



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, it has been a very unusual term since we returned to school in January. We had our presentation assembly this morning, during which I commended the children on their resilience during the last term. Never in my school career as a learner did I have to endure what they have had to, I am very impressed with their resilience.

Spirit to Succeed

Well done to all our Spirit to Succeed winners, who were announced during our Presentation Assembly this morning.

	Adult Vote	Child Vote
Red	Jansen for being an active learner during online lessons and making progress in all areas of learning.	Mananaka for being a great listener and a good friend to all children across Reception.
Blue	Oliver for his excellent work during home learning and great achievements in phonics.	Gabriella for her great behaviour in school during the lockdown and her excellent progress in her writing
Maple	Lael has been consistently outstanding in his work and behaviour since joining Holywell late in Year 1. He has gone from strength to strength and has shown huge improvement due to his resilient and reflective work ethic. He does his best daily and never fails to make us laugh with his thoughtful insights and ideas. Lael has been focused, determined and most importantly kind. His confidence has grown and he has become a role model in a very short period of time. Well done Lael, Mrs Dattani and I are so proud of you and what you have accomplished!	Ayah - The children of Maple Class have chosen Ayah as their choice. They said she is kind, friendly and helpful in and around the classroom. Ayah has shown kindness daily to those around her and is always asking what she can do for others. Ayah has shown a respectful attitude and has become a wonderful role model to her peers. She is dependable, trustworthy and always has a smile on her face! She helps others see the positives and encourages her peers to keep going. Well done Ayah, Mrs Dattani and I are very proud of you and how you have blossomed this year!

Sycamore	Isabelle was picked by the adults for always showing respect to her classmates and for also working very hard during the school closures.	Damilola was picked for being a responsible member of Sycamore Class, for always trying hard.
Hawthorn	Zainab for being an extremely resilient learner this term. She has really pushed herself to complete her work independently and engage with class discussions. She is always respectful, kind and friendly to the children and adults in the school and is always up for helping the teachers.	Maisey has been incredibly resourceful and resilient during the time she spent at home through lockdown. Maisey has shown that no matter what, she is willing to learn and try her best in all of her learning which has helped her to make some good progress. She is a positive role model for those around her as she always follows the rules in and outside of the classroom and is a lovely child to be around.
Hazel	Riley for working hard every day at home. Riley went above and beyond to ensure he had completed all his learning, he attended every online lesson and participated throughout. Riley produced fantastic work and was an outstanding role model to his peers	Zarya has been focusing her time on improving her reading and spelling. Zarya has taken this very seriously and is implementing her new knowledge across all her subjects at school. Her peers are very proud of how hard Zarya is working.
Cedar	Rebeka for always having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning. Rebeka has continually had a smile on her face even during our online learning and she has always tried her very best! Rebeka has also been a fantastic friend and role model to her peers as she consistently follows school 6 Rs.	Zain for always following the 6 R's and for continually being an excellent role model for everybody in Cedar class. Throughout the year Zain has always tried his best and always participates in class discussions. He is also a fantastic friend to everyone and is very helpful around the class.
Mulberry	Lacey-Marie for being a fantastic role model to the children in Year 3 and 4. She is constantly following the 6 Rs in school. During the lockdown Lacey-Marie showed exceptional dedication in accessing the internet and ensuring she attended all live lessons and completed the work. Lacey-Marie has been working very hard in all areas of her learning. Keep up the great work!	Malwina for showing resilience in her learning. Malwina has been working very hard to improve her learning over lockdown and attended all the live lessons. The children also said that she is kind and caring and always follows the 6 Rs. She is very sensible and a great role model especially on the playground

Rowan	Sofia - Mrs Shah and I voted for Sofia to receive the Spirit to Succeed medal because she has shown good progress in the core subjects. At the start of the year she was very reluctant to attempt learning independently, but now she has shown a resilient and determined attitude towards her learning. It has been wonderful to see her flourish and begin a journey that shows passion and interest in her education. Well done Sofia!	Elif - The children have voted for Elif because she is always following the Holywell 6 Rs. They are a fantastic role model both in class and on the playground. She was chosen especially for her kindness and ability to show respect towards other's feelings, beliefs and interests. It has been a pleasure working with her and all the children enjoy having Elif in the classroom. Congratulations Elif!
Chestnut	Sara S for always taking an active part during our live sessions and for being a great role model to the class.	Kian for making great improvements in his learning and for always following the 6 R's
Elder	Michael - for his amazing resilience throughout lockdown. He attended school every day with enthusiasm and determination to achieve. He has completed all learning and has tried exceptionally hard in all areas, especially Maths. Well done, Michael. His classmates also said he is 'caring and asked me how I was and how I felt about being back'. That just shows what a kind and caring individual he is.	Sara K - We fully agree with the class on this chosen person - here are some of the reasons that the class chose Sara to win her medal. She is a good friend and plays with all of the class. She is kind, helpful, supportive and happy all of the time. Even through lockdown, she came to school and was amazing! She follows all of the rules and is really sensible. She listens, is funny and grateful.
Elm	Ada for her excellent attitude to learning and for the excellent quality of work produced during online learning and now in class.	Rajab for being kind and helpful to others. For being a good role model and always following the 6 Rs.
Birch	Marian has always followed our class charter and has been resilient to give her best effort despite having to face challenging situations during home learning. Well done!	Rajak is a friendly peer, who is always happy to support others in class and a great team mate in the playground. A role model to his friends in always maintaining a calm and composed behaviour in class and following the 6 Rs of Holywell. Well done!

Parent Governor

Last week we asked parents to contact us if they are interested in becoming a Parent Governor. We have had some interest and will close expression of interest once we return to school after the Easter holiday. If you would like more information about the role of School Governor, please contact me via the school email address - admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Crossing the Road

We have had a few parents raising concerns about cars not stopping, or only just stopping at the pedestrian crossing on Tolpits Lane. This is very concerning and something we are taking up with the local authority. We will be teaching the children about road safety, and in the meantime I ask parents to be extra vigilant when crossing Tolpits Lane with small children.

Polling Day – Thursday 6th May 2021

The school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May 2021. In the interest of safety, I have taken the decision to close the school to pupils on that day. As coronavirus is still prevalent, we need all the space we have to be able to social distance. Pupils will be set home learning for the day and staff will work from school.



Holiday Activities

Hertfordshire County Council has joined forces with Herts Sports Partnership to organise a programme of activities for the Easter holidays and this offer is now live and open for bookings. There are some holiday face-to-face schemes running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years old.

Families who receive benefit related free school meals can book for free and should have been sent a code, if you haven't received this, please use this temporary code including the hashtag: #E77ZD



Places are limited and strictly on a first come first served basis so be quick – you will be able to search for any close to you and book online at:

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/>

In addition, there are a range of fun online resources aimed at providing ideas and activities to achieve 60 minutes of physical activity each day for you and your family –

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/peschoolsport/behappy/>

Easter Homework

Pupils will be set homework to complete during the two week Easter break. Parents can also continue to use the CGP Books the school issued during lockdown, keeping up the momentum of the children's learning. It is good for pupils to have some time to relax, there is no need for pupils to do long hours of work and learning. However, it is good to do little bits here and there.

Winter Grant

Parents of pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will today receive an email to redeem their voucher for £45.00. This is £30.00 for the Easter holiday and £15.00 for the May half term. Full details are on a letter sent out to all parents on 18th March 2021.



After School Sports Clubs

We have agreed to some after school sports club provision to be delivered by Watford Football Club CSE Trust. Initially, this will be rolled out to two year groups. After the previous lockdown, the uptake of clubs was understandably very low and we need to ensure we get value for money.



A separate letter was sent out to parents about the Tag Rugby club for Year 5 and the Football club for Year 6. All coaches from Watford CSE are DBS checked and will follow the latest COVID-19 guidelines issued by the government. Many parents will be aware that community sport can resume from 29th March 2021.

Week Commencing 15.03.21

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery	86%	Rowan	91%
Blue	78%	Mulberry	92%
Red	84%	Cedar	93%
Maple	90%	Chestnut	93%
Sycamore	95%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	90%	Birch	94%
Hazel	100%	Elm	91%

Whole School Attendance

*Whole school attendance for the
academic year till last Friday is:*

95%

Reporting positive cases during the Easter Break

We will continue to keep track of positive cases of Coronavirus until Thursday 1 April 2021 for pupils and staff. This means any staff and pupils who test positive for Coronavirus between now and 1st April 2021 and those who are considered to be in close proximity should self-isolate as per current guidance.

We therefore ask that parents let us know via admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk when they or their children test positive for coronavirus. When informing us please state the

- Name
- class of the child
- When they started to show symptoms
- When they were tested
- When they received their result.

This information will help us to determine the next actions to take to stop the spread of the virus.

Throughout the break, staff will continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests which is another layer of protection to our school community.

Coronavirus Information on Return to School

When we return to school after the Easter break we will continue to keep up our strict procedures ensure we keep safe. We will review these after a few weeks in, depending how cases of Coronavirus develop. We therefore ask that

- Parents continue to wear face coverings when entering the premises.
- Keep to our dropping off and collection procedures and not gather in groups, but social distance from each other.

Even though parents might gather outside in groups of 6 from Monday, we want to ensure that any spike in cases over the Easter break does not affect our immediate community including parents, pupils and staff.

Pupils, staff and other adults are reminded not to come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

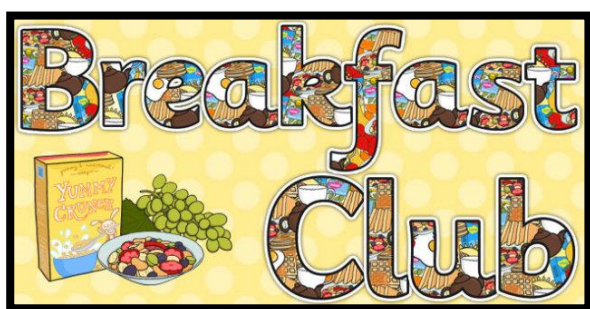
- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia),

- they must go home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Breakfast and After School Club

We will continue with the Breakfast and After School Club after the Easter holiday. Any parent wishing to use the club are asked to contact the school office. The Breakfast Club starts from 7:30 am each morning and the After School Club runs until 5:30 pm in the afternoon.



Summer Term

There will be an INSET day on Monday 12th April 2021 and parents are reminded that school restarts for pupils on Tuesday 13th April 2021.





DIARY DATES

Monday 12th April 2021 – INSET day
Monday 12th April 2021 – Year 5 Consortium test registration opens
Tuesday 13th April 2021 – First day of Summer Term for all children
Wednesday 14th April 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 14th April 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 14th April 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 14th April 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 15th April 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 16th April 2021 – Reception allocations for September 2021
Friday 16th April 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 19th April 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby
Tuesday 20th April 2021 – Wizard Theatre restarts
Wednesday 21st April 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 21st April 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4
Wednesday 21st April 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 21st April 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 22nd April 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 23rd April 2021 – Whole school assembly (9:10)
Monday 26th April 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby
Tuesday 27th April 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Reception Health Screening
Wednesday 28th April 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 29th April 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 30th April 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course.
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – School Photographer – Class photographs
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 6 Bikeability course
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 6th May 2021 – Watford Council Elections – School closed

Friday 7th May 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Friday 7th May 2021 - Year 6 Bikeability course
Monday 10th May 2021 - Year 5 Tag Rugby
Monday 10th May 2021 - Key Stage 2 MOCK - SATS
Tuesday 11th May 2021 - Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop -
Watford FC
Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 13th May 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 14th May 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 17th May 2021 - Tag Rugby
Tuesday 18th May 2021 - Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 18th May 2021 - Olympic athlete visit
Wednesday 19th May 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop -
Watford FC
Wednesday 19th May 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 19th May 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 19th May 2021 - Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 20th May 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 21st May 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 - Festival of Learning week
Monday 24th May 2021 - Friday 28th May 2021 - Key Stage 1 MOCK - SATS
Monday 24th May - Year 5 Tag Rugby
Tuesday 25th May 2021 - Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 26th May 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop -
Watford FC
Wednesday 26th May 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
Wednesday 26th May 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 26th May 2021 - Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 27th May 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 28th May 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 29th May - Half term

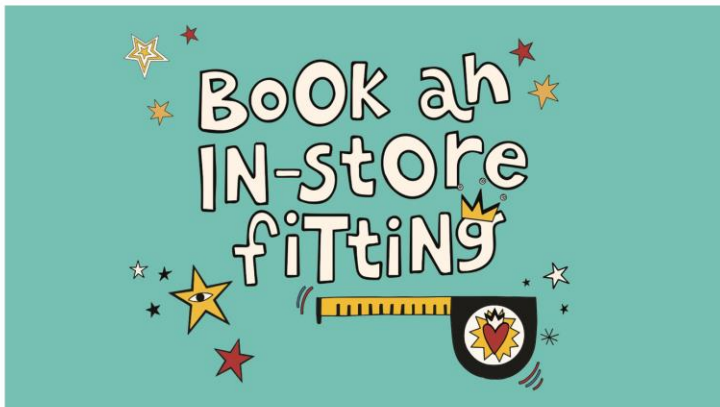


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