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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Bikeability**

This week the children in Year 4 were fortunate to be offered the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability Level 1 course. All the children taking part worked extremely hard and this resulted in every one being able to ride a bike at the end of the course.



### **Skateability**

Next week the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in Skateability. The purpose of these activities is not only to increase pupils' competence but also to make them aware of safety on and around the roads. Do spend some time talking to your children about what they have learnt during these sessions.

### **Challenge Cup**



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 we hosted the Year 4 Challenge Cup. The event was attended by 7 schools from the surrounding area and had a PE focus. Pupils from Holywell Primary School represented themselves very well. Thank you to all the staff who helped organise this event and those who helped in the smooth running of the afternoon.

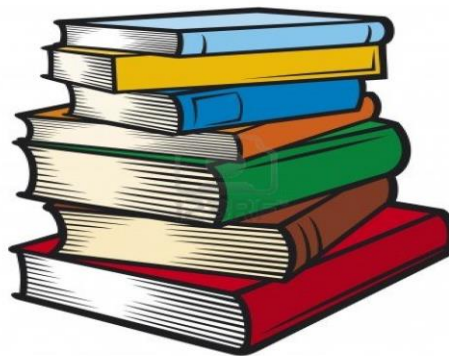
### **Staffing**

Today we say goodbye to a member of staff, Miss Pryputen, who is moving abroad. We wish her all the best in the future and with her travels.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will take place from next week.

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2:45pm to 4:00pm
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 3:15pm to 4:00pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 3:15pm to 4:00pm



Please come and visit us. Not only will parents have the opportunity to buy a good range of books but the school benefits from every book sold.

### **Polling Day**

The local Council Election takes place next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 and the school is to be used as a Polling Station. Please be assured that visitors to the site will not have access to the school and will be closely monitored at all times while on school grounds.



## Cornet Lessons



A letter will go out today by hand explaining the new arrangements for cornet lessons. We are still keen to get these off the ground and over time develop the variety of music tuition we can offer pupils at Holywell Primary School. Parents who are entitled to receive free school meals are able to claim a grant from Hertfordshire County Council for remission of fees.

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 94%			
Nursery	90%	Beech	98%
Blue	91%	Pine	100%
Red	90%	Mulberry	93%
Maple	91%	Cedar	88%
Oak	97%	Rowan	94%
Sycamore	96%	Ash	100%
Hawthorn	95%	Elder	97%
Hazel	97%	Chestnut	96%
Willow	97%	Birch	98%
Aspen	99%	Elm	100%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:	
Attendance	Punctuality
<b>KS1</b>	<b>KS1</b>
Oak Hazel Willow	Maple Hazel
<b>KS2</b>	<b>KS2</b>
Pine Ash Elm	Beech Rowan Ash

Congratulation to the winners of the Golden Tickets for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Daniel – Maple	Marusia – Mulberry
Grace – Sycamore	Dante – Ash
Azlan – Sycamore	Alexandru - Cedar
Timotei – Maple	Akhil – Elder
Sanjsaya – Hazel	Neo – Ash
Indianna – Sycamore	Tanishq – Chestnut
Bailey - Hawthorn	Roksana - Mulberry

### Parent Information Sessions – Spring 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session focus</b>	<b>Session Leader</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th May 2018</b>	Online Safety. Do you know what your child is doing online? How to keep them safe.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 15th May 2018</b>	Protective Behaviours. How to help your child recognise when they feel unsafe and provide strategies to deal with this.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 22nd May 2018</b>	Phonics. How you can help support phonics development for reading and writing.	Sam Ward, Miss V Tetley and Miss A Hampton
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
<b>Tuesday 5th June 2018</b>	Puberty. Strategies to be able to discuss this sensitive topic with your child.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 12th June 2018</b>	Transition Nursery to Reception. How you can help prepare your Nursery aged child for Reception.	Sam Ward and Miss V Tetley
<b>Tuesday 19th June 2018</b>	Transition Reception to Key Stage 1. How you can help prepare your child for Year 1	Sam Ward and Mrs J Hewett
<b>Tuesday 26th June 2018</b>	Transition Year 2 to Year 3. How you can help prepare your child for Year 3	Sam Ward and Mr M Keller
<b>Tuesday 3rd July 2018</b>	Transition Year 6 to Year 7. How you can help prepare your child for Year 7.	Sam Ward and Mrs S Alexander
<b>Tuesday 10th July 2018</b>	Money management and budgeting tips. How to make your money go further.	Sam Ward
<b>Tuesday 17th July 2018</b>	Coffee and farewell. Open forum to reflect on the year, ask any questions, celebrate and look forward to the summer holidays.	Sam Ward

**Holywell Charter and Star Certificates** : Congratulations go to:

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>CHARTER</b>	<b>STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>CHARTER</b>	<b>STAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK</b>
<b>Blue</b>	Natasha	Ines	<b>Beech</b>	Maisie	Danae
<b>Red</b>	Stanley	Samanta	<b>Mulberry</b>	Luke	Haaris
<b>Sycamore</b>	Azlan	Katherine	<b>Rowan</b>	Vamika	Aisha
<b>Maple</b>	Amna	Prithvi	<b>Cedar</b>	Amy	Micah
<b>Oak</b>	Amelia	David	<b>Elder</b>	Luana	Irinel
<b>Willow</b>	Luis	Hannah	<b>Ash</b>	Evelina	The whole of the class
<b>Hazel</b>	Maria	Murphy	<b>Chestnut</b>	Subhaan	Imarath
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Temilola	Andrei	<b>Birch</b>	Pepe	Yumna
<b>Pine</b>	Bright	Arya	<b>Elm</b>	Ahashiya	Torell
<b>Aspen</b>	Yaavarthan	Jasmine			

**Class Assembly  
Olympic Hall at 9:10am**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Friday 4th May 2018	Beech	British Values
Friday 11th May 2018	Pine	Ramadan
Friday 18th May 2018	Hazel	6Rs
Friday 25th May 2018	Willow	6Rs
<b>Half Term</b>		
Friday 8th June 2018	Hawthorn	Anti-Bullying
Friday 15th June 2018	Oak	Eid al Fitre
Friday 22nd June 2018	Blue	Father's Day
Friday 29th June 2018	Maple	World Refugee Day - 20th June 2018
Friday 6th July 2018	Hazel	Stranger Danger
Friday 13th July 2018	Sycamore	NSPCC
Friday 20th July 2018	Red	Friendship and Award Assembly

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL 2018

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Year 1 to Year 6 Skateability

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Aspen swimming

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 1 Challenge Cup at Chater Infants School - Humanities

### MAY 2018

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Polling Day, Local Elections – School Open

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Book Fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Health Screening

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photographs

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Challenge Cup at Beechfield School – Music

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Mini Olympics at Queens School

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Sycamore and Aspen to Watford Museum

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Oak to Watford Museum

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 SATS

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – EYFS Assessment

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 6 Mixed Kwik Cricket at Watford Boys' School

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Aspen swimming

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Half Term

### JUNE 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Festival of Learning Week (not Year 6)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 – Wenzel's Bakery

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Picnic and fun at the park

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Tri Golf at Queens' School

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Project day in school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Wenzel's Bakery

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Isle of Wight

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Whipsnade Zoo

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Dance Festival at Queens' School

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Challenge Cup at Highwood School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Whole school assessment week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening catch up

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Girls Kwik Cricket at Watford Boys School

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 RE Challenge Cup at Chater Junior School

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 to KidZania

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Parents meeting for children starting Nursery September 2018 - 9:30 am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Parents meeting for children starting Reception September 2018 - 9:30am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Assembly NED – Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best – 2:15pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Watford Museum

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Challenge Cup at Grove Academy – Geography

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Provisional Sports Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Pine swimming

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Provisional EYFS Sports Day

## **JULY 2018**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Singing Celebration at 9:00am

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Singing Celebration at 1:30pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Rowan Roald Dahl Museum

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Challenge Cup at Central School

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Cedar and Mulberry Roald Dahl Museum

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Pine swimming

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve EYFS Sports Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concert 3:30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Pine swimming

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 End of Year Prom

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – No afterschool clubs

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to KS1

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to KS2

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – International/Community Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Pine swimming

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance to Parents at 6:30pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Nursery Assembly to parents (provisional)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Performance to Parents at 2:00pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Afternoon – 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Award Assembly at 9:10am – Attendance, Spirit to Succeed medals, Sport, Spanish, Art

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9:10am

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery finishes at midday – no afternoon session

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)