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**Holywell Primary School**

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Headteacher: Mr C van Straaten

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term has passed and I would like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support throughout the first part of the academic year. We will continue our respect theme for the second half of the Autumn Term and hope to raise the expectation and standards of pupils even higher and always show respect to each other and adults in the school.

**Secondary School – September 2019**

We would like to remind parents of pupils in Year 6 that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online by the closing date of **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Half Term**

We would like to remind you that school is closed next week for half term and reopens on Monday 5th November 2018.

**Parents' Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evening. If you have not yet seen your child's Class Teacher please make an appointment as soon as possible. Teachers want to see all parents of pupils in their class.

**Festivals of Learning**

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Festival of learning sessions this week. As ever, the feedback from parents is good and parents thoroughly enjoyed their sessions in the classes with pupils.

**Erasmus +**

On Wednesday I shared with parents in Year 5 our ambition to take 15 Year 5 pupils to Spain as part of a collaborative project with 3 other local primary schools. The project is funded by the European Council and runs over 4 years. It gives pupils and staff an amazing opportunity to learn and share with schools from abroad. A separate letter is going out to year 5 pupils and parents today. Expression of interest closes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Please use the link here to tell us what sessions parents and carers would find useful as part of our coffee mornings. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MMR7Z6B>



### Walk to School Trophy

Congratulations to Reception Blue and Year 3 Pine, the winners of the "Walk to School" trophy for October 2018. Well done to everyone who participated. It is great to see some friendly competition and thank you for entering into the spirit of the project.



#### Winner Early Years/Key Stage 1 – Reception Blue

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 1 Sycamore

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 2 Hazel

#### Winner Key Stage 2 – Year 3 Pine

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 6 Rowan

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 6 Birch

### Open Morning – Reception Class September 2019

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 are due to start in Reception class September 2019.

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2:00pm

### Open Morning – Nursery Class September 2019

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 are due to start in Nursery class September 2019.

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2:00pm

### Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Hailea - Maple	Clarke – Cedar
Harley - Hawthorn	Brooke – Mulberry
Iara - Maple	Robina – Cedar
Giulia - Maple	Amy – Cedar
Azlan - Hazel	Leandro – Birch
Joseph - Hawthorn	Samuel - Elm
Tyson - Sycamore	Bailey - Pine
	Zuzanna - Cedar

## Class Assembly

### Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 9 November	Beech	Remembrance Day
Friday 16 November	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23 November	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30 November	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7 December	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
<b>KS1</b> Blue Base	<b>KS1</b> Hawthorn
<b>KS2</b> Birch	<b>KS2</b> Pine

## Attendance

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

<b>Nursery am</b>	91.9%	<b>Pine</b>	99.1%
<b>Blue base</b>	98.5%	<b>Mulberry</b>	96.6%
<b>Red base</b>	93.9%	<b>Cedar</b>	96.1%
<b>Maple</b>	95.9%	<b>Ash</b>	93.8%
<b>Sycamore</b>	92.9%	<b>Elder</b>	95.7%
<b>Hawthorn</b>	91.9%	<b>Chestnut</b>	96.1%
<b>Hazel</b>	91.7%	<b>Birch</b>	99.7%
<b>Aspen</b>	95.5%	<b>Elm</b>	98.6%
<b>Beech</b>	97.7%	<b>Rowan</b>	97.7%

## Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	-	-
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	<u>Nuredin</u>	Olly
Sycamore	David	<u>Ritesh</u>	Elder	Ellie	<u>Fumi</u>
Maple	<u>Guilia</u>	Harvey	Ash	Natasha	Maher
Hawthorn	<u>Esmay</u>	Dilan	Chestnut	<u>Zafir</u>	Chloe
Hazel	<u>Jaiyeoni</u>	<u>Rhyley</u>	Rowan	Jayden	Carey
Pine	-	-	Elm	<u>Aliah</u>	<u>Insa</u>
Beech	<u>Ihtisaam</u>	Nicola	Birch	Kohinoor	Calvin
Aspen	<u>Morena</u>	<u>Jahmal</u>			



## Dates for your Diary

### October 2018

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Half term

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 – Secondary school applications for September 2019 – Close

### November 2018

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Reception Class applications for September 2019 - Open

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Start of Poppy Appeal

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Wizard Theatre

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 5

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Whole school Assessment Week

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 2 Paradise Wildlife Park

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Cassiobury Park

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Cedar Cassiobury Park

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – School Photographer – Individual and family photos

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Assessments continue

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 3 Verulamium Museum

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 – Reception Open Day – 9:15a.m

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Year 6 World War 1 Workshop

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in bottles and jars

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Christmas Decoration Day

### December 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and ‘nearly new’

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents - 10:00am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

### January 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 INSET Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 First Day of Term

## Parent/Carer Questionnaires

I am pleased to share the results of the parents questionnaires that were completed during parents evening. The results are positive and show an increased percentage of parents “strongly agree” and “agree” with the questions. Thank you for your ongoing support. We will continue to reflect on our practice and always strive to improve. Pupil’s welfare, attainment and progress are high on our agenda, as always, will continue to be.

### Percentage of Parents & Carers who Agree/Strongly Agree

Statement		October 2018
1	My child enjoys school	97%
2	My child is making good progress at this school	95%
3	My child is safe and well cared for at school	95%
4	The teaching is good at this school	96%
5	The school helps my child in reading, writing and maths and to communicate	95%
6	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	97%
7	The school meets my child’s needs on a daily basis	95%
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	93%
9	Behaviour in school is good	96%
10	The school deals effectively with any incidents of bullying	86%
11	The school seeks my views and takes account of my suggestions and concerns	93%
12	The school helps me to support my child's learning	91%
13	The school is well led and managed	95%
14	Overall, I am happy with my child’s experience at this school	98%





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## NURSERY 2019 OPEN DAYS:

Wednesday 9th January 2019 ..... 09.30 am - 10.30 am

Wednesday 16th January 2019 ..... 02.00 pm - 03.00 pm

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## WE AIM TO:

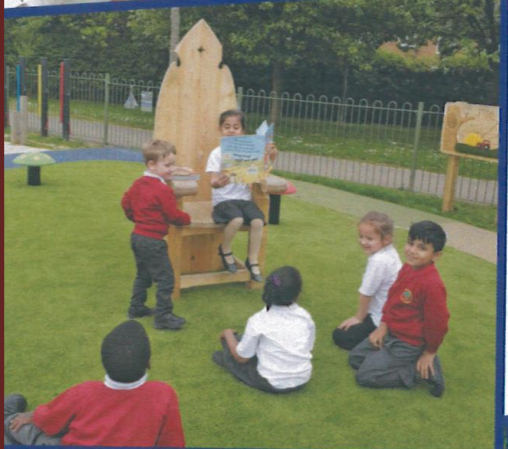
- provide a safe, caring, and attractive environment where everyone feels supported and valued.
- provide breadth and balance within the framework of the Early Learning Goals and the National Curriculum, by maintaining high standards in the quality of teaching and learning.
- encourage high standards of behaviour, and compliance with the school rules, for the happiness, health and safety of everyone.
- encourage children to work to their potential with increasing confidence and self-esteem
- have high expectations of achievement for all across every aspect of school life
- establish and maintain links with the local community and encourage the full involvement of Parents/Carers, Pupils and Governors in the life of the school.

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