



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery Admissions for September 2020

The Nursery application process for September 2020 is co-ordinated and administered by the school. The on-line application process for Nursery places at Holywell Primary School is now open for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. If you require any assistance please contact the school office.

Applications close on Friday 28th February 2020 and places are allocated to parents on Monday 9th March 2020.

Attendance

Over the next few weeks we will be inviting some parents into school for a meeting to discuss their child's attendance. All children in the school are expected to have 100% attendance when attendance levels fall below 96% it raises concerns at school. Research shows that there is a strong link between good attendance and good achievement. Parents must inform the school of absences and the school decides whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised. When the school has concerns around attendance this is dealt with via letters of notification and meetings. Failure to improve attendance can lead to fines and even court appearances. We urge all parents to work with us to ensure their children attend school regularly. We appreciate pupils become unwell from time to time and the school is able to offer support to parents and pupils on various levels. Please let us know if you need any guidance and or support.

Bikeability

You will have noticed the children on their bicycles this week receiving training from Herts Cycle Training. This is our 3rd year of offering the training and I am pleased to let parents know that a number of children will shortly be receiving their Level 3 Bikeability Award. This is great road safety training for pupils of all abilities and we would like to encourage all parents to consider this for the children.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for the Spring term is as follows –

Tuesday 11th February 2020 from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday 13th February 2020 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

This is an opportunity to see the progress your child has made in school since the last meeting. A link will go out shortly via email and text which will enable you to sign up for an appointment.



Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 31st January 2020	Year 6 Birch	Charles Dickens
Friday 7th February 2020	Year 5 Chestnut	Well being
Friday 14th February 2020	Year 5 Elder	Valentine
Half Term		
Friday 28th February 2020	Year 4 Mulberry	Shrove Tuesday
Friday 6th March 2020	Year 4 Cedar	World Book Day
Friday 13th March 2020	Year 3 Pine	St Patrick's Day
Friday 20th March 2020	Year 3 Aspen	Mother's Day
Friday 27th March 2020	Year 2 Hawthorn	Easter
Friday 3rd April 2020	Year 2 Hazel	Resourcefulness/Awards Assembly

Handy Man

We are looking for a Handy Man for various jobs, on an ad hoc basis, in and around the school. The jobs include fencing, plumbing etc. Anyone interested must be able to provide evidence that they are responsible for their own tax and national insurance. Please contact the school office in the first instance.

Netball

On Tuesday our netball team played their first league game of the year against Lanchester School. The girls showed excellent team work and resilience throughout the game and managed to win 9 - 6! Well done to Alyssa, Enxhi and Zainab for scoring our goals! Player of the match: Alyssa for her excellent shooting and team morale.

Athletics

Our Year 6 team of boys and girls played in the Hertsmere athletics competition this week. Well done to our girls team who finished in second place with excellent performances from all of the girls! Our boys team finished in third place but narrowly missed second place by 2 points.

Half term

The half term holiday will be from Monday 17th February 2020 until Friday 21st February 2020 inclusive.

WATFORD LIBRARY

Harry Potter Night

Watford Central Library and North Watford Library are joining forces for Harry Potter Night! See what our house elves have planned for Harry Potter Night 2020! Activities will include invisible ink, sorting hat quiz, character bookmarks, prizes and Harry Potter fun. For all ages.

Some activities will need to be pre-booked to guarantee your place at Hogwarts. Please speak to Watford Central Library Staff for further details. Free, donations accepted on the day.

Venue: North Watford Library, St Albans Road, Watford WD24 7RW

Date: 6th February 2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Fancy dress optional.

WATFORD LIBRARY

Children's Sewing Club

Come along to our first Children's Sewing Club event during the half-term! Make a personalised pencil case using our sewing machine and digital embroidery machine. For Ages 8+

Venue: Watford Central Library

Date: 18th February 2020

Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Price: £2.50 per child

Watford Library Closed

Watford Central Library will be closed for essential repairs from 3rd to 7th February 2020. Please use other local Hertfordshire Libraries in North Watford, Croxley Green, Oxhey, Bushey and Abbots Langley during our closure. Check the website for additional details.

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Ashley	Medeea	Mulberry	Franklyn	Arshaq
Red Base			Cedar	Adn	Frankie
Sycamore	Patrick	Idil	Chestnut	Raihan, Robina	Sagal
Maple	Stivan	Luca	Elder	Patrick	Cameron
Hawthorn	Ines	Nived	Elm	Falak	Anjali
Hazel	Stefi	Harvey J	Rowan	Fruzina	Salim
Pine	Iaxshan	JJ	Birch	Kavya	Aisha
Aspen	Fozia	Elif			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	87%	Pine	94%
Blue Base	96%	Mulberry	95%
Red Base	93%	Cedar	96%
Maple	98%	Chestnut	97%
Sycamore	90%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	95%	Birch	92%
Hazel	98%	Elm	92%
Aspen	98%	Rowan	97%

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is:

94.2 %

Attendance and Punctuality

Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Hazel	KS1: Maple, Hazel
KS2: Aspen	KS2: Pine



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

JANUARY 2020

- Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
- Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Year 4 Athletics at Queens School
- Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Reception Class – 3:30 pm Bug Club
- Thursday 30th January 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Year 5 Greek Workshop
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Reception Class – 9:00 am to 9:30 am “Stay and Play”
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Netball Match against Chater Junior School – away
- Friday 31st January 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

FEBRUARY 2020

- Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Netball Match St Anthony’s RC School – away
- Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
- Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
- Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Governors Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Year 1 Kings and Queens workshop
- Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
- Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
- Thursday 6th February 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming
- Thursday 6th February 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
- Friday 7th February 2020 – Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
- Friday 7th February 2020 – Year 4 Indus Valley Workshop
- Monday 10th February 2020 – Netball Match against Chlore Shalom school – away
- Monday 10th to Friday 14th February 2020 – FEELING GOOD WEEK
- Monday 10th to Friday 14th February 2020 – Festival of Learning Week
- Monday 10th February 2020 – Herts Young Minds workshops in school, part of Feeling Good week
- Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Internet Safety Day
- Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Herts Young Minds workshops in school – Forest Skills, part of Feeling Good Week
- Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
- Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
- Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday 12th February 2020 – EYFS and KS1 Holywell Olympics, part of Feeling Good Week
- Wednesday 12th February 2020 – KS2 Master Chef, part of Feeling Good week
- Wednesday 12th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
- Wednesday 12th February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

FEBRUARY 2020 – continued

Thursday 13th February 2020 – KS2 Holywell Olympics, part of Feeling Good Week

Thursday 13th February 2020 – EYFS and KS1 Master Chef, part of Feeling Good Week

Thursday 13th February 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming

Thursday 13th February 2020 – Parent Evening – 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday 13th January 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Friday 14th February 2020 - Whole School assembly (9:05) – Parents invited

Friday 14th February 2020 – Holywell has Talent, part of Feeling Good Week

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

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Netball Match against Knutsford – home

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Year 4 Cedar Trip to Parliament

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Netball Match against Knutsford School – home

Wednesday 26th February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 26th February 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 26th February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 27th February 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 27th February 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming

Friday 28th February 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Friday 28th February 2020 – Last day to apply for Nursery September 2020

MARCH 2020

Monday 2nd March 2020 – Year 7 September 2020 – Allocation Day

Monday 2nd March 2020 to Friday 7th March 2020 – Assessment Week

Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited Tuesday

3rd March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Gymnastics at Watford Girls

Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 5th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming

Friday 6th March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Monday 9th March 2020 – Nursery September 2020 – Allocation Day

Tuesday 10th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited

Tuesday 10th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 11th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 11th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 12th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 12th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming

Friday 13th March 2020 - Whole school Assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited

Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Year 4 Tennis at Watford Girls School

Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

MARCH 2020 - continued

Thursday 19th March 2020 - Year 4 Swimming – Aspen class

Thursday 19th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Friday 20st March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited Tuesday

24th March 2020 – Governors Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 26th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 26th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming

Friday 27th March 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Monday 30th March 2020 – Festival of Learning Week

Tuesday 31st March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited

Tuesday 31st March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 2nd April 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Thursday 2nd April 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming

Friday 3rd April 2020 - Whole school presentation assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Friday 3rd April 2020 – Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 3rd April 2020 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm

ENRICHMENT DAYS:

- Monday 27th January 2020 - [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)
- Friday 7 February 2020 - [Charles Dickens' birthday](#)
- Monday 10 February 2020- [Tu B'Shevat \(Arbor Day\)](#)
- Wednesday 12 February 2020 - [Darwin Day](#)
- Friday 14th February 2020 - Valentine's Day
- Tuesday 25th February 2020 - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 26th February 2020 - [Ash Wednesday \(Lent begins\)](#)
- Sunday 1st March 2020 - [Women's History Month](#)
- Sunday 1st March 2020 - [St David's Day](#)
- Thursday 5th March 2020 [World Book Day](#)
- Friday – 6th March 2020 - [British Science Week begins](#)
- Sunday 8th March 2020 - [International Women's Day](#)
- Tuesday 10th March 2020 - [Holi Purim](#)
- Saturday 14th March 2020 - [Pi Day](#)
- Tuesday 17th March 2020 - [St Patrick's Day](#)
- Saturday – 21st March 2020 - [World Poetry Day](#)
- Sunday 22nd March 2020 - [World Water Day](#)
- Sunday – 22nd March 2020 - [Mother's Day](#)
- Sunday 22nd March 2020 - [Isra and Mi'raj](#)
- Wednesday 1st April 2020 - [April Fool's Day](#)
- Thursday 2nd April 2020 - [World Autism Awareness Day](#)
- Sunday 5th April 2020 - [Palm Sunday](#)
- Tuesday 7th April 2020 - [World Health Day](#)
- Wednesday 8th April 2020 - [Passover](#)
- Thursday – 9th April 2020 - [Maundy Thursday](#)
- Friday 10th April 2020 - [Good Friday](#)
- Sunday 12th April 2020 - [Easter Sunday](#)
- Monday 13th April 2020 - [Easter Monday](#)
- Tuesday 21st April 2020 - [Yom HaShoah](#)
- Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - [Earth Day](#)
- Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - [Stephen Lawrence Day](#)
- Thursday 23rd April 2020 - [St George's Day](#)
- Thursday 23rd April 2020 - [Shakespeare's birthday](#)
- Friday 24th April 2020 - [Ramadan begins](#)
- Friday 1st May 2020 - [May Day](#)
- Sunday 3rd May 2020 – [World Press Freedom Day](#)
- Wednesday 6th May 2020 – [Bike to School Day](#)
- Saturday 23rd May 2020 – [Ramadan](#)
- Sunday 24th May 2020 – [Eid ul-Fitr begins](#)
- Friday 5th June 2020 – [World Environment Day](#)
- Saturday 6th June 2020 – [Anniversary of D-Day](#)
- Monday 8th June 2020 – [World Oceans Day](#)
- Thursday 11th June 2020 – [Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday](#)
- Saturday 20th June 2020 – [World Refugee Day](#)
- Sunday 21st June 2020 – [Father's Day](#)
- Monday 22nd June 2020 – [Windrush Day](#)
- Friday 31st July 2020 – [Eid ul-Adha](#)

Parenting Programmes & Courses for Targeted Parents

Spring Term 2020
WATFORD & THREE RIVERS DISTRICT

	Session, Date & Time	Venue
MONDAY	About Me: 27 th Jan-2 nd Mar (not inc 17 th Feb), 09:30-11:30am	Westfield Family Centre
	Family Toolkit: 9 th Mar-30 th Mar, 09:30-11:30am	Otley Way Family Centre
	Early Talk: 24 th Feb-30 th Mar, 10:00-11:30am	Croxley Green Family Centre
	Little Learners: 20 th Jan-10 th Feb, 13:30-14:30pm	Westfield Family Centre
TUESDAY	Welcome to the World: 11 th Feb-31 st Mar, 09:30-11:30am	Westfield Family Centre
WEDNESDAY	Parenting Puzzle: 22 nd Jan-1 st Apr (not inc 19 th Feb) 09:30-11:30am	Westfield Family Centre
	Little Learners: 4 th Mar - 25 th Mar, 13:30-14:30pm	South Oxhey Family Centre
THURSDAY	My Life: CONFIDENTIAL	Please call for further information
	Early Talk: 27 th Feb - 2 nd Apr, 10:00-11:30am	Leavesden Family Centre
FRIDAY	Little Chefs: 6 th Mar - 3 rd Apr, 10:00-11:30am	Berrygrove Family Centre

Welcome to the World

For parents expecting a baby who are 22+ weeks into pregnancy. Prepare for life with a new baby. Meet other parents. Can come on their own or with a friend or partner

Little Chefs

A 5 week course to support families with children aged between 15 months and 2 years to get their children off to a healthy start. Topics covered will include portion control, sugar / salt / fat contents, Oral health, weight, physical activity and the importance of eating together.

Little Learners

For families with children (10-18 months) who need a little extra support to reach their developmental milestones.

Early Talk

A six week course to develop ideas to promote a child's communication and language. Run in partnership with the speech and language team for children aged 18 months to 2.5 years.

About Me

A five week course to increase and build emotional resilience and wellbeing for parents.

Family Toolkit

For families with children aged 2 to 5 years old. A great course to learn some new ideas about how to manage children's behaviour and get the best out of family life.

Parenting Puzzle

For parents/carers of children aged 3 to 11 years to understand how emotions can influence actions and offer practical ways of guiding children so they learn to manage their feelings and control their behaviour.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Please note we can support families with issues around domestic violence. Please speak to us for more information.



01923 932 860 number for professionals only

For referrals: www.hertsfamilycentres.org/professionals-area

CRECHE

May be available to book for some sessions at £3 per child

FAMILIES MUST BE REGISTERED



Please follow the QR code to register a family.



Hertfordshire
Family Centre
Service

Early Years Newsletter



The Watford & Three Rivers Team wish you a Happy New Year

Jo and the team look forward to working with you over the coming year.



Family Support

Did you know that we have a Family Support leaflet for professionals? The leaflet contains all the information you need and explains the different packages of work that the team offers. If you would like one please let us know. We will also bring some to the Early Years Network meetings.

If there is a family within your setting needing support, please use the following link to refer into the Family Support team. www.hertsfamilycentres.org/staff

Oral Health: If you have not yet booked an Oral Health Talk for your Reception Class, please contact us as soon as possible: laura.parmar@inspireall.com/alison.Onslow@inspireall.com.

This is what the children thought:

"The children engaged throughout and asked lots of questions"

"Very interactive – the children enjoyed the game – healthy/unhealthy food"



"I liked the teeth brushing"
"double thumbs up"

Feedback from Schools following this term's sessions

Early Years Network Meetings for Schools & Settings

Please join the Family Centre for the termly networking event for Schools & Settings for up to date information about what the Family Centre Service is offering for families in the Watford & Three Rivers District. As part of the Network event, Herts for Learning will be delivering their Herts Transition Project, Supporting Smooth Transitions.

Thursday 5th March, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Beechfield Family Centre (for Schools & Settings in Leavesden, North Watford and Abbots Langley)

Thursday 12th March, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Westfield Family Centre (for Schools & Settings in Central Watford, Oxhey, Rickmansworth and the Three Rivers area)

Please book your place via this link: <http://inspireallfcscorporateevents.eventbrite.com/>

See our Spring Programme via this link: [Link to Programme](#)

We Need Your Help

From October 2018, we are one service with the Health Visiting and School Nursing Teams. As part of this new service we have to re-register all families and are asking for help from all our partners to support this. We would be really grateful if you could encourage parents to register with us through your newsletter, website or Facebook pages. Please use this link www.hertsfamilycentres.org or QR code to our registration page. Thank you.



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