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Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mother's Day

I would like to wish all our mothers a wonderful Mother's Day. Pine Class delivered a wonderful assembly this morning for us to help celebrate this day.

Parking

We are continuing to receive complaints from local residents about the inconsiderate parking by our parents. Please consider how and where you park. Inconsiderate parking does not only frustrate our local community but also often puts our own parents and pupils at risk. Please remember, you may use the car park at the Community Centre behind the school. It's an easy 5 minute walk from school with no roads to cross.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for all your donations to this worthwhile cause.

Fun Run

Thank you to all the parents who have brought in the sponsorship money which has been raised for the Fun Run. We have had an amazing response and will be able to tell you the total in the Newsletter next week. If you have not yet returned your fundraising money, please bring it to the office as soon as possible

Poetry Competition

We had an overwhelming response from pupils to celebrate World Poetry Day. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children with this. The winners were selected this morning by the School Council and the names will be announced in next week's Newsletter. The huge response has caused this unexpected delay. Pupils will create a final version for publication in next week's Newsletter.

End of Term

Just a reminder that there will be no Breakfast or After School Clubs next week. School closes on Friday 31st March 2017 at 1:30pm. Nursery Afternoon parents are invited to bring their children to the morning session. The Nursery will be open from 9:00am to 12:00 midday only on that day.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 19th April 2017 for the Summer Term.



Term Dates

Just a reminder of our term dates for the academic year 2017 - 2018 for those parents who are thinking about the summer holidays.

TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Thursday 31st August 2017 & Friday 1st September 2017 INSET Days – school closed for pupils
Monday 4th September 2017 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017
Friday 24th November 2017 Occasional Day – school closed
Tuesday 19th December 2017 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 Occasional Day – school closed
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2018 INSET Days – school closed for pupils
Monday 8th January 2018 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 12th February 2018 – Monday 16th February 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 17th April 2018 – first day of term
Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday
Half Term – Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018
Tuesday 24th July 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

Autism Awareness Week

Next week we will be celebrating Autism Awareness Week. All classes will be doing activities to celebrate this special occasion. There will be a non-uniform day on Wednesday 29th March, when children are invited to dress up in onesies.

A donation of £1 would be appreciated.

Year 6

We have a number of before and after school interventions running for some Year 6 pupils. A huge thank you to all the staff who volunteered their time to give our pupils extra support in the lead up to the SATS. Some pupils are also invited to Easter Revision Classes. We ask they return their permission slips as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

Festivals of Learning

The last week of term is our Festival of Learning Week and it is an opportunity for parents to come into school and look at what pupils have been learning about during Spring Term. The Festival of Learning dates are:

Year 1 - Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 9:00am
Year 2 - Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 9:00am
Year 3 – Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 9:00am
Year 5 – Wednesday 29th March at 9:10am
Year 6 – Wednesday 29th March at 9.10am
Nursery AM – Thursday 30th March 2017 at 9:00am
Nursery PM – Thursday 30th March 2017 at 12:30pm
Reception – Thursday 30th March 2017 at 3:00pm
Year 4 - Thursday 30th March 2017 at 9:10am

Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you to those that have already donated vouchers to us. We are still collecting vouchers in the box in the main reception area, outside the school office.

Assemblies:

Please see below the assembly schedule for spring term. All parents are invited to attend our Friday whole school assemblies so come along and support your child. Parents are also able to join us for a coffee afterwards.

Topic / Theme	Whole School Assembly	
	Class	9:05am - Olympic Hall
Easter	Sycamore	Friday 31st March

Coffee Morning focus:

Parent information sessions – Spring Term



Just pop in and join us for a coffee and a 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
28 th March	KS2 SATs How to prepare your Year 6 child for SATs (Reading, writing, SPAG and maths) in May.	Mr van Straaten

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
Red Base	Amadou	Safaa	Aspen	Paulina	Jayden
Green Base	Katherine	Jaida	Pine	Mahdi	Luis
Blue Base	Kingsford	Matei	Mulberry	Hajara	Anna
Sycamore	Cristiana	Terrence	Rowan	Jessica	Tadgh
Maple	Lois	Sara	Cedar	Akhil	Archie
Oak	Madara	Murphy	Ash	Ema	Vina
Hawthorn	Jabou	Mariam	Elder	Evelyne	Torell
Hazel	Sean	Eduarda	Birch	Crystal	Ben
Willow	Donnell	Maya	Elm	Montana	Ryan
Beech	Jack	Dinesh			



Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th March – Festival of Learning Week

Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 9:00am - Year 1

Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 9:00am – Year 2

Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 9:00am - Year 3

Wednesday 29th March at 9:10am - Year 5

Wednesday 29th March at 9.10am – Year 6

Wednesday 29th March – High 5 Netball Tournament at Queens School – Year 5/6

Thursday 30th March 2017 at 9:00am - Nursery am

Thursday 30th March 2017 at 9:10am – Year 4

Thursday 30th March 2017 at 12:30pm - Nursery pm

Thursday 30th March 2017 at 3:00pm - Reception

Friday 31st March – PM Nursery to attend AM session 9:00 to 12:00 midday

Friday 31st March – School closes at 1:30pm for Easter Holiday

Monday 3rd April 2017 to Monday 17th April – Easter Break

Tuesday 18th April 2017 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Wednesday 19th April 2017 - First day of Summer Term

PTA Dates

Thursday 30th March 2017 - Movie Night!!

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 95 %

Nursery am	89%	Aspen	95%
Nursery pm	91%	Beech	91%
Blue base	97%	Pine	94%
Green base	92%	Mulberry	96%
Red base	93%	Cedar	99%
Maple	94%	Rowan	96%
Oak	85%	Ash	96%
Sycamore	96%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	95%
Hazel	99%	Elm	98%
Willow	95%		

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Hawthorn	KS1 Hawthorn
KS2 Birch	KS2 Cedar, Rowan, Ash



Create letter and words
in paper, animation & 3D

Watford Central Library Tuesday 4 April

10.00 - 12.00
in CreatorSpace

- Make letters using our 3D printer

- Learn coding and make Chatbot speak



- Make and colour words and letters in paper and card
- Badge making

2.00 - 4.00
in Children's Library

- Make and colour words and letters
- Listen to stories
- Badge making



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