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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been an exciting week with the unexpected snow fall mid-week. The Site Team did a good job ensuring we could open safely, and in the end, pupils had only one break time inside school. With most of the snow now melted we have full use of the whole site again.

PE

We would like to remind parents that they may provide their child with a pair of black tracksuit bottoms (non-label) to wear during PE lessons. PE lessons will continue to take place during the colder months and they are an important part of the school curriculum and for pupils' health.

Everbridge

Parents and carers can find out if the school is closed because of adverse or severe weather or other emergency circumstances. The intention of the school is always to remain open during adverse weather or other emergencies however closure is sometimes unavoidable. Parents must assume that school is open every day unless otherwise notified. A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and lots of consideration is given to the safety of pupils on site, pupils getting to school safely and staff being able to get to school.

Hertfordshire County Council recommends that all schools use a system called Everbridge as a way to inform parents. The school will of course still post updates on the school website, send out text messages and update our Twitter account.

Registration for the Everbridge system is done swiftly and takes approximately 5 minutes. Once Parent/Carers have registered then they will get an automatic notification informing them that the school is closed. Parents can register their interest at more than one school if they have children attending other schools in addition to this, a message will also be broadcasted on the local radio station – BBC Three Counties Radio.

Registration on the Everbridge system is completed at

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

You can have two devices added for each communication type if you wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you can include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately. There is a link on our website to this information.

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/parents/emergency-closures/>



Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 1st February 2019	Elm	Chinese New Year
Friday 8th February 2019	Birch	Internet Safety Day
Friday 15th February 2019	Elder	Valentine's Day
Friday 22nd February 2019	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Friday 1st March 2019	Ash	St David's Day
Friday 8th March 2019	Chestnut	Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday
Friday 15th March 2019	Cedar	British Science Week
Friday 22nd March 2019	Mulberry	St Patrick's Day
Friday 29th March 2019	Aspen	Responsibility
Friday 5th April 2019	Pine	Easter

Parents' Evening

With next Friday's newsletter the booking system for Parents Evening will open. Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 12th February 2019 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm and Thursday 14th February 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Any parent who is not be able to see the Class teacher during those times will need to arrange a meeting time with the Class Teachers after Thursday 14th February 2019.

Nursery Class September 2019

We would like to remind parents they can now apply for a place in our Nursery class for September 2019. Following our open morning this week, parents are reminded that more information about applications can be found on our website at

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

Applications need to be made to the school and the last day to do this is Friday 1st March 2019. We would like to remind you that in addition to your 15 hours provision we also offer WRAP Around Care and 30 hours free childcare.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 25th January 2019

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Lacey-Marie – Sycamore	Zamin – Mulberry
Qasim – Maple	Neo – Birch
Stanley – Maple	Natasha – Ash
Madeline – Hawthorn	Dennis – Elder
Rick – Hawthorn	Liam – Pine
Maddison – Hazel	Ilinca – Pine

Coffee Morning

On Tuesday mornings at 9:05am our Parent Support Worker Sam Word hosts a coffee morning for all parents. The coffee morning focus for this half term will include:

COFFEE MORNING

DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
29 th January 2019	Homework and Reading	Tips on how to support your child/children at home with their homework and reading
5 th February 2019	Protective Behaviours	Learn a tool to use with your child/children that helps them identify feeling safe/unsafe and what they can do about it
12 th February 2019	No coffee Morning	
19 th February 2019	HALF TERM	
26 th February 2019	NSPCC PANTS Rule	Learn the PANTS rule and encourage your child/children to use it as a child friendly guide to their personal safety
5 th March 2019	Behaviour - Routines and Boundaries	A look at implementing a strategy to set firm boundaries and reduce challenging behaviour at home



Dates for your Diary - Spring

Thursday 31st January 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
 Friday 1st February 2019 – Year 6 Elm class assembly – all parents invited
 Monday 4th February 2019 – Year 4 – Electricity Workshop
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Governors meeting
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Internet Safety Day
 Wednesday 6th February 2019 – Internet Safety Workshop – Bigfoot Theatre
 Wednesday 6th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
 Wednesday 6th February 2019 – Some Year 2 and Year 3 pupils to attend a Science Day at Sacred Heart School
 Wednesday 6th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
 Thursday 7th February 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
 Thursday 7th February 2019 – Internet Safety Workshop – Bigfoot Theatre
 Thursday 7th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
 Friday 8th February 2019 – Year 6 Birch class assembly – all parents invited
 Friday 8th February 2019 – SEN review meetings with parents
 Friday 8th February 2019 – Internet Safety Workshop – Bigfoot Theatre
 Monday 11th February 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 inclusive – Feel Good Week
 Monday 11th February 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 6:00pm
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
 Wednesday 13th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
 Wednesday 13th February 2019 – 30 pupils to visit Rickmansworth Baptist Church to see performance from Purcell School
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Nursery & Reception – Owl Workshop and photographs
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Parents Evening – 5:00pm to 7:30pm
 Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 5 Elder class assembly – all parents invited
Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive Half Term
 Monday 25th February 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery September 2019
 Tuesday 26th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
 Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 4 Rapid fire cricket at Queens' School
 Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 Natural History Museum

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	Cristiano	Radu	Mulberry	Dilan	Ada
Red Base	Khalil	Valentino	Cedar	Sabreen	Timothy
Sycamore	Adeeshe	Taylor	Elder	Alyssa	Amy
Maple	Stanley	Khadija	Ash	Gabi	Frank
Hawthorn	-	-	Chestnut	Aisha	Kaijab
Hazel	Kyran	JJ	Rowan	Alisha	Nya
Pine	Bonnie	Fains	Elm	Samuel	Jessica
Beech	Nicola	Rajicai	Birch	Ayman	Elliot
Aspen	Shamil	Ilacia			

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday before half-term is 94.5 %

Nursery am	%	Pine	99%
Blue base	83%	Mulberry	95%
Red base	95%	Cedar	99%
Maple	97%	Ash	95%
Sycamore	92%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	97%	Chestnut	100%
Hazel	95%	Birch	97%
Aspen	98%	Elm	97%
Beech	99%	Rowan	99%

Enrichment Days:

Sunday 27th January 2019 – Holocaust Memorial Day
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Chinese New Year
 Tuesday 5th February 2019 – Internet Safety Day
 Thursday 7th February 2019 – Charles Dicken’s birthday
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Darwin Day
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Valentine’s Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – St David’s Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – Woman’s History Month
 Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Shrove Tuesday
 Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – International Woman’s Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week
 Thursday 14th March 2019 – Pi Day
 Friday 17th March 2019 – St Patrick’s Day
 Thursday 21st March 2019 – World Poetry Day
 Sunday 31st March 2019 – Mothering Sunday
 Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – World Autism Awareness Day
 Friday 19th April 2019 - Passover
 Sunday 21st April 2019 – Easter Sunday
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Shakespeare Day
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – St George’s Day

Whole school Attendance & Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Blue Base, Red Base
KS2: Chestnut	KS2: Birch



Dates for your Diary - Spring continued

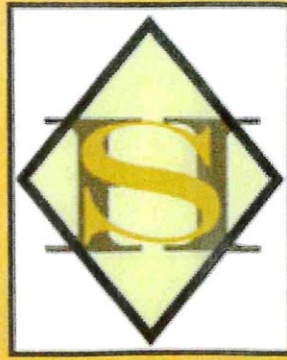
Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 3 - Natural History Museum
Tuesday 26th February 2019 – Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Workshop
Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Year 1 Kings & Queens Workshop
Thursday 28th February 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 5 Ash class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 7 September 2019 – Allocation Day
Friday 1st March 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery class – September 2019
Monday 4th March 2019 to Friday 8th March 2019 – Assessment Week
Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 5th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 6th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 7th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 5 Chestnut class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week starts
Monday 11th March 2019 and Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 11th March 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Allocation Day
Tuesday 12th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 13th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 14th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 15th March 2019 – Year 4 Cedar class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 6 Netball at Queens' School
Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 6 Knebworth House
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele
Thursday 21st March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 22nd March 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Year 4 Athletics at Watford Grammar School for Girls
Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 27th March 2019 - Nursery & Reception – Ark Farm workshop
Wednesday 27th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele
Thursday 28th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 29th March 2019 – Year 3 class assembly – all parents invited
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 inclusive Bikeability Level 2 Level 3 – Year 5
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 4th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 5th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 5th April 2019 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 5th April 2019 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm

Tuesday 16th April 2019 – Reception September 2019 – Allocation Day

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Wednesday 24th April 2019 – Pupils back to school



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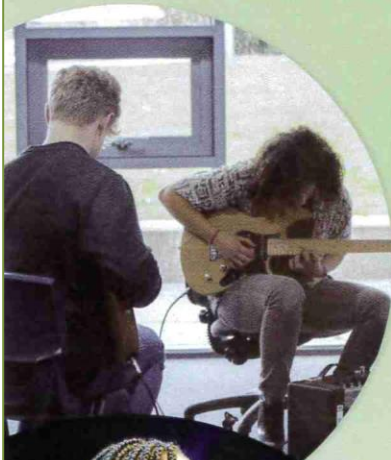
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<https://www.hillingdonteachingschoolalliance.org/Welcome-to-Hillingdon-SCITT/>

SONGWRITER

FEBRUARY SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS

Come along to our songwriting workshops during February half term for young people aged 8-18.



Monday 18th February (10:00 - 15:30)
Stevenage Music Centre

Tuesday 19th February (10:00 - 15:30)
Watford School of Music

Thursday 21st February (10:00 - 15:30)
North Herts Music School (Hitchin)



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