



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to wish everyone a restful half term. With the weather improving recently, it seems that it will be an enjoyable week.

Isle of Wight

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 pupils back from the Isle of Wight today. The children who remained at school worked on projects and had a lovely day out to Cassiobury Park yesterday and went to the cinema today.



Assessments

After the half term holiday, the children will complete their assessments. These assessments are completed in a relaxing environment, enabling pupils to show us what they have learnt. Teachers will then adjust their targets for the remainder of the school year.

We would like to remind parents of the dates of the forthcoming assessments –

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Whole school assessment

Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Phonics testing Year 1 and Year 2

EYFS Moderation

We have had a very successful moderation in Early Years this week. The local authority undertakes moderation of teachers' judgment to ensure there is consistency in grading across Hertfordshire. The moderator was very impressed with the work that our teachers have done in preparation for the visit, and most importantly, was very impressed with their knowledge of the children. Well done to all the staff and teachers involved.

After School Clubs

Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaire recently, where we asked what after school clubs your child would be interested in taking part in. As a result we are laying on three after school football clubs. We need a good numbers of participants to make the clubs viable.

The clubs will commence on Monday 14th June 2021 and a letter will be sent out today with full details.

- Monday 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Year 5
- Wednesday 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Year 6
- Thursday 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Year 3/4



Contact tracing over half term

If pupils test positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school, (Thursday or Friday) parents are asked to notify us by emailing admin@holywellsch.uk. We will then identify close contacts and advise them to self-isolate, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Coronavirus

You may have seen the report about a local school having to close because of high cases of coronavirus. We will keep our protocols and safeguarding the same after half term and ask that parents continue to support us in staying safe.

Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice -

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on site

Week Commencing 17th May 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	87%	Rowan	95%
Blue	97%	Mulberry	92%
Red	96%	Cedar	94%
Maple	94%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	92%	Elder	88%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	94%
Hazel	95%	Elm	92%

**Whole School Attendance
from September 2020
95%**

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Chestnut

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Oliwia	For becoming more confident and sharing stories with the class
Red	Makanaka	For brilliant reading of facts about insects
Maple	Anaya	For writing clear, coherent sentences in English
Sycamore	Zahra	For constantly reasoning during lessons and explaining her ideas
Hawthorn	Radhiya	For writing an exciting fictional story independently
Hazel	Aaron	For being a positive role model to his peers and always trying his hardest in every lesson
Cedar	David	For improving his writing and using persuasive features in his letter
Mulberry	Harley	For completing his homework every week to his best ability
Rowan	Taylor	For showing confidence and a fantastic attitude when sharing his ideas in a class debate
Chestnut	Charlie	For solving missing angles on a straight line
Elder	Chloe C	For jumping out of her comfort zone when challenging herself to solve tricky problems involving angles. Well done Chloe!
Birch	Leo	For demonstrating an excellent sportsmanship attitude during PE lessons
Elm	Andreea	For settling in well to Elm Class

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Millie	For always working hard during group activities
Red	Hafiy	For following the class rules
Maple	Matthew B	For being reflective in his actions and for helping those around him
Sycamore	Yasmin	for showing resilience in English by writing lots of questions and explanation sentences
Hawthorn	Enzo	For reflecting on his attitude and behaviour and becoming more resilient in his learning
Hazel	Parmmeet	For showing reflection in all her work and improving on her writing in English
Cedar	Alexia	For developing her resilience and having a positive attitude all term
Mulberry	Mulberry	For consistently following the 6Rs over the last few weeks of DT projects. The children have developed skills of teamwork, resourcefulness and resilience.
Rowan	Amira	For showing a responsible attitude when discussing the importance of recycling in our DT project
Chestnut	Keke	For taking responsibility in her learning to complete her homework to a high standard and hand it in on time
Elder	Margarida	For challenging herself in all areas in maths, especially when exploring measuring, drawing and solving word problems around angles which all involved accuracy and resilience
Birch	Mariam	For her determination and reasoning skills when designing and building a bird house for our DT project
Elm	Ayesha	For her excellent reasoning skills when designing and building a bird house for our DT project

Enrichment days

Summer Term

Saturday 5th June 2021 - World Environment Day
Sunday 6th June 2021 - Anniversary of D-Day
Tuesday 8th June 2021 - World Oceans Day
Friday 11th June 2021 - Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday
Sunday 20th June 2021 - World Refugee Day
Sunday 20th June 2021 - Father's Day
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - Windrush Day
Saturday 18th July 2021 - Mandela Day



DIARY DATES

Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021 - Half term
Monday 7th June 2021 - Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening - all week
Tuesday 8th June 2021 - Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 8th June 2021 - Governors meeting
Wednesday 9th June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC
Wednesday 9th June 2021 - Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 9th June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Thursday 10th June 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 11th June 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
Monday 14th June 2021 - Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up - all week
Monday 14th June 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Tuesday 15th June 2021 - Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 16th June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC
Wednesday 16th June 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4
Wednesday 16th June 2021 - Year 1 - Bollywood Dance workshop
Wednesday 16th June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 16th June 2021 - Nursery September 2021 registration morning
Thursday 17th June 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 17th June 2021 - Reception September 2021 registration morning
Friday 18th June 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
Friday 18th June 2021 - Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Thursday 24th June 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 24th June 2021 - Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
Thursday 24th June 2021 - Year 5 - Rabbi visit

Friday 25th June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
 Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in –
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
 Thursday 1st July 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons
 Thursday 1st July 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day
 Thursday 1st July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in September
 Friday 2nd July 2021 – EYFS reserve Sports Day
 Friday 2nd July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
 Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
 Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Year 2 – Paradise Wildlife Park
 Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Year 5 – Visit to St Marys Church
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Nursery Concert to parents
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Community Day
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
 Friday 9th July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10am
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 – 2:00pm
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Governors Meeting
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30am
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Awards Assembly
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents – 2:00pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
 Friday 16th July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 16th July 2021 – No afternoon Nursery, all finish at midday
 Friday 16th July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30pm