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Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are certainly flying by and the school is in full swing after the Easter break. All we need now is the weather to warm up and we will know that summer will be here soon.

School Uniform

A reminder about school uniform now the weather is getting warmer. The usual high expectations are in place for the summer. Boys are allowed to wear grey shorts and girls are allowed to wear red gingham dresses. Pupils are required to wear their school jumper in case they feel cold and school shoes are to be worn as usual. We continue to accumulate lots of lost property so please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

E-Safety

We are very lucky to have Herts for Learning coming into school to speak to parents about how to ensure their children stay safe stay online. This session is taking place on Thursday 4th May 2017 at 2:45pm in the KS1 school hall. Please complete the return slip that is going out today to secure your place on this session.

Local Elections - Thursday 4th May 2017

The local council elections are on Thursday 4th May 2017. As with the previous local elections we will remain open for the day. Voters will use the Olympic Hall, which means that the school will be able to function as usual for the day.

General Election – Thursday 8th June 2017

We have also been approached by the local council for permission to be a Polling Station for the General Election on Thursday 8th June 2017. Further details will follow shortly.

Secondary School Applications for September 2018

A letter went out this week to children in Year 5 advising their parents of how to apply for secondary school in the South West Herts Consortium. The online registration system opened on Monday 24th April 2017.





Challenge Cup

Congratulations to Yenara (Blue Base), Okanmiyo (Red Base), Amber (Green Base) and Pritvi (Blue Base) who represented Holywell Primary School in the Reception Challenge Cup at Chater Infant School this week. During the afternoon they won points for working as a team to design a boat and then carry coins in the boat without it sinking. Well done to the team and thank you Mrs Geze for attending with them.

PE Kit

A number of children did not have their PE kit in school this week. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. PE kits can be kept in school until half term then returned home to be washed

House Captains

On Monday we had house assemblies where the whole school was split into our school houses. (Cassio, Ebury, Brightwell and Vicarage). The children learnt about the history of the house and were informed of a house shield competition.

Year 6 were asked to apply for the role of House

Captain. There were many high quality applications received and today the winners were announced in assembly. I am delighted to inform you that our School House Captains are:

Cassio – Aleena and Benjamin

Ebury – Sandra and Pranab

Vicarage – Ayomedi and Daria

Brightwell – Harun and Jiaa



Their first tough decision as part of their job is to decide on the winning shield for each house and announce this in phase assemblies next Monday. Thank you for all the creative and colourful house shields received; I know a number of children were working on these at home.

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House points will be awarded both in the classrooms and in the playground. House winners will be announced every Monday in Phase Assemblies. The focus for the school next week in allocating house points will be for pupils showing **RESPECT**. Any staff member will be able to award any pupil in the school house points. If you see someone in the playground in the morning or afternoon that you think deserves some house points because they have shown respect, please inform the nearest member of staff.

Damaged Bicycle

A bicycle was damaged in the bicycle shed this week. We would like to remind parents/carers that bicycles and scooters are left in the shed at your own risk. The school cannot take responsibility for bicycles and scooters left in the shed.

If anyone has information about the damaged bike then please contact the School Office.

Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you to those that have already donated vouchers to us. We are still collecting vouchers in the box in the main reception area, outside the school office.

Assemblies:

Please see below the assembly schedule for Summer Term. All parents are invited to attend our Friday whole school assemblies so come along and support your child. Parents are also able to join us for a coffee afterwards.

| Friday Class Assembly | Friday | |
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| Topic / Theme | Whole School Assembly | |
| | Class | 9:10am Reception to Year 6 Olympic Hall |
| Book Week | Hazel | Friday 5 th May 2017 |
| Whoever we are, wherever we live, these rights belong to all children..' Article 2 | Beech | Friday 12 th May 2017 |
| Walk to School Week | Maple | Friday 19 th May 2017 |
| Ramadan | Ash | Friday 26 th May 2017 |
| SEAL - changes - Theme 7 | Red Base | Friday 9 th June 2017 |
| Fathers Day (18 th June 2017) | Willow | Friday 16 th June 2017 |
| Eid-al-fitr (26 th June 2017) | Aspen | Friday 23 rd June 2017 |
| Friendship | Blue Base | Friday 30 th June 2017 |
| Community | Green Base | Friday 7 th July 2017 |
| British Values at Holywell Primary School | Hawthorn | Friday 14 th July 2017 |
| Year 6 Leavers' Assembly | Year 6 | Friday 21 st July 2017 |

Holywell Assemblies Schedule for summer is shown on the next sheet ...

Parent Information sessions – Summer 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

| Date | Session focus | Session Leader |
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| 18 th April | Building a positive relationship with your child. Looking at how to create a closer connection with your child. | Sam Ward |
| 25 th April | Time-out parenting strategy. A strategy for parents to gain control and be able to discipline effectively | Sam Ward |
| 2 nd May | Choices and consequences Using choices and consequences as part of a positive approach to discipline | Sam Ward |
| 4 th May (Thursday 2:45pm) | ICT Parent Session E-safety for parents. How to keep your child safe online. | Alison Adams and Mrs McLaughlin |
| 9 th May | Age appropriate chores Chores are important for children. It makes them feel needed and helpful. Teach them about responsibility. This session will give you some ideas. | Sam Ward |
| 16 th May | KS1 Phonics Year 1 Phonics Screen Test. How you can support your child's phonics development at home. | Miss Hampton and Sam Ward |
| 23 rd May | Behaviour Strategies to support you and your child with challenging behaviour | Sam Ward |
| HALF TERM | | |
| 6 th June | Transition – Nursery to Reception What you can do to help prepare your child with the transition to Reception | Mrs Hewitt and Sam Ward |
| 13 th June | Transition – Year 2 to Year 3 Preparing your child for KS2 | Mrs Keshiro and Sam Ward |
| 20 th June | Transition – Reception to Year 1 How to help your child transition smoothly to Year 1 | Miss Tetley and Sam Ward |
| 27 th June | Healthy Eating Week Diet: nutrition effects of behaviour | Miss Hampton and Sam Ward |
| 4 th July | Transition – Year 6 to secondary school How to help your child transition to secondary school | Sam Ward and Miss McCay |
| 11 th July | No session this week | |
| 18 th July | Coffee and Farewell Join us to reflect on the year and celebrate. | Sam Ward |

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May 2017 – Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 2nd May 2017 – Anthony Lishak – Author, visiting
Thursday 4th May 2017 – Anthony Lishak – Author, visiting
Thursday 4th May 2017 – Polling Day – School open
Thursday 4th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Monday 8th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 9th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 10th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Thursday 11th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Thursday 11th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Tuesday 16th May 2017 – Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis at Watford Girls School
Thursday 18th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Monday 22nd May 2017 – Year 2 SATS and EYFS assessment all week
Monday 22nd May 2017 to Friday 22th May 2017 – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 - Year 6 – Natural History Museum
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – Year 5 and Year 6 Kwik Cricket at Watford Boys School
Wednesday 24th May 2017 – Year 6 – Tate Modern and South Bank
Thursday 25th May 2017 – Year 6 – Cassiobury Park
Thursday 25th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Friday 26th May 2017 – Last day of half term
Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June Half Term – School Closed

JUNE 2017

Monday 5th June to Friday 9th June 2017 – Festival of Learning Week
Thursday 8th June 2017 – Swimming starts for Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 8th June 2017 – General Election
Thursday 8th June 2017 – “R” Games – to be confirmed
Friday 9th June 2017 – School photographer in – class photographs
Monday 12th June 2017 – Whole School Assessment Week
Monday 12th June 2017 – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 14th June 2017 – Challenge Cup – Year 6 – PE at Highwood Primary School
Thursday 15th June 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Monday 19th June 2017 – Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Nursery and Reception September 2017 – Open Morning – to be confirmed
Thursday 22nd June 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 23rd June 2017 – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Saturday 24th June 2017 – Summer Fair – to be confirmed
Monday 26th June 2017 to Friday 30th June 2017 – Reception Class September 2017 – Taster Sessions – to be confirmed
Thursday 29th June 2017 – Provisional Sports Day
Friday 30th June 2017 – Provisional EYFS Sports Day

JULY 2017

Thursday 6th July 2017 – Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 6th July 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 7th July 2017 – Reserve EYFS Sports Day
Friday 7th July 2017 – Year 6 “Prom” organised by the PTA
Tuesday 11th July 2017 – International/Community Day
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 at their new schools
Friday 14th July 2017 – Reports out to parents
Monday 17th July 2017 – Nursery AM Assembly in morning
Monday 17th July 2017 – Nursery PM Assembly in afternoon
Tuesday 18th July 2017 – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday 18th July 2017 – pm Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 1 classes
Wednesday 19th July 2017 – am Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 classes
Wednesday 19th July 2017 – 6:30 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Thursday 20th July 2017 – 2:00 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Friday 21st July 2017 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July 2017 – Nursery PM to join Nursery AM. No Nursery in afternoon. Closes at midday
Friday 21st July 2017 – School closes at 1:30 pm for Summer Break

Enrichment Days

Tuesday 2nd May 2017 – Friday 5th May 2017 – Book Week

Monday 8th May 2017 – VE Day (Victory for Europe Day)

Tuesday 6th June 2017 – Anniversary of D-Day

Sunday 18th June 2017 – Father's Day

Tuesday 20th June 2017 – World Refugee Day

Monday 26th June 2017 – Eid Ul Fitr

Sunday 23rd July 2017 – Birthday of Haile Selassie

PTA Events

Friday 19th May 2017 – May Madness Hair Day! £1.00 entry –
craziest hair wins tickets to Movie Night.

Thursday 25th May 2017 – Movie Night

Thursday 29th June 2017 – Refreshment stall at Sports Day
(Provisional)

Friday 30th June 2017 – Refreshment staff at Sports Day
(Provisional)

Saturday 17th June 2017 – Summer Fair

Friday 7th July 2017 – Year 6 Prom

Thursday 13th July 2017 – End of Year – Summer Disco

Attendance

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

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| Nursery am | 86% | Aspen | 93% |
| Nursery pm | 63% | Beech | 97% |
| Blue base | 96% | Pine | 96% |
| Green base | 94% | Mulberry | 99% |
| Red base | 88% | Cedar | 97% |
| Maple | 100% | Rowan | 95% |
| Oak | 87% | Ash | 96% |
| Sycamore | 98% | Elder | 98% |
| Hawthorn | 98% | Birch | 96% |
| Hazel | 98% | Elm | 98% |
| Willow | 96% | | |

| Attendance: | Punctuality: |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| KS1 Sycamore | KS1 Maple & Sycamore |
| KS2 Birch | KS2 Elder |

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

| Class | Charter certificate | Star learner of the week award | Class | Charter certificate | Star learner of the week award |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Red Base | Madeline | Amadou | Aspen | Ifra | Shivam |
| Green Base | Nancy | Harley | Pine | Stephen | Roksana |
| Blue Base | Matei | Kiera | Mulberry | Elisha | Aliah |
| Sycamore | Bentley | Darina | Rowan | Jessica | Mitul |
| Maple | Ciara | Megan | Cedar | Archie | Kassandra |
| Oak | Lorenzo | Rafia | Ash | Louiza | Krish |
| Hawthorn | Jabou | Diana | Elder | Conor | Eduarda |
| Hazel | Sana | Ashley | Birch | Tyler | Daria |
| Willow | Ocean | Timothy | Elm | Farhan | Montana |
| Beech | Shobah | Salim | | | |