



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

As cases of Coronavirus are increasing across the country, we need to be more careful than ever. Thank you to all the parents who are wearing their masks on the school site. We are continuing to review our measures in school to ensure we keep each other and pupils safe.

Lockdown

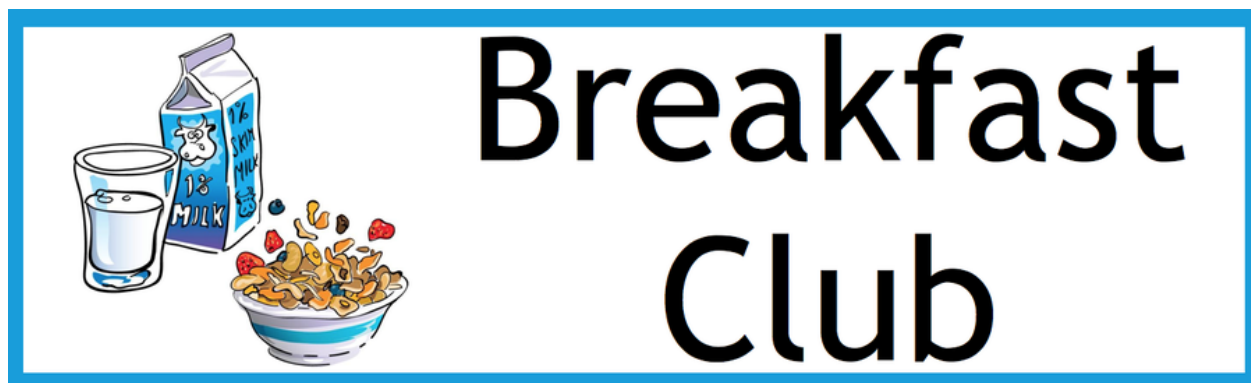
As a school we are making sure that we are ready, should there be another lockdown. I'm sure that schools will be last to close if there is a lockdown, but we want to make sure we are ready. We do not want to lose momentum with pupils learning, we want to make sure that parents and pupils are ready at home as well. The aim would be for learning of pupils in Year 1 up to Year 6 to be online as previous through Google Classroom. EYFS will continue to set up their learning on the Tapestry learning platform. Please complete the survey on the link below and tell us what you found useful during the last lockdown and what will be helpful should we go into lockdown again.



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RZQTF3G>

Breakfast and After School Club

We have enough positive responses from parents to move forward with providing a breakfast and after school club. We will plan this over the next few weeks and share the plans with parents once they are finalised. We will operate in extended bubbles for pupils, but everything will be made clear to parents in advance. We hope to start the club after the autumn half term.



National Teachers Day

Monday is National Teachers Day. I attended an online briefing session this week about what some schools did to provide learning during lockdown and I can proudly say that our teachers were fantastic during the lockdown, they continue to impress me with their resilience in everything that is being thrown at them. We moved to live lessons as soon as week 3 of lockdown, while providing Key Worker care as well. The effort of the whole staff during this time should not be underestimated. Monday is National Teachers Day and I would like to thank all the teachers and staff for their continual focus on pupils learning and progress during this difficult and challenging times.



Parking

As a result of staggered start and collection times, along with different drop off and pick up points for children, we are finding that some parents are parking in a way that is UNSAFE and INCONSIDERATE to our neighbours. Can I ask that parents do not park in the car park by Summer House or on the double yellow lines in front of Summer House. These spaces are reserved for the visitors of Summer House and for emergency vehicle access. Please be considerate to our neighbours as we have made changes to keep our community safe but we don't want these changes to impact on our local wider community.



Head Boy and Head Girl

I would like to congratulate Yaavarthan and Omi from Year 6 for being voted Head Boy and Head Girl for 2020/2021. Last week they made a virtual presentation to the school and everyone from Year 2 to Year 6, including staff, voted. Their Deputies for the year will be Esa and Diana, also from Year 6. Well done!



Isle of Wight – Year 6

Time is running out for parents of children in Year 6 to let us know if they want their child go to the Isle of Wight in May 2021. The deadline to sign up for this trip is next week, Friday 9th October 2020. Currently we do not have enough children to make the trip viable. If we cannot increase the numbers, the school will have to make up the difference in pricing and unfortunately this is not something we can do. If you want your Year 6 child to take part in this great opportunity please act quickly as it will be a real shame if we have to cancel.



World Mental Health Day – Friday 9th October 2020

Holywell Primary School is taking part in #HelloYellow campaign this World Mental Health Day and fundraising for Young Minds!

YOUNG Mi MINDS

Children can wear a yellow accessory with their school uniform on that day and donate £1 to show young people that, together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future.



The £1 donation is to be made through School Money, details to follow shortly. Unfortunately in this current climate we are unable to take cash.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 20th October 2020 and Thursday 22nd October 2020 at the usual times.

Tuesday 20th October 2020

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 22nd October 2020

5:00pm to 7:30pm

This year Parents' Evening sessions will take place virtually. A letter will be sent out nearer the time to allow you to book a 10 minute time slot. We will be hosting the meetings using the Google Class platform. The teacher will enable parents to join them in a meeting.

During the meeting the teacher will update parents on their child's progress since we restarted school in September, also letting them know what we are focussing on to help speed up progress. We know all children have some catch up work to do because of the school closure during lockdown and this is our ultimate goal to close the gap that has developed, as quickly as possible,

PARENTS'
EVENING

Sports After School Clubs

We had one club delivered this week but at the moment the club numbers are too low to continue to offer the clubs to pupils. Parents are reminded that even though clubs are taking place in extended year group bubbles, they are being hosted outside and that pupils are well socially

distanced. The government guidance has been researched to limit the spread of the Coronavirus, we feel confident that we are taking all necessary measures to allow the activity to happen safely. If you are interested in signing up to the club please book with the following links from our website.

Year 6	http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/download/sports-club-year-6/
Year 5	http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/download/sports-club-year-5-2/
Year 3/4	http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/download/sports-club-year-3-year-4/



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TASTY TUCK

We are pleased to announce the re-start of Tasty Tuck during morning breaks, although under a different format.

The tuck shop will still run from Wednesdays to Fridays, but only for one age group per day and cashless.

Wednesday	Year 3/4
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Year 6



The money will have to be paid online and the children will be issued with a card to keep track of their purchases.

£4.00 will give your child 1 bag per week at 40p each over the 10 weeks remaining in this Autumn Term.

In order to keep to social distancing and the safety of each bubble, the children will have access to the tuck shop in their own classroom.

Could payment please be made using the School Money On-line Payment System by Monday 5th October 2020. If you have any queries, please talk to the School Office and they will be able to provide you with a parent password.

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Gabriella	This is awarded for her excellent letter formation during phonics
Red	Lina	For brilliant counting of objects up to 20 using 1:1 correspondence
Sycamore	Carolina	For displaying kindness to her peers and lending a helping hand to her partner during lessons
Maple	Anaya	For always trying her hardest and showing good listening
Hawthorn	Luca	For using a thesaurus to improve adjectives in his writing
Hazel	Radu	For working extra hard this week
Cedar	Liban	For always listening and following instructions in the classroom and for an excellent effort with rounding in maths
Mulberry	Stefi	For having a positive attitude towards her learning in all subjects
Rowan	Harvey J	This is awarded for showing a good understanding of rounding when estimating sums to the nearest hundred
Chestnut	Lois	For solving multiplication using doubling and halving
Elder	Ayman	This is awarded for being a fantastic mathematician! Ayman has worked really well this week in Maths and has explained his understanding brilliantly. He has also completed the challenges as well as the set tasks
Elm	Bailey	For using the inverse to find solutions to maths problems
Birch	Dilan	for brilliantly completing his tasks and challenging himself with extension tasks

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Ahmad	This is awarded for being polite and helpful
Red	Junior	For working very hard during name tracing activities
Sycamore	Meedeea	For working independently in English and writing some fantastic instructions
Maple	Matthew B	For being reflective in his phonics
Hawthorn	Enzo	For reflecting on his behaviour in class and completing all work in lesson this week
Hazel	Parmeet	For reflecting on her English work and improving
Cedar	Zain	For reflecting on his work and for always taking responsibility for his learning
Mulberry	Sainaboubinta	For being resourceful and asking appropriate questions
Rowan	Iniyah	This is awarded for carefully reflecting on her learning and trying to edit her work to ensure it makes sense to the reader
Chestnut	Kian	For reflecting on writing a diary entry in English
Elder	Toviyah	This is awarded for Reflection on previous learning and then applying this to our new learning this week in Factors and multiplying decimals mentally. Well done, an amazing first week at Holywell
Elm	Maya	For reflecting on her maths work this week
Birch	Clark	For reflecting on and improving his presentation skills, especially maths

#HelloYellow

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UP A SCHOOL DAY

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We're saying **#HelloYellow**
to show young people
they're not alone
with their mental health.

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9 October
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