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**Holywell Primary School**

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Headteacher: Mr C van Straaten

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter Holiday, we trust everyone is well rested and ready for the final term.

**Special Educational Needs**

The SEN survey is still open to parents who have a child who is on the school's SEN register. Please complete the survey, via the link below, and let us know what you think of SEN provision in Holywell Primary School for your child. We are keen to get parents views on our SEN provision and how it could be improved.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZJKG8LG>

Parents are also reminded that their child's SEN plan will be reviewed next week with Mrs Keshiro and their Class Teacher. If you have not yet booked your appointment through "ParentsEvening" please do so today.

**Festival of Learning**

Parents who attended their child's Festival of Learning before we broke up for Easter are invited to complete an online survey and give their feedback. Please follow the link below; the survey will close on Monday.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZLG68VH>

**Serious incident in the playground**

Following the incident in the playground before the Easter holiday, I am happy to meet and discuss any concerns that parents or carers might have. The school has taken robust action in dealing with the incident and we have also addressed this with pupils. Next week all Teachers will have a circle time talk about keeping ourselves safe in and out of school. Please contact the school office or approach me in the playground if you have any ongoing concerns.

**Local Council Elections – Thursday 2nd May 2019**

We would like to remind parents the school is to be used as a polling station on Thursday 2nd May 2019. The school will be open as usual for pupils.

**European Parliamentary Election – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

We have also now been approached by Watford County Council to be a polling station for the European Parliamentary Election that is taking place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. The school will be open as usual on this day for pupils.



## Statutory Assessment

The following year groups have statutory assessment, taking place on the follow dates. Pupils should be in school, ready and rested for these assessments.

- Year 1 phonics screening - Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Year 2 SATS - Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Year 6 SATS - Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Ramadan

With Ramadan now starting we will only allow pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 to fast if we have written permission from their parents. Just a reminder, pupils will still be expected to take part in the full curriculum that we offer, including PE, trips and outside learning. It is worth discussing with your child that they can break their fast should they feel they can't manage the school day and the full curriculum because they are fasting.

## Bank Holiday

We would like to remind parents that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed.

## Morning and Afternoon Sports Clubs

We still have spaces available in the clubs that commence next week. If you would like to secure a place for your child please follow the link on the email/text that was sent to you before the Easter holiday. Any query please talk to the School Office.

## Class Photographs

Braiswick, the School Photographer, will be here on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to take class photographs.

## 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	-	-	Mulberry	Ocean	Dilan
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Maleehah	Clark
Sycamore	Lacey Marie	Reece	Elder	Mahdi	Romeo
Maple	Kimberley	Olivia	Ash	Samuel	Yasir
Hawthorn	Madeline	Tanmeet	Chestnut	Kadeeja	Jermalne
Hazel	Amelia	Indianna	Rowan	Hafsa	Jayden
Pine	Hannah	Bailey	Elm	Dante	Isa
Beech	Ihtissam	Margarida	Birch	Aisha	Alisha
Aspen	Tiana	Haashir			

# My Heritage Box ...

By Ms González-Brew  
March 2019

## Attendance

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

Nursery am	86%	Pine	96%
Blue base	86%	Mulberry	96%
Red base	89%	Cedar	95%
Maple	92%	Ash	95%
Sycamore	89%	Elder	92%
Hawthorn	93%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	84%	Birch	95%
Aspen	93%	Elm	93%
Beech	93%	Rowan	94%

"It has been amazing to witness the process we have gone through with this project. My first memory of introducing this project to Year 6s is that some of the children asked me why we were doing that, as if they didn't see the point. I had even suspicious looks from some of them that made me feel as if the project somehow was trying to investigate or invade their private lives.

The next time I spoke to a group about the project was a Year 5 class, some of them mentioned that they had no idea where their parents or grandparents came from. I asked them to enquire at home and I was told that they had asked and their grandparents said that they did not know. Again, there was some sort of distrust towards the questions about their origin. I explained in both occasions that all information, photos, etc., were to be kept here in school and few boxes were going to be shown in a public venue in Watford, with permission of their parents. Also, I reassured them that eTwinning -where we were going to exchange photos with our partners in Spain- was monitored by The British Council and the Ministry of Education in Spain, and it was perfectly safe.

Next time, I remember a Year 3 class, which was very happy to show me and tell about what they had got so far in their boxes, in another opportunity a Year 5 group was very surprised to find in their own classroom amongst their peers, children who had parents and grandparents who were from the same place as their parents, excited they paired up to research in internet about their common country of origin. They shouting across the room 'Miss, Miss such and such is also from where I come from!' They were finding out a bond between them, in their own classroom, that they have not seen before. Some of them used Google Earth and located the street where they used to live when they were little. They showed me and their peers these streets on the screen. They were so happy to see those cherished places again. They were followed by other children that used the same goggle tool to see their towns of origin 'live' in internet. Suddenly, so much joy and happy faces filled in the entire room and with that, the realisation that something truly wonderful was taken place. I felt very privileged to be in that classroom at that very moment of personal discovery and joy.

In the development of this project, attitudes have changed and children have become very proud of their boxes and have put lots of effort into decorating and completing them. Children have enjoyed sharing their boxes with their classes. It was very good for them to have them as homework over the February half-term. That homework, some of the teachers already have told me, has been the best homework ever! We can see in each box how families got involved helping their children to do the box. The help of their families show how proud they are of their roots and how happy there are to share it with their children and also, it is fantastic that they are happy for their children to share it in school.

For all of us, as adults, it has been a journey of discovery. We have got to know about so many different places around the world, places that maybe we never heard before. We now can see the same children under a different light, which gives us a better picture of who they are and of who we are as a community. Our everyday world has just become wider, more colourful, full of wonder, pride and respect."

## Whole school Attendance & Punctuality Best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Hazel
KS2: Chestnut	KS2: Mulberry



# Dates for your Diary

## SUMMER TERM

### APRIL 2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Morning and Afternoon Clubs recommence

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

### MAY 2019

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Watford Council Elections – school open as usual

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Year 4 tennis, Watford Girls Grammar School

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Year 3 Aspen swimming

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Football match against Devine Saviour RC Primary School (home)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Bank Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Braiswick School Photographer - Class Photographs

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Skatability – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 3 Aspen swimming

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Football match against Chorleywood Primary School (home)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Key Stage 2 SATS

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Reception Health Screening

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Reception Health Screening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 3 Aspen swimming

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Key Stage 1 SATS

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Festival of Learning Week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – Year 1 Mini Olympics at Queens' School

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – European Parliamentary Election – school open as usual

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – Reception Red to Cheslyn House. Nascot Wood

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – Year 3 Aspen swimming

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Reception Blue to Cheslyn House, Nascot Wood

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – Half Term**

# Dates for your Diary

## SUMMER TERM- Continued:

### **JUNE 2019**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 6 Mixed Kwik Cricket at Queens' School  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Book Fair  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Key Stage 1 Phonics Assessment  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Year 4 Drumming Lesson  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 4 Tri Golf Watford Boys School  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening all week  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 3 Bekonscot Model Village and Railway  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – New to Nursery September 2019 Parents Meeting at 09:15 am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June New to Reception September Parents Meeting at 09:15am  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – EYFS Sports Day

### **JULY 2019**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – Reception - Dental checks/information from School Health  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Year 5 Ukulele Lesson  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at new schools  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Reception to Ruislip Lido  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – No clubs all week  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Year 4 Drumming Lesson  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Parents Evening – End of Year – Reports out  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele Lesson

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – End of School Year:**

**Nursery finishes at 12:00 midday, the rest of school finishes at 1:30 pm**



# Could you be a future boxing champ?



**Thursdays from 20<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July – 7pm to 8pm**

Aged 8 - 18? Want to give boxing a try? Box Cleva will be holding free training sessions for all ages.

**West Watford Free Church, WD18 6NU**

Please call 01923 209183 or email [community@wcht.org.uk](mailto:community@wcht.org.uk) for more information or to book!



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# JUNIOR STRING DAY

**Tuesday 21st May 2019**

Watford School of Music is running a **Junior String Day** for all violin, viola, cello and double bass players at primary school in Year 3 and above, who are Grade 1 standard and above (you do not need to have taken the exam). **Please confirm with your string teacher that this is the right String Day for you.**

Please see the details below:

**Venue:** Watford School of Music, The Clarendon Muse, 70 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, WD18 7JA

**Phone Number:** 01923 225531 **Email:** watfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

**Time:** 9.30am – 3.00pm **Registration:** from 9.00am **Cost:** £22.00

**Concert for family and friends:** 2.45pm in the Concert Hall

Please make cheques payable to '**Hertfordshire County Council**' and return, with form, to the above address. Please note the form needs to be signed by your child's head teacher and String teacher.

**Closing Date for applications:** Tuesday 14th May 2019

Places on the course are limited so please apply as soon as possible.

Please note that in cases of hardship, no child will be refused a place; remission of fees is possible if applications are made in good time.

**Please assume that your application has been accepted unless we contact you.**

Children will need a packed lunch and school uniform is not required.

**Parking and dropping off is not allowed on the Watford Grammar School for Boys site.** It is also difficult to park in the streets around the site. Please leave plenty of time for parking.

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## Junior String Day

I enclose a cheque for **£22.00** made payable to **Hertfordshire County Council** for the **Watford School of Music Junior String Day on Tuesday 21st May 2019**

**Student Name (please print)..... Year Group.....**

**Instrument: ..... Grade/Time Learning.....**

**Home Tel. No.....Daytime Tel. No.....**

**School..... Headteacher's Name.....**

**Headteacher's Signature..... (Applications will not be accepted without Headteacher's signature)**

**I confirm that this is the right String Day for my student**

**String Teacher Signature: ..... String Teacher Name .....**

**Parent's Name (please print)..... Parent's Signature.....**

**Please inform us if your child has any medical conditions we should know about :**



**Hertfordshire Music Service**

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**TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019**

**FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORM  
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# BEGINNER STRING DAY

**Tuesday 14th May 2019**

Watford School of Music is running a **Beginner String Day** for all violin, viola, cello and double bass players at primary school in Year 3 and above, who have been playing for at least half a term and can play a minimum of open strings up to a maximum of first position. **Please confirm with your string teacher that this is the right String Day for you.**

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**Closing Date for applications:** Tuesday 7th May 2019

Places on the course are limited so please apply as soon as possible.

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**Student Name (please print)..... Year Group.....**

**Instrument: ..... Grade/Time Learning.....**

**Home Tel. No.....Daytime Tel. No.....**

**School..... Headteacher's Name.....**

**Headteacher's Signature.....** (Applications will not be accepted without Headteacher's signature)

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# Are you 12 - 19 years old? Get involved!



**Every Thursday for six weeks – starting 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm to 8.00pm  
West Watford Free Church, WD18 6NU**

We have partnered with 'Weekly Wellness' to deliver a FREE wellbeing course for 12 - 19 year olds living on the Holywell. The course will encourage socialising, physical activity, open discussions, arts & crafts, and creative challenges. It will also equip young people with ways to cope with stress, anxiety and more! Refreshments and equipment will be provided.

Email [community@wcht.org.uk](mailto:community@wcht.org.uk) or call 01923 209183 to find out more or to book a place for you or your child.

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