Dear Parents and Carers,

School Meals
We recently had an enquiry about the kinds of meals we provide children at lunchtime. Since we have taken the catering in-house we have been able to offer the children a meat option, halal meat option, vegetarian option and jacket potato each day. In addition to this we also offer a salad bar and a dessert. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal and for all other children school meals cost £2.20 per day. Parents need to pay in advance for their child’s school meal as the school is not able to offer credit to anyone. We have attached a copy of the current menu.

From January 2019 we expect all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to take a school meal, this is provided at no cost to parents and the school receives funding. A separate letter will go out to parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 nearer the time.

Music Tuition
A letter went out to parents last week about music tuition for the Spring term. The response, so far, from parents has been slow. We kindly ask parents to sign up now for the Spring term to avoid disappointment. This is an amazing opportunity for pupils to learn to play a musical instrument. The skills learnt can be applied to other brass instruments, as well as music in general.

Financial Support
For INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION IN SCHOOLS
Financial Assistance for Music Fees
Re-applying, or applying for the first time

Parents on low income or who are in receipt of benefits are eligible to receive assistance paying for music lessons. Please look at the link here for more information about this.

http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/remission/

Non Uniform Day
Children made donations of sweets this week for the Christmas Fete. Next week, Thursday 6th December 2018, we kindly ask for donations of unopened drink bottles and chocolate. The following week, Thursday 13th December 2018 we will be collecting packaged cakes. Children making donations will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes. Thank you for your support with this.
Cordoba, Spain – Year 5 Trip
A letter has been sent out to the parents of the children who have been selected to represent Holywell Primary School on a trip to Spain next June. The children have been shortlisted and selected by a panel at Park Gate Junior School. Once we have received confirmation from all 15 selected pupils we will be able to let everyone know. I would like to thank all parents who have encouraged their children to apply and be considered for this great opportunity.

Girls Football Team
On Monday 26th November 2018 Holywell Primary School had their first ever girls football game. The team consisted of a mix of Year 4, 5 and 6 children and they all worked well as a team! The first half was tough, but the girls did not give up and showed great determination which resulted in them not conceding as many goals in the second half. The overall score was 5-0 to Orchard.

Christmas Jumper Day
On Friday 14th December 2018 we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the children', who raises money for essential food, healthcare, education, and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate. On the day children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper and will need to make a donation that the school will send on the charity. A minimum donation of £2 is expected.

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 30th November 2018
Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

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Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse or severe weather it is the intention of the school to remain open, however closure is sometimes unavoidable. Parents must assume that school is open every day unless otherwise notified. A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and lots of consideration is given to the safety of pupils on site, pupils getting to school safely and staff being able to get to school.

Hertfordshire County Council recommends that all schools use a system called “Everbridge” as a way to inform parents. The school will be of course still post updates on the school website, send out text messages and update our Twitter account.

Registration for the Everbridge system is done swiftly and takes approximately 5 minutes. Once Parent/Carers have registered then they will get an automatic notification informing them that the school is closed. Parents can register their interest at more than one school if they have children attending other schools. In addition to this a message will also be broadcast on the local radio station – BBC Three Counties Radio.

Registration on the Everbridge system is completed at:

https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login

You can have two devices added for each communication type if you wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you can include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school’s closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately. Please put some time aside to register you details. Lets hope the snow stay away!

If the school is to be closed a decision will usually be made in the morning after a site inspection. We will endeavor to inform parents as quickly as we can, from around 7:00am. If possible we will inform parents before this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Open Day – Reception Class 2019
We have our next Open Day for Reception 2019 is on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 2:00pm. Nursery parents are reminded that their children do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception, they need to complete an application on line www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version by calling Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043.

Open Morning – Nursery Class 2019
Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are due to start in Nursery class September 2019.

- Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2:00pm
Class Assembly
Olympic Hall at 9:10am

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Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!
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Dates for your Diary

December 2018
Monday 3rd December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm
Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Choir to Watford Colosseum - evening
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
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm
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
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
Holywell Term Dates
For 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019
Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September 2019 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} September 2019 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} October 2019 to Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} November 2019
Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} December 2019 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2020
Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} January 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 7\textsuperscript{th} January 2020 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} February 2020 to Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} February 2020
Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2020
Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} April 2020 – first day of term
Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} May 2020 – Bank Holiday
Half Term – Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} May 2020 to Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} May 2020
Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} July 2020 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)
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<td>Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan bread</td>
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<td>Pizza with Various toppings Cheese and Tomato/ Vegetable Feast</td>
<td>Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy</td>
<td>Beef and Peppers Fajitas with Jacket Wedges</td>
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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

PLEASE SPEAK TO MANAGER IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN REQUIREMENTS