



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas 2020

As we are approaching the festive season, the appearance of Christmas lights and the cold morning air tells me that it not long until the end of the Autumn term. As COVID-19 is still very much part of our lives we will have to do things differently this year. We will not have our usual Christmas production, although we will be doing a virtual story that we hope to be able to share with parents.



Christmas Cards

We encourage pupils who want to bring in Christmas cards to write one card for their class, their teacher can put this on display in the classroom. This will stop a lot of handling of cards between pupils and the possible spread of disease.

Christmas Dinner

Our usual Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 16th December 2020. A letter with full details of how to book your meal went out on Wednesday 2nd November 2020. The day will be managed slightly differently this year because pupils will have their dinner in their class bubbles to ensure it is very safe for everyone involved.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December 2020

This is our last fundraiser for the year. Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper for a donation of £1. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the Children', who raise money for essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate.



COVID-19

As everyone knows, we will move back to the tiered system from Thursday 3rd December 2020. In school not much will change, our usual procedures will be in place, but we will start to let some visitors back into school. Wizard Theatre, Rock Steady and essential professionals will be allowed back on site. They will be issued with our COVID-19 Visitors Policy on arrival; they are required to social distance from everyone and wear a face covering.

Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education

We will start our parent consultation next week about the new Statutory Relationship Education and Relationship and Sex Education that we are required to deliver to children. We will keep the consultation open for 3 weeks. I know that parents are very concerned about this new requirement so it is important that parents fully participate in the consultation.

Reception and Nursery Classes – September 2021

The on-line application system to apply for a place in Reception for September 2021 is now open. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that they must apply for a place in a Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

Nursery applications, for children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, also opened on Monday 2nd November 2020. For an application form please visit the school website <http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/> or call the school office.

Open Day – New to Reception – September 2021

As a result of the new lockdown measures currently in place, we have had to postpone the original scheduled Open Day. The new date for the Open Day is Wednesday 9th December 2020, we ask you contact the school office by telephone 01923 225188, or email admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Open Day – Nursery – September 2021

The Open Day for Nursery is Wednesday 6th January 2021, again we ask you contact the school office to make an appointment.



HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Reception	Kameel	For amazing phonics work this week
Maple	Lily May	For producing a fantastic healthy caterpillar snack for homework
Sycamore	Madeea	For creative writing in English
Hawthorn	Esther	For her lovely diary entry about CJ's journey to Market Street
Hazel	Patrick	For his fabulous attitude to his learning this week
Cedar	Roberto	For showing a good understanding of arrays and the bar model in maths
Mulberry	David	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and behaviour
Rowan	Harvey J	For exceeding his homework expectations when designing a comic strip
Chestnut	Husnah	For writing a lovely story based on the book 'The Promise'
Elder	Luqmaan	For his increasing confidence and focus in all areas of learning, especially with his division work in maths this week. Well done Luqmaan!
Elm	Danae	For her excellent work around division
Birch	Italia	For beginning to apply her times tables knowledge in division problems

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Reception	Maluchi	For always being polite and asking for help when he needs it
Maple	Mathieu	For being resilient and reflective in his writing
Sycamore	Aviel	For reflecting on his actions and behaviour
Hawthorn	Lily-Rae	For being extremely resilient in her work this week. I am seeing some fantastic progress this term!
Hazel	Hadia	For being resilient in her learning every day
Cedar	Alexia	For continually following the schools charter and developing her reflection skills
Mulberry	Esmay	For being resourceful in creating an information poster about Global Warming
Rowan	Nived	For reflecting on his learning in English when creating an advert
Chestnut	Shamil	For reflecting on improving his fitness skills in PE lessons
Elder	Khadija	For resilience when challenging herself to complete tricky maths work, drawing on prior learning to help her achieve Even when the learning we are doing is tricky! Well done Khadija!
Elm	Timothy	For reflecting on his story writing this week
Birch	Bright	For always reflecting on 6Rs in his learning and behaviour

PLAY YOUR PART

We need your help to keep your school open, and to keep you and your friends safe

Social distancing and keeping safe

- ✓ Wash your hands regularly
 - ✓ Tell an adult if you are feeling unwell
 - ✓ Be honest about where you have been and who you've been with for test and trace purposes
 - ✓ Wear a mask on public transport getting to and from school
 - ✓ Sneeze or cough into a bent elbow or tissue and bin it
 - ✓ Follow the rules set out by your school
 - ✓ Be kind
- ✗ Share food or drink with your friends
 - ✗ Share face coverings with your friends
 - ✗ Pass around or use each other's phones or stationery
 - ✗ Break social distancing rules by touching, hugging or kissing
 - ✗ Mix with people outside of your bubble

Social distancing still applies outside of school – don't meet up in groups of more than 6 inside or outside

For more information go to
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

