Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the summer term has flown by and it’s hard to believe half term is next week. I would like to thank all parents for their continued support this half term; the partnership to educate our pupils cannot be underestimated.

The school is going from strength to strength and I am happy to report that pupil progress and attainment is continuing to improve thanks to the hard work and dedication of all staff and parents. Thank you everyone.

Just a reminder, school is closed next week and reopens on Monday 5\textsuperscript{th} June 2017.

**Trips**

It has been a busy week for Year 6 with some pupils away at the Isle of Wight. The remainder of the Year 6 pupils have been on day trips and had a great time visiting the local area. We are looking forward to welcome the pupils and staff back from the Isle of Wight this afternoon at 6:00pm.

**Parking**

I am continuously informed about parents who are parking in an inconsiderate way around school and are putting our school community at risk. The local PSCO’s have informed me that they will be undertaking spot checks and will be issuing parking notices to parents who are breaking the law. Just another reminder, parents may park at the Community Centre in the King George V Playing Fields behind the school and walk through the wildlife area with their children into school.

**Fire Engine Visit**

The children in Early Years had a very exciting day on Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} May when they were visited by fire fighters and a fire engine. They had an amazing time using the hoses and looking at the fire-fighting equipment on the fire engine.

**Drummer**

Pupils in Key Stage 2 had a real treat on Tuesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} May when they were given a drumming master class by ex-Status Quo drummer - Jeff Rich. Pupils learnt about drumming and percussion instruments and each year group had an opportunity to perform with Jeff.
Bullying
Just a reminder to all parents that if you are concerned about any incident related to bullying and your child, you need to speak to the Class Teacher. In addition to that, the Phase Leader can also been seen.

Attendance
We have been informed by Hertfordshire County Council that we are able to revert back to using HCC Guidance - Code of Conduct for managing attendance and issuing penalty notices for persistent absentees. A copy of the document can be accessed on our school website in the parent section - http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/parents/letters-home

School Uniform
As the warm weather is here with us, some pupils are not complying with the school uniform policy. After half term we will be carrying out doing checks and parents will be required to bring the correct uniform into school. A reminder of the school policy is on the school website. http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform

Festival of Learning
The week after half term we will be hosting our Festival of Learning sessions for parents. Please come into school and look at the learning of pupils in their class. The time and dates for each year group are:

Nursery AM Friday 9th June 12:00 miday
Nursery PM Friday 9th June 3:00 pm
Reception Wednesday 7th June 2:45 pm
Year 1 Wednesday 7th June 9:05 am
Year 2 Wednesday 7th June 9:05 am
Year 3 Tuesday 6th June at 9:10 am
Year 4 Wednesday 7th June at 9:10 am
Year 5 Thursday 8th June at 9:05 am
Year 6 Thursday 8th June at 9:05 am

Tennis Team Are In The Finals!
On Tuesday 16th May 2017 eight Year 3 and 4 students took part in a Tennis competition and finished in the top 2. The officials and sports leaders at the event commented on our sportsmanship and how all eight players have fantastic tennis ability. The top 2 teams go through to the partnership finals, which means in a few weeks we will continue our success and hopefully enjoy final day too.
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 that pupils will still be expected to take part in the full curriculum that we offer, including PE, trips and other outside learning. It is worth parents discussing with their child that they can break their fast should they feel that they can’t manage the school day and the full curriculum because they are fasting.

Parent Information sessions – Summer Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and 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

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What you can do to help prepare your child with the transition to Reception | Mrs Hewett and Sam Ward         |
| 13th June 2017  | Transition – Year 2 to Year 3  
Preparing your child for KS2 | Mrs Keshiro and Sam Ward        |
| 20th June 2017  | Transition – Reception to Year 1  
How to help your child transition smoothly to Year 1 | Miss Tetley and Sam Ward        |
| 27th June 2017  | Healthy Eating Week  
Diet: nutrition effects of behaviour | Miss Hampton and Sam Ward        |
| 4th July 2017   | Transition – Year 6 to secondary school  
How to help your child transition to secondary school | Sam Ward and Miss McCoy         |
| 11th July 2017  | No session this week                                                         |                                 |
| 18th July 2017  | Coffee and Farewell  
Join us to reflect on the year and celebrate. | Sam Ward                        |

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Enrichment Days

- Tuesday 6th June – Anniversary of D-Day
- Sunday 18th June – Father’s Day
- Tuesday 20th June – World Refugee Day
- Monday 26th June – Eid Ul Fitr
- Sunday 23rd July – Birthday of Haile Selassie

PTA Events

- Wednesday 14th June – No school uniform – please bring in prize for tombola
- Saturday 24th June – Summer Fair
- Friday 7th July – Year 6 Prom
- Wednesday 12th July – To be confirmed – Reception Classes only – cake decorating
- Thursday 13th July – End of Year School Disco

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 94 %

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Dates for your diary

MAY 2017
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Half Term – School Closed

JUNE 2017
Monday 5th June to Friday 9th June – Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 6th June – Year 3 Festival of Learning 9:10 am
Tuesday 6th June – Year 1 Maple and Sycamore trip to Cassiobury Park
Wednesday 7th June – Year 1 Festival of Learning 9:05 am
Wednesday 7th June – Year 2 Festival of Learning 9:05 am
Wednesday 7th June – Year 4 Festival of Learning 9:10 am
Wednesday 7th June – Reception Festival of Learning 2:45 pm
Thursday 8th June – Year 5 Festival of Learning 9:05 am
Thursday 8th June – Year 6 Festival of Learning 9:05 am
Thursday 8th June – Swimming starts for Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 8th June – Reception classes trip to local allotments
Thursday 8th June – General Election
Thursday 8th June – “R” Games – to be confirmed
Friday 9th June – School photographer in – class photographs
Friday 9th June – 12:00 midday – Nursery AM Festival of Learning
Friday 9th June – 3:00 pm Nursery PM Festival of Learning
Monday 12th June – Whole School Assessment Week
Monday 12th June – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 14th June – Challenge Cup – Year 6 – PE at Highwood Primary School
Thursday 15th June – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 16th June – Nursery trip to Langleybury Farm
Monday 19th June – Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday 20th June – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Tuesday 20th June – Year 1 Oak trip to Cassiobury Park
Tuesday 20th June – Nursery and Reception September – Open Morning – to be confirmed
Thursday 22nd June – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 23rd June – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Saturday 24th June – Summer Fair – to be confirmed
Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June – Reception Class September – Taster Sessions – to be confirmed
Tuesday 27th June – Year 3 Pine and Aspen trip around the local area
Wednesday 28th June – Year 3 Beech trip around the local area
Thursday 29th June – Provisional Sports Day
Friday 30th June – Provisional EYFS Sports Day

JULY 2017
Thursday 6th July – Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 6th July – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 7th July – Nursery and Reception classes Sponsored Teddy Toddle
Friday 7th July – Reserve EYFS Sports Day
Friday 7th July – Year 6 “Prom” organised by the PTA
Tuesday 11th July – International/Community Day
Thursday 13th July – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 13th July – Moving Up Day – Year 6 at their new schools
Friday 14th July – Reports out to parents
Friday 14th July – Nursery trip to Ruislip Lido
Monday 17th July – Nursery AM Assembly in morning
Monday 17th July – Nursery PM Assembly in afternoon
Tuesday 18th July – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday 18th July – pm Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 1 classes
Wednesday 19th July – am Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 classes
Wednesday 19th July – 6:30 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Thursday 20th July – 2:00 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July – Nursery PM to join Nursery AM. No Nursery in afternoon. Closes at midday
Friday 21st July – School closes at 1:30 pm for Summer Break
Welcome to Parent Network!

In partnership with Families in Focus CIC

www.familiesinfocus.co.uk
Email: info@familiesinfocus.co.uk

For more information please visit our website www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

It's FREE to become a member

Examples of themed sessions

- Managing Challenging Behaviours
- Managing Sensory Issues
- Solving to manage difficult behaviours
- Strategies to encourage and motivate children
- Empathetic Listening
- Skills to manage additional needs
- Mindfulness
- All about Autism - language and understanding
- Eclipsing Emotions
- Managing the emotional journey of parents with additional needs
- Sharing the emotional journey of parents with additional needs
- Understanding and embracing differences
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- Strategies to manage additional needs
- The impact of having a disabled child on family life
- Transition to adulthood
- Helping teenagers with additional needs
- Your child with additional needs
- Transition to adulthood
- Plus Outside speakers for Education issues,
- Law and SEN, Benefits advice, Sensory issues etc.

Support Groups

Sessions are free and funded by Big Lottery

and Disabilities for children with additional needs for parents caring for children with disabilities.

In Partnership with Families in Focus CIC
All members of the group are parents who have developed knowledge and skills through lived experiences. They share ideas, strategies, and support with each other. The group meets regularly to discuss and share experiences.

What is a structured themed session?

Events for the whole family may include games, activities to improve social skills, and discussions on ways to support children. Each session will focus on a specific theme, allowing parents to learn and share experiences.

How does it work?

For parents of children with additional needs, a peer support network exists to provide emotional support and guidance. Parents can choose to attend as many or as few sessions as they wish. The group meets once a month, and all sessions are led by trained facilitators.

Where can I attend?

Details for further information can be found on the Parent Network's website or by contacting them directly.

Who runs the Parent Network?

The Parent Network is a community-led organization, working with families who have a child with additional needs. They offer support and resources to help parents navigate the challenges of raising a child with special needs.
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