## Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday $27^{\text {th }}$ September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been a hectic week with the changing weather conditions, autumn is approaching rapidly. Parents are reminded that pupils are required to continue wearing their school uniform as the weather changes. Children must wear a school jumper and school shoes. They will continue to go outside, but we will not let them out in extreme weather conditions so their school uniform and a coat are required to give sufficient protection from the weather.

## Dangerous Dinosaurs

We are happy to once again work with the Community Learning Partnership, Hertfordshire Adult and Family Learning Service (HAFLS) for family learning with a focus on English, and in particular focus on phonics for pupils in Reception and Year 1. Please see the leaflets attached. A letter with further details about the course commencing Thursday the 7th November 2019 will go out next week. The course will run for 6 weeks.

## PSHCE including Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and Health Education

As parents might be aware there have been some statutory changes placed on schools in terms of their curriculum about relationship education. These changes are statutory from September 2020.

At Holywell Primary we are currently working our way through theses to ensure we get the best possible curriculum for our pupils and community. At the moment, we have made no changes to our current curriculum to reflect these changes and will update parents of these once a final decision has been made. We appreciate there are concerning reports in the press about what schools and local authorities are doing, but we just want to reassure parents that we are considering the changes needed very carefully and will update them when our relationships curriculum is finalised.

## Lettings

We work hard to make savings in school and always explore ways to enhance our income each year. One way in which we try to raise funds is through letting parts of the school site. The school lends itself well to cater for many different kinds of events. Last year the school hall, for example, was let out for a wedding reception. Lettings rates are very competitive and we would recommend parents look on the school website if they are interested in hiring part of the school for any kind of occasion.

## Year 6 Health Checks

We would like to remind Year 6 parents School Health will be coming in to carry out a series of health checks on their children. A letter was sent to all Year 6 parents at the beginning of term giving full information and the option to opt out if they wish. However, parents are encouraged let their children be part of these checks.

School Councillors - 2019/2020

| Year 1 | Maple | Harry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sycamore | Rayhiya |
| Year 2 | Hawthorn | Amira |
|  | Hazel | Hailea |
| Year 3 | Aspen | Elif |
|  | Pine | Kayla |
| Year 4 | Cedar | Aahana |
|  | Mulberry | Cayden |
| Year 5 | Chestnut | Ocean |
|  | Elder | Ayesha |
| Year 6 | Birch | David |
|  | Elm | Romeo |
|  | Rowan | Thabo |

## Class Assemblies

| Olympic Hall at 9:10am |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DATE | CLASS | TOPIC |
| Friday 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ October | Year 5 Chestnut | Black History |
| Friday 11 October | Year 5 Elder | 6R Reflection |
| Friday 18 $8^{\text {th }}$ October | Year 4 Mulberry | Anti Slavery Day |
| Friday 25 October $^{\text {Friday } \text { 月 }^{\text {h }} \text { November }}$ | Year 4 Cedar | Diwali |
| Friday 15th November | Year 3 Pine | Bon Fire Night |
| Friday 22nd November | Year 3 Aspen | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Friday 29th November | Year 2 Hawthorn | Road Safety |
| Friday 6th December | Year 2 Hazel | St Andrew |
| Friday 13th December | Year 1 Sycamore | Hanukah |
|  | Year 1 Maple | Human Rights Day |

## Watford Observer - My First Day at School



## Holywell Charter and Star Certificates

| Class | Charter <br> certificate | Star Learner <br> of the Week <br> award | Class | Charter <br> certificate | Star Learner <br> of the Week <br> award |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blue Base | Alexia | Joshua | Mulberry | - | - |
| Red Base | Cornel | Maya | Cedar | Hannah | Luigi |
| Sycamore | Aaron | Sara | Chestnut | Arshaq | Maleehah |
| Maple | Skya | Stivan | Elder | Zamin S | Amina |
| Hawthorn | Lacey | Ives | Elm | Eliza | Kushal |
| Hazel | Stanley | Stefi | Rowan | Dinesh | Gaby |
| Pine | Anushka | Roberta | Birch | Wiyyam | Saad |
| Aspen | Abdullah | Kevin |  |  |  |

Attendance by Class
Last week's attendance by class:

| Nursery am | $88 \%$ | Pine | $89 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Blue Base | $93 \%$ | Mulberry | $94 \%$ |
| Red Base | $88 \%$ | Cedar | $98 \%$ |
| Maple | $98 \%$ | Chestnut | $96 \%$ |
| Sycamore | $94 \%$ | Elder | $96 \%$ |
| Hawthorn | $98 \%$ | Birch | $97 \%$ |
| Hazel | $97 \%$ | Elm | $97 \%$ |
| Aspen | $95 \%$ | Rowan | $96 \%$ |

## Whole School Attendance

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

## 94.1 \%

## Attendance and Punctuality

Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:

| Attendance | Punctuality |
| :---: | :---: |
| KS1: Maple | KS1: Maple, Sycamore |
| KS2 : Cedar | KS2: Aspen, Pine, Cedar |

## Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER 2019

Tuesday 1st October 2019 - Wizard Theatre starts
Tuesday 1st October 2019 - Black History Month - Bigfoot Theatre
Tuesday 1st October 2019 - Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket at Queens School
Wednesday 2nd October 2019 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 3rd October 2019 - Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 3rd October 2019 - Year 6 Health Screening
Thursday 3rd October 2019 - Rocksteady
Tuesday 8th October 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 8th October 2019 - Year 3 Celtic Hearts Workshop - Irish Dancing
Tuesday 8th October 2019 - Year 6 Basketball at Queens School
Wednesday 9th October 2019 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 10th October 2019 - Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Tuesday 15th October 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 15th October 2019 - Year 5 Cross Country at Queens School
Wednesday 16th October 2019 - Year 1 trip to London Museum
Wednesday 16th October 2019 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 17th October 2019 - Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 17th October 2019 - Rocksteady
Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019 - Festival of Learning week
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 - Parents Evening - 3:30pm to 6:00pm
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Wednesday 23rd October 2019 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 24th October 2019 - Rocksteady
Thursday 24th October 2019 - Parents Evening 5:00pm to 7:30pm
Monday 28th October 2019 - Friday 1st November 2019 - Half term
Thursday 31st October 2019 - Secondary School Applications for September 2020 - Close

## NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 - Year 1 Assessments start
Monday 4th November 2019 - Reception Applications for September 2020 open
Monday 4th November 2019 - Poppy appeal starts
Tuesday 5th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 5th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre Pantomime
Tuesday 5th November 2019 - Governors Meeting - 6:30pm
Wednesday 6th November 2019 - Big Foot Black History workshops - KS1 and KS2
Thursday 7th November 2019 - Big Foot Black History workshops - KS1 and KS2
Thursday 7th November 2019 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 7th November 2019 - Rocksteady
Monday 11th November 2019 - Whole School Assessment Week
Monday 11th November 2019 - Big Foot - Anti Bullying Workshops - KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Big Foot - Anti Bullying Workshops - KS1 and KS2

## NOVEMBER 2019 continued:

Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Year 6 Hockey at Queens School
Wednesday 13th November 2019 - Big Foot - Anti Bullying Workshops - KS1 and KS2
Thursday 14th November 2019 - School Photographer - Individual and family photographs
Thursday 14th November 2019 - Rocksteady
Thursday 14th November 2019 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Tuesday 19th November 2019 - School Nurse to meet Year 6 and complete online questionnaires
Tuesday 19th November 2019 - Year 4 Speed Stacking at Queens School
Wednesday 20th November 2019 - Reception 2020 Open Day - 9:15am - to be confirmed
Thursday 21st November 2019 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 21st November 2019 - Rocksteady
Wednesday 27th November 2019 - Flu Immunisations - Reception to Year 6
Thursday 28th November 2019 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 28th November 2019 - Non Uniform Day - Sweets
Friday 29th November 2019 - Christmas Decoration Day

## DECEMBER 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019 - Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 4th December 2019 - Reception 2020 Open Day - 2:00pm - to be confirmed
Thursday 5th December 2019 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 5th December 2019 - Non Uniform Day - Chocolate and drinks bottles
Thursday 12th December 2019 - Non uniform Day - Cakes
Thursday 12th December 2019 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 12th December 2019 - Rocksteady
Friday 13th December 2019 - Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Christmas Fete - 3:30pm to 5:00 pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Governors meeting - 6:30pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance - 11:15am
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance - 9:30am
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19th December 2019 - Presentation Assembly
Thursday 19th December 2019 - Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 10:00am
Thursday 19th December 2019 - Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 2 parents - 2:00pm
Friday 20th December 2019 - Nursery AM only. Closes at 12:00 midday
Friday 20th December 2019 - Monday 6th January 2020 - Christmas break

## ENRICHMENT DAYS:

Tuesday 1st October 2019 - Black History Month starts
Wednesday 2nd October 2019 - Walk to School Day
Friday 4th October 2019 - World Space Week begins
Monday 7th October 2019 - National Braille Week
Thursday 10th October 2019 - World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 16th October 2019 - World Food Day
Friday 18th October 2019 - Anti Slavery Day
Sunday 27th October 2019 - Diwali
Thursday 31st October 2019 - Halloween
Tuesday 5th November 2019 - Bonfire Night
Sunday 10th November 2019 - World Science Day
Monday 11th November 2019 - Remembrance Day
Monday 11th November 2019 - Anti Bullying Week
Monday 18th November 2019 - Road safety Week
Wednesday 20th November 2019 - Universal Children's Days - UN
Saturday 30th November 2019 - St Andrews Day
Monday 2nd December 2019 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Tuesday 10th December 2019 - Human Rights Day
Sunday 22nd December 2019 - Hanukah

## Dangerous Dínosaurs At Holywell Primary School For Reception \& Year 1 Families

A free 6 week literacy and craft course, for parents/carers or relative over 19 \& children. 12:45pm - 3:15pm on Thursdays from 7th November 2019 Session dates are 7/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 4/12 \& 11/12
update your literacy skills to be able to help your child with their phonics in a short adult only session. You will then be joined by your child for a fun craft session each week which will include help for fussy eaters with some fun dinosaur food ideas.


## Letters coming home on 03/10/2019

For further information, please ring CLP direct on: 02084215544 or 07576167776


## More Information

Please see our website
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Why?
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 I Play Brass: Starting Saturday 14th September 11.30am -12.15am





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> Please read the $I$ Play flier for all the details of this project. This project is open to those in Years 3-6. The cost for the course is $£ 52$ for the term. If you would like to reserve a space for a free first lesson or have any other enquiries please email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk



July 2019


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C. Nothing at all. Hopefully your child has enjoyed the

B. Enrol for a different 'I Play' course so your child can have a

Percussion: Orchestral, World Percussion, Kit Strings: Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass Brass: Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Tenor Horn Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon Here are your choices:



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as follows and based on 11 lessons a term: advise you to make the best choice for your child. Costs are


 At the end of the course you may... last lesson to showcase the children's work. At the end of the term there will be a 'I Play' Concert in the

## Explore Music

## For Reception \& Key Stage 1 Children

Explore Reception
Our music programme for Reception Children
10.00-10.30am

## Explore Music 1

Our music programme for Year 1
$9.00-9.45 \mathrm{am}$ or 10.45-11.30am

## Explore Music 2

Our music programme for Year 2
9.15 -10.00am or 9.45am-10.30am

The children sing, dance, use body percussion, play simple percussion instruments as well as create their own music. Year 2 children also learn to play the Recorder. All Explore Music groups cost $£ 52$ per term.

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A two and a half hour programme of music making.

Sing! - 9.00am
Warm up singing session for all Key Stage 2 children.

> Make! - 9.30am

The children create and perform their own music in their year groups.

Play!
Years 3 \& 4-10.30am
All years 3 \& 4 children will learn to play recorder and violin as a group.
Years 5 \& 6-10.45am
Children can create and play their own music using technology and also have the opportunity to try out different instruments and start music theory

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