



Holywell Primary School

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22nd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Daily Mile

It has been a very successful restart of the Daily Mile this week. Children have been very enthusiastic with getting moving and made a good effort to complete the course that was set. We will continue to build the distance to 1 mile. We can already see an improvement in the fitness of the children and I am proud of the resilience that everyone has shown in completing their run. We even had some of the teachers taking part in the run. Children complete the course in their class bubbles to ensure there is no mixing of pupils within classes.



After School Sports Clubs

We are currently running two after school sports clubs; Tag Rugby for Year 5 and Football for Year 6. The football club is proving extremely popular.

We are in a position to put on more clubs but need to make sure that we don't run at a loss. If your child is interested in taking part in a club please complete the survey via the link below. Let us know which activity they are interested in; if we have enough interest we look to start these clubs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WK2TPF8>

Bikeability

A letter was sent to parents of children in Year 6 last week about Bikeability lessons that will be delivered the first week of May 2021. This is relevant to pupils who want to undertake levels 1, 2 and 3 Bikeability. We still have places available and would like to encourage you to sign up your children.

Year 6 – Isle of Wight

There will be a meeting to share plans about the trip with parents on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 3:15pm in the KS1 hall.

Reception – September 2021

Parents are reminded that places in Reception class for September 2021 must be accepted by Friday 30th April 2021.



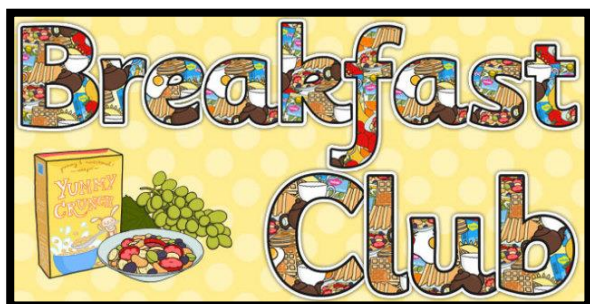
Polling Day – Thursday 6th May 2021

The school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May 2021. In the interest of safety, I have taken the decision to close the school to pupils on that day. As coronavirus is still prevalent, we need all the space we have to be able to social distance. Pupils will be set home learning for the day and staff will work from school.



Breakfast and After School Club

Any parents wishing to use the club are asked to contact the school office. The Breakfast Club starts from 7:30am each morning and the After School Club runs until 5:30pm in the afternoon.



Week Commencing 12th April 2021

Attendance by Class

Last week of Spring Term - attendance by class:

Nursery	96%	Rowan	97%
Blue	96%	Mulberry	99%
Red	92%	Cedar	93%
Maple	95%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	96%	Elder	98%
Hawthorn	97%	Birch	92%
Hazel	100%	Elm	92%

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year until 16th April 2021

95%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

and punctuality last week were:

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Mulberry

Coronavirus Information

I would like to thank everyone for wearing their masks around the school site. We will continue to keep our current procedures in place, to keep everyone safe. The procedures will be the same as before the Easter holiday.

- Parents continue to wear face coverings when entering the premises.
- Keep to our dropping off and collection procedures and not gather in groups, but social distance from each other.

Pupils, staff and other adults are reminded not to come into the school if:

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

They must immediately cease to attend 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 test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia),

- they must go home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Ahmad	This is awarded for his excellent number work
Red	Emilia	For participating in maths lessons and beginning to count to 10 in English
Maple	Owen	For working hard on a daily basis and for always demonstrating good listening
Sycamore	Muaaz	For displaying resourceful behaviours by asking thoughtful questions during lessons
Hawthorn	Arash	For his fantastic effort in all of his SATs papers this week, keep it up Arash!
Hazel	Aaron	For showing a great attitude to his learning this week
Cedar	Alexia	For excellent neat presentation all week in maths and English
Mulberry	Sainaboubinta	For challenging her learning to understand how to multiply two digit numbers by 10 and 100
Rowan	Amira	For showing dedication and perseverance when practicing her cursive handwriting
Chestnut	Ihtisaam	For writing a lovely diary extract based on the book 'Tom's Midnight Garden'
Elder	Cristiana	For amazing perseverance and dedication to learning her VERY trick line for our class assembly - you are amazing, well done!
Birch	Patrick	For his enthusiastic approach to his learning
Elm	Donnell	For his excellent work on calculating 'the mean' of a set of data

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Jayden	This is awarded for always following our class rules
Red	Aidan	For showing resilience during lessons and asking appropriate questions
Maple	Anannya	For being reflective and resilient in her undertakings
Sycamore	Maryam	For showing respect to others by sharing her empty crisp packets with her classmates
Hawthorn	Esther	For being a positive role model and for always following the 6Rs in the classroom and on the playground
Hazel	Riley	For showing resilience through his assessments this week and achieving great marks
Cedar	Shayan	For being an excellent role model this week and for following the 6Rs in class and on the playground
Mulberry	Azlan	For consistently following the 6Rs and having a positive contribution towards his learning and behaviour
Rowan	Abdullah	For using reasoning when thinking through problems in maths
Chestnut	Raisa	For taking responsibility in her learning
Elder	Sanjsaya	For excellent effort and resilience when challenging herself converting measures and linking this to our fraction and decimal learning
Birch	Taiba	For always doing her best and consistently achieving all learning objectives
Elm	Amina	For always following the 6Rs and for her excellent reasoning skills in maths



DIARY DATES

Monday 26th April 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby
Tuesday 24th April 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight Parents Meeting in KS1 Hall at 3:15pm
Tuesday 27th April 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Reception Health Screening
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 29th April 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 30th April 2021 – Last day to accept place for Reception 2021
Friday 30th April 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – School Photographer – Class photographs
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 6th May 2021 – Watford Council Elections – School closed
Thursday 6th May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course
Friday 7th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Friday 7th May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course
Monday 10th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby
Monday 10th May 2021 – Key Stage 2 MOCK – SATS
Monday 10th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 11th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 13th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 14th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 17th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Olympic athlete visit
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC

Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
 Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
 Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
 Thursday 20th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
 Friday 21st May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 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 - 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

Enrichment days

Summer term

Saturday 1st May 2021 - May Day

Monday 3rd May 2021 - World Press Freedom Day

Wednesday 5th May 2021 - Bike to School Day

Wednesday 5th May 2021 - World Asthma Day

Saturday 8th May 2021- VE Day

Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Ramadan ends

Thursday 13th May 2021 - Eid ul-Fitr begins

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