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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first month of this academic year, you will realise how much has happened and has been achieved in such a short time. This week teachers' looked at their children's books and classroom environment, they identified good features and how we can make sure we share them with each other.

Parent Forum

Our Year 1 Parent Forum was held on Tuesday in the Conference Room. Thank you to the parents who attended and for the informative discussion. During this time we discussed various topics including homework and the school behaviour policy and how this is implemented on a daily basis by Class Teachers. Please follow the link below for the behaviour policy.

Behaviour policy

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/download/behaviour-management-policy/>

The homework policy and homework map shows when and what kind of homework the pupils will be set. These can be found on the school website. If your child struggles to complete their homework please do not hesitate to speak to their Class Teacher.

Homework policy

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/download/home-learning/>

Homework map

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/homework/>

The Golden Table

During the Year 1 Parent Forum we were asked about the Golden Table.

As a school we reward pupils for showing respect and good table manners in the school dining room. If pupils are courteous and demonstrate good and respectful manners then they get issued with a Golden Ticket. This ticket allows them, on a Friday, to sit at the Golden Table and they get a special dessert with their school dinner.

Cornet Lessons

A letter with information about the new cornet lessons will go out on Monday. Pupils attended an assembly on Wednesday and watched a performance by pupils who had cornet lessons during the summer term. If you want your child to take up the cornet please sign up and make payment as soon as possible.

Writers Day

On Wednesday 3rd October pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 will take part in Writers Day. We wish them all the best for this and look forward to seeing what they produce on the day.

Walk to School

All children record their journey to school. This way we encourage pupils to walk to school or take the park and stride option which you childr should be able to tell you about. This winners for September are as follows

Key Stage 2

- 1 Birch
- 2 Aspen
- 3 Cedar
- 4 Chestnut

Key Stage 1

- 1 Blue
- 2 Sycamore
- 3 Hawthorn

Well done to all our classes and thank you to all parents who support their children with this.

Caterlink

We ask that parents do not make payment onto the Caterlink system. We no longer use Caterlink to supply our school meals. All meals are to be paid through School Money. If you require assistance with this please come to the school office where staff will happy to assist you.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 28th September 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY \$TAGE 1 WINNER\$	KEY \$TAGE 2 WINNER\$
Ellie-Mae – Hazel	Aisha - Chestnut
Rhyley - Hazel	Natalie - Cedar
Kashvee - Sycamore	Demi - Ash
Laxshan - Hawthorn	Fruzsina - Chestnut
Karra - Hazel	Terrence – Beech
Hailea - Maple	Zuzanna - Elm
Taylor - Sycamore	

Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 5 October	Elder	Black History
Friday 12 October	Chestnut	Walk to school day (Healthy Living)
Friday 19 October	Cedar	Respecting - being thankful
Friday 26 October	Mulberry	Diwali
Half Term		
Friday 9 November	Beech	Remembrance Day
Friday 16 November	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23 November	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30 November	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7 December	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 94.6%

Nursery am	-	Pine	92.6%
Blue base	93.7%	Mulberry	94.2%
Red base	94%	Cedar	92.9%
Maple	90.2%	Ash	96.8%
Sycamore	94.4%	Elder	94.3%
Hawthorn	96.6%	Chestnut	94%
Hazel	95%	Birch	95.5%
Aspen	97.7%	Elm	96%
Beech	97.4%	Rowan	95.6%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

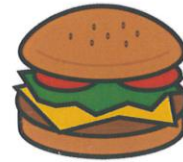
Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Hawthorn	KS1 Hazel, Sycamore
KS2 Beech	KS2 Ash, Chestnut

Fun Lunch – Thursday 4th October 2018

Please find attached the menu for the Fun Lunch on Thursday 4th October 2018.

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2018

Beef Burger or Cheese Burger in a Bun and Onions
with Potato Smiley Faces



Quorn Kebabs



with Potato Smiley Faces



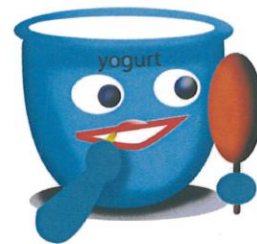
Mixed Salad or Baked Beans



Rainbow Cookie

Fruit Salad

Yogurt



Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	Dilan	<u>Auyodeji</u>
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	<u>Wilan</u>	Sana
Sycamore	<u>Kashvee</u>	<u>Iniyah</u>	Elder	<u>Roksana</u>	<u>Jaanav</u>
Maple	Jennifer	Zahra	Ash	Maya	<u>Miqdad</u>
Hawthorn	<u>Tanmeet</u>	<u>Fozia</u>	Chestnut	<u>Werfaan</u>	<u>Shivam</u>
Hazel	Abdullah	<u>Malwina</u>	Rowan	Ahmed	Imani
Pine	Luis	Bonnie	Elm	Zara	Jessica
Beech	<u>Rayya</u>	Cayden	Birch	<u>Niya</u>	<u>Eshana</u>
Aspen	<u>Daud</u>	<u>Ayra</u>			

Parent Forum - Information Sessions/Coffee Morning

For this half term the coffee mornings will run slightly differently. Coffee morning takes place on Tuesday from 9:00am to 10:00am. Following this Sam Ward our Parent Support Worker will be available to see individual parents about matters relating to school, parenting, housing and many other things. Sam has expertise in many areas and if she is unable to help she will know who can.

We hope to run the coffee mornings in the way of a parent forum and I will also attend. During the sessions we hope to talk you about matters relating to school this year and there will also be an opportunity for parents to raise any topic they feel appropriate. As always if you have any issues that you feel need addressing do not wait for your forum, take the opportunity to see your child's teacher or one of the leadership team members.

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 – Year 2

Tuesday 9th October 2018 – Year 6

Tuesday 16th October 2018 – Year 3

Tuesday 23rd October 2018 – Year 4

Tuesday 6th November 2018 – Year 5

	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Week Commencing	Main	Chicken Escalope	Beef burger in a Bun with Baby New Potatoes	Minced Beef Pie, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lasagne with Garlic Slice	Fish fingers with chipped potatoes	
	Hotel Main	Beef and Peppers Fajitas with Jacket Wedges	Sausages with Mash and Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan bread		
	3.9.2018, 24.9.2018, 15.10.2018						
5.11.2018, 26.11.2018, 17.12.2018	Vegetarian	Vegetarian burger with baby new potatoes	Vegetable lasagne with Garlic Slice	Vegetable Bolognaise	Neopolitan pasta bake	Vegetable Nuggets and Chipped Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	
	Sides	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Jelly and Ice Cream	Pineapple sponge and Custard		
Week 2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Week Commencing	Main	Spaghetti Bolognaise made with minced beef	Macaroni Postitiso	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan bread	Friday funday (suitable for all diets)
		Hotel Main	Beef burger in a Bun with Baby New Potatoes	Chicken Escalope	Minced Beef Pie, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lasagne with Garlic Slice	
10.9.2018, 1.10.2018, 22.10.2018							
12.11.2018, 3.12.2018	Vegetarian	Roasted Vegetable Taco	Mild vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Sausage with Roast potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Seasonal Vegetables Iced Sponge	
	Sides	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		
	Dessert	Pancakes with fruit and dream topping	Chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce	Artic Roll with fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad and Yoghurt		
Week 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Week Commencing	Main	Sausages with Mash and Gravy	Pizza with Various toppings Cheese and Tomato/ Vegetable Feast	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef and Peppers Fajitas with Jacket Wedges	battered fish portion or Salmon fish fingers with chipped potatoes
		Hotel Main	Spaghetti Bolognaise		Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Postitiso	
17.9.2018, 8.10.2018, 29.10.2018							
19.11.2018, 10.12.2018	Vegetarian	Quorn Mince Burrito		Quorn Chicken pasta bake	Cheese and Onion Slice	Vegetarian Omelette with Chipped Potatoes	
	Sides	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		
	Dessert	Carrot Cake	Fruit Yoghurt and Shortbread	Fresh fruit salad with ice cream	Apple Flapjack		Jam Sponge and Custard
Gravy served when appropriate							
Daily Options:Filled Jacket Potatoes with a selection of fillings, freshly Prepared Salads, Fresh crusty bread and chilled water							
Daily alternative dessert options are: Selection of seasonal fruits and fruit yoghurts							



Dates for your Diary

October 2018

Thursday 4th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Monday 8th October 2018 – Warburton Bakery in to visit Year 3
Monday 8th October 2018 – Year 6 Health Screening
Tuesday 9th October 2018 – Warburton's in to visit Year 3
Wednesday 10th October 2018 – Warburton Bakery in to visit Year 3
Thursday 11th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Tuesday 16th October 2018 – Friday 19th October 2018 – Black History month – Bigfoot Theatre
Thursday 18th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Monday 22nd October 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018 – Festival of Learning week
Tuesday 23rd October 2018 (15:30 – 18:00) – Parents Evening
Thursday 25th October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming
Thursday 25th October 2018 (17:00 – 19:30) – Parents Evening
Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 2nd November 2018 – Half term
Wednesday 31st October 2018 – Secondary school applications for September 2019 – Close

November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018 – Reception Class applications for September 2019 - Open
Monday 5th November 2018 – Start of Poppy Appeal
Tuesday 6th November 2018 – Wizard Theatre
Wednesday 7th November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park
Thursday 8th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Monday 12th November 2018 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 5
Monday 12th November 2018 to Friday 16th November 2018 – Whole school Assessment Week
Thursday 15th November 2018 – School Photographer – Individual and family photos
Thursday 15th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Monday 19th November 2018 – Year 1 Assessments continue
Tuesday 20th November 2018 – Year 3 Verulamium Museum
Wednesday 21st November 2018 – Reception Open Day – 9:15a.m
Thursday 22nd November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 29th November 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in bottles and jars
Thursday 29th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 30th November 2018 – Christmas Decoration Day

December 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm
Thursday 6th December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and 'nearly new'
Thursday 6th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 13th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 14th December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents - 10:00am
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Friday 21st December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 21st December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

January 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day
Tuesday 8th January 2019 First Day of Term