Watford Library

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Willow Farm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Year 1 at 2:45pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Rowan Aylesbury Ambassador Theatre

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Festival of Learning for Nursery at 11:30am Nursery finishes at Midday.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

### APRIL 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – first day of term

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Aspen swimming

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Aspen swimming

### MAY 2018

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photographs

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Aspen swimming

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 93 %

<b>Nursery am</b>	87%	<b>Beech</b>	96%
<b>Blue base</b>	88%	<b>Pine</b>	96%
<b>Red base</b>	84%	<b>Mulberry</b>	92%
<b>Maple</b>	92%	<b>Cedar</b>	96%
<b>Oak</b>	96%	<b>Rowan</b>	99%
<b>Sycamore</b>	88%	<b>Ash</b>	97%
<b>Hawthorn</b>	92%	<b>Elder</b>	94%
<b>Hazel</b>	95%	<b>Chestnut</b>	95%
<b>Willow</b>	86%	<b>Birch</b>	97%
<b>Aspen</b>	95%	<b>Elm</b>	96%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Punctuality:</b>
<b>KS1</b> Hazel	<b>KS1</b> Maple, Oak, Sycamore
<b>KS2</b> Rowan	<b>KS2</b> Elder, Chestnut, Birch



## Dates for your Diary - continued

### JUNE 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Parents meeting for children starting in  
 Reception September 2018  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming

### JULY 2018

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Rowan Roald Dahl Museum  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Cedar and Mulberry Roald Dahl Museum  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Pine swimming  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Pine swimming  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 End of Year Prom  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Pine swimming  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

## Charter and Star Certificates - congratulations to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
<b>Blue Base</b>	Lara	Kimberley	<b>Beech</b>	Segal	Neja
<b>Red Base</b>	Shailah	Harvey	<b>Mulberry</b>	Leighton	Matei
<b>Sycamore</b>	Bianca	Joseph	<b>Rowan</b>	Mueed	Ben
<b>Maple</b>	Amna	Prithvi	<b>Cedar</b>	Daniel	Anjali
<b>Oak</b>	-	-	<b>Elder</b>	Mohamed	Asmaa
<b>Willow</b>	Shamil	Richard	<b>Ash</b>	Mircea	Daniel
<b>Hazel</b>	Ilaria	Ayman	<b>Chestnut</b>	Insa	Bobbie-Jo
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Arshaq	Ibrahim	<b>Birch</b>	Ayaan	Misa
<b>Pine</b>	Leo	Ivo	<b>Elm</b>	Armuguhan	Vicky
<b>Aspen</b>	Ocean	Taiba			