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Holywell Primary School

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E-Safety

We have sent out by email internet safety advice to all parents. This advice follows an e-safety assembly which pupils in KS2 attended, the assembly was presented by Google. The assembly talked to the children about the dangers that exist online and gave them strategies to deal with these dangers. Parents are advised to closely monitor their children's use of devices such as mobile phones, tablets and computers.



Assessments

Our assessments have concluded, we will be reviewing pupils' targets over the next week and I will be holding progress meetings with Class Teachers. During these meetings we discuss the progress children are making. Where pupils have not made enough or are making slow progress we plan interventions to help speed up their progress.

Christmas Fete - Non uniform day - Thursday 29th November 2018

As part of our drive to raise donations for the Christmas Fete we will have non school uniform day next Thursday. Pupils can come to school in non-uniform if they bring a donation of sweets. Donations are to be given to the class teachers.

Kitchen Environmental Health Inspection



I am happy to report that we have been award 5 stars by Environmental Health, Watford Borough Council, for our school canteen. Since we have taken the catering in-house the kitchen team has worked hard to improve the quality of food for pupils. Pupils are really positive about the school meals and the wider options available.

Reception Class Open Morning – September 2019

We had a very successful Reception Open Morning this week. We showed parents of Nursery age children around who are interested in applying for a place at Holywell Primary School for September 2019.

Nursery parents are reminded that their children do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception, they need to complete an application on line www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version from the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

We have our next Open Day for Reception 2019 is on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 2:00pm



Open Morning – Nursery Class September 2019

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are due to start in Nursery class September 2019.

- Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2:00pm

School Dinners

I would like thank all the parents who have made sure that their children have credit on their account, enabling them to have a school meal. The school is not in a position to provide school meals on credit. If there is not enough money on your child's account then they will be provided with a basic meal. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Children in Need



Last week for Children In Need we raised the grand total of £411.67. Thank you to all who donated; your money has gone to a very good cause.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December 2018 we will be taking part in “Christmas Jumper Day” to raise funds for Save the Children.

Save the Children raise vital funds to support children on the ground. Depending on the unique needs of children living in conflict, donations from the UK public are making sure that:

- Children have safe places to learn, play, and get psycho-social support so they can recover from their experiences.
- Children living in conflict can get critical medical care.
- Children can get vital food and vitamin supplies.
- Children suffering from malnutrition and severe dehydration can get treatment.
- We can immediately respond to disease outbreaks such as cholera and diphtheria, vaccinate children and promote safe hygiene to prevent diseases spreading.
- Children can get back in the classroom: we’re supporting existing schools, providing essential equipment, and establishing temporary learning spaces.



Save the Children

Be Bright, Be Seen

Following our Road Safety Week Assembly today, we would like to remind parents and carers about the **Be Bright, Be Seen** campaign currently running in Hertfordshire.

Visibility near and on roads is a key issue all year round and especially so in the winter months when days can be foggy and overcast. There are many things you can do to make sure that other road users can see you and your children. High visibility clothing and accessories are available from many outlets.

During the day, wearing bright or fluorescent clothing is best. Even a brightly coloured hat or scarf can help a driver to see you a few seconds earlier. At twilight and night time, reflective clothing or tape that is picked up in a vehicle's headlights works best. Fluorescent and reflective armbands can be worn over coats and clothing, and stickers, zip clips and reflectors can be used on school bags.

Please travel safely and share this important message.

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to

Friday 16th November 2018 is 94.1%

Nursery am	80%	Pine	91%
Blue	65%	Mulberry	89%
Red	72%	Cedar	90%
Maple	81%	Ash	85%
Sycamore	76%	Elder	79%
Hawthorn	92%	Chestnut	92%
Hazel	84%	Birch	87%
Aspen	94%	Elm	95%
Beech	95%	Rowan	92%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance

Key Stage 1 Hawthorn

Key Stage 2 Beech

Punctuality

Key Stage 1 Sycamore, Hazel, Red

Key Stage 2 Pine

Class Assembly Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 30th November 2018	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7th December 2018	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14th December 2018	Maple	Hanukkah

HOLYWELL CHARTER AND STAR CERTIFICATES

Congratulation go to:

Class	Charter Certificate	Star Learner of the Week Award	Class	Charter Certificate	Star Learner of the Week Award
Blue	Arash	Jason	Mulberry	Maya	Omi
Red	Naomi	Riley	Cedar	Clark	Esa
Sycamore	Lara	Kashvee	Elder	Adina	Dennis
Maple	Iara	Vishan	Ash	Ben	Maryama
Hawthorn	Tanmeet	Samuel	Chestnut	Kaiyah	Gabriel
Hazel	Karra	Kyran	Rowan	Aleena	Bobbie-Jo
Pine	Faris	Carolina	Elm	Jenna	Insa
Beech	Chloe-Mae	Cayden	Birch	Oladele	Ali
Aspen	David	Ilaria			

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets for Friday 16th November 2018

KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Ava – Sycamore	Stefan – Birch
Hailea – Maple	Neo – Birch
Katherine – Hawthorn	Aleena – Rowan
Tyson – Sycamore	Louis – Cedar
Lacey-Marie – Sycamore	Archie – Elm
Reece – Sycamore	Anjali - Elder



Dates for your Diary

November 2018

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

Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Choir to Watford Colosseum - evening

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

Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm

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

January 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day

Tuesday 8th January 2019 First Day of Term

TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 21st April 2020 – first day of term

Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Friday 17th July 2020 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)