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### **Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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.

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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**, we kindly ask for donations of unopened drink bottles and chocolate. The following week, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Iniyah – Sycamore	Terrence – Beech
JJ – Hazel	Margarida – Beech
Robert – Sycamore	Segal – Cedar
Sofia - Hawthorn	Mariam – Mulberry
Samanta – Maple	Daniel – Rowan
Daniel - Hazel	Uzair - Rowan

### **Open Day – Reception Class 2019**

We have our next Open Day for Reception 2019 is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 are due to start in Nursery class September 2019.

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2:00pm

### **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 your 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.

## Class Assembly

### Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 30 November	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7 December	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
<b>KS1</b> Hawthorn	<b>KS1</b> Hawthorn
<b>KS2</b> Hazel	<b>KS2</b> Beech

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday  
before half-term is 94.2 %

Nursery am	85%	Pine	94%
Blue base	86%	Mulberry	95%
Red base	85%	Cedar	94%
Maple	97%	Ash	95%
Sycamore	91%	Elder	97%
Hawthorn	97%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	94%	Birch	99%
Aspen	100%	Elm	94%
Beech	95%	Rowan	95%

## 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	Mathan	Parmeet	Mulberry	Mariam	Brooke
Red Base	-	Sofia	Cedar	Sagal	Sabreen
Sycamore	Ava	Tyson	Elder	Funmi	Anjali
Maple	Corey-John	Kimberley	Ash	David	Maryana
Hawthorn	-	-	Chestnut	Harris	Werfaan
Hazel	Stefan	Indianna	Rowan	Daniel	Gabriel
Pine	Maira	Sanjsaya	Elm	Beatrice	Tanishq
Beech	Parmeet	Charlie	Birch	Calvin	Leandro
Aspen	Haashir	Tiana			



# Dates for your Diary

## **December 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Choir to Watford Colosseum - evening

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and ‘nearly new’

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents – 10:00am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

## **January 2019**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 INSET Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 First Day of Term

# **Holywell Term Dates**

## **For 2019-2020**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2019**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

### **SPRING TERM 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

### **SUMMER TERM 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – first day of term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)



# Holywell Primary School Menu Autumn 2018



	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Chicken Escalope</b>	<b>Beef burger in a Bun with Baby New Potatoes</b>	<b>Minced Beef Pie, Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy</b>	<b>Lasagne with Garlic Slice</b>	<b>Fish fingers with chipped potatoes</b>
3.9.2018, 24.9.2018, 15.10.2018	Halal 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	
5.11.2018, 26.11.2018, 17.12.2018	Vegetarian	Vegetarian Burger with baby new potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Slice	Vegetable Bolognese	Neapolitan pasta bake	Vegetable Nuggets and Chipped Potatoes
	Sides	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Jelly and Ice Cream	Pineapple sponge and Custard	Chocolate Brownie
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Spaghetti Bolognese made with minced beef</b>	<b>Macaroni Pasitsio</b>	<b>Roast Chicken &amp; Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b>	<b>Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan bread</b>	<b>Friday funday (suitable for all diets)</b>
10.9.2018, 1.10.2018, 22.10.2018	Halal Main	Beef burger in a Bun with Baby New Potatoes	Chicken Escalope	Minced Beef Pie, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lasagne with Garlic Slice	
12.11.2018, 3.12.2018.	Vegetarian	Roasted Vegetable Taco	Mild vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Sausage with Roast potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	
	Sides	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Dessert	Pancakes with Fruit and cream topping	Chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce	Artic Roll with fresh fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad and Yoghurt	Iced Sponge
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Sausages with Mash and Gravy</b>	<b>Pizza with Various toppings Cheese and Tomato/ Vegetable Feast</b>	<b>Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy</b>	<b>Beef and Peppers Fajitas with Jacket Wedges</b>	<b>Battered fish portion or Salmon fish fingers with chipped potatoes</b>
17.9.2018, 8.10.2018, 29.10.2018	Halal Main	Spaghetti Bolognese		Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Pasitsio	
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	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						

PLEASE SPEAK TO MANAGER IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN REQUIREMENTS