



Holywell Primary School

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30th April 2021

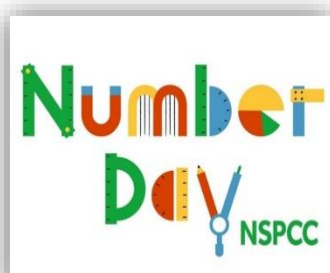
Dear Parents/Carers

Year Group Bubbles

Earlier in the week I wrote to parents with plans to change the class bubbles to year bubbles. Unfortunately, yesterday we had to close one of our class bubbles because of a confirmed case of Coronavirus. As a result, we will not be moving to year group bubbles from next week. It is obviously too early to make changes to the bubbles. If we operated in year group bubbles, as planned, we would have had to close the whole of a year group, which is by no means ideal.

Number Day – 7th May 2021 – NSPCC

We are taking part in NSPCC Number Day on 7th May 2021. This involves the children working through maths problems, and then each class records how long they took to solve them and there will be a winner for each Key Stage. The children may dress up in a number piece of clothing and make a donation via School Money. The suggested donation is £1.00. We would like to remind you children may **not** wear football shirts.



After School Sports Clubs

Thank you to the parents who have completed the survey last week with regards to After School Clubs. Unfortunately we have not had a big enough response from parents to put more clubs on. We will review this again after the May half term.

Bikeability

After efforts to boost the numbers for Year 6 bikeability, the providers have cancelled the course as there was not enough interest. Currently, bikeability is only offered to Year 6 pupils because the instructors need to catch up on lessons for the Year 6 pupils who lost out during the pandemic. Next year we will offer classes for the relevant year groups.

Polling Day - Thursday 6th May 2021

Parents are reminded that school is closed for pupils on Thursday 6th May 2021 because it is being used as a Polling Station. Teachers will set pupils work to complete and this work will be sent out from next Tuesday.



Class Photographs – Wednesday 5th May 2021

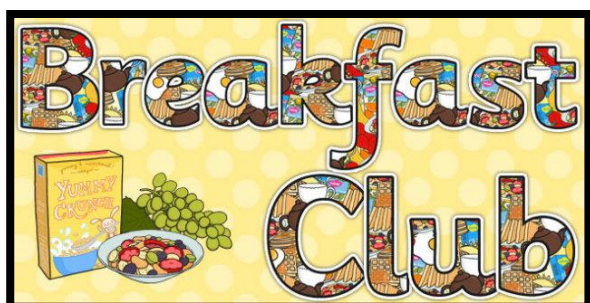
Braiswick, the school photographer will be here on Wednesday 5th May 2021 to take class photographs.

Parent Governor

Previously, I wrote to parents asking if anyone who was interested in becoming a School Governor to contact us. We are pleased to advise you that one parent has come forward. We still have vacancies, so any parents who think they are able to offer the school their expertise and wish to join the governing body, please contact the school office. If you require further information about the role we can put you in touch with the Chair of Governors.

Breakfast and After School Club

Any parents wishing to use the club are asked to contact the school office. The Breakfast Club starts from 7:30am each morning and the After School Club runs until 5:30pm in the afternoon.



Week Commencing 19th April 2021

Attendance by Class

Summer Term - attendance by class:

Nursery	93%	Rowan	93%
Blue	95%	Mulberry	97%
Red	99%	Cedar	97%
Maple	97%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	98%	Elder	95%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	94%
Hazel	100%	Elm	90%

Whole School Attendance

*Whole school attendance for the
academic year until 23rd April 2021*

95%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Mulberry

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Joel	This is awarded for his excellent independent writing
Red	Skylar	For beginning to write simple sentences
Maple	Lael	For using his imagination when creating planets in English
Sycamore	Medeaa	For showing respect to her peers and the adults around her
Hawthorn	Zainab	For really trying to use her phonics to help her write a short story about 'The Robot and the Bluebird'
Hazel	Faith	For working her hardest on her reading and writing
Cedar	Alizah	For trying really hard with her maths work this week and for showing a good understanding of arrays
Mulberry	Jaida	For writing an excellent persuasive letter about deforestation
Rowan	Elif	Writing a persuasive letter to the government in English
Chestnut	Franklyn	For converting fractions to decimals independently
Elder	Heloise	For dedication when writing in full sentences and taking on a challenge to ensure she reflects on her writing to make sure it makes sense - I have been so impressed with Heloise since joining Holywell only 6 weeks ago
Birch	Rajak	For his fantastic work in English this week
Elm	Eduarda	For her excellent persuasive letter writing this week

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Kameel	This is awarded for getting better at following our class rules
Red	Junior	For showing resilience and independence during maths adult led activities
Maple	Matthew B	For being resilient in phonics
Sycamore	Zakariya T	For showing resilience and solving number sums independently
Hawthorn	Valentina	Being a positive role model in English this week, trying her best and being resilient in her writing
Hazel	Hadia	For showing responsibility in all her learning
Cedar	Khaira	For following the 6Rs and showing resilience with her times tables
Mulberry	Haresh	For showing resilience in taking on feedback and improving his writing
Rowan	Harvey	For using convincing reasons in a debate around the issue of deforestation
Chestnut	Bonnie	For taking responsibility in her learning in class and completing work from the CGP book at home
Elder	Maira	For motivation and resilience when challenging herself with her writing (which is beautifully presented) and when embarking on tricky maths challenges. Well done Maira!
Birch	Ollie	For trying harder this week and participating in lessons more
Elm	Nuredin	For his excellent reasoning skills in maths this week



DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 4th May 2021 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – School Photographer – Class photographs
Wednesday 5th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 6th May 2021 – Watford Council Elections – School closed
Friday 7th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Friday 7th May 2021 – Number Day 2021 – NSPCC
Monday 10th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby
Monday 10th May 2021 – Key Stage 2 MOCK – SATS
Monday 10th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 11th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 13th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 14th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 17th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Olympic athlete visit
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 20th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 21st May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight trip
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Festival of Learning week
Monday 24th May 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021 – Key Stage 1 MOCK – SATS
Monday 24th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 25th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm

Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 27th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 28th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 29th May 2021 – Half term

Monday 7th June 2021 – Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening – all week
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Thursday 10th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Friday 11th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
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 – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning
Thursday 17th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Thursday 17th June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning
Friday 18th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Friday 18th June 2021 – Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Thursday 24th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Thursday 24th June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
Friday 25th June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day
Friday 25th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
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 – tbc
Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am tbc
Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Thursday 1st July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
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 9:10 am
Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc

Wednesday 7th July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc
 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 - tbc
 Friday 9th July 2021 - Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Wizard Theatre in - tbc
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Parents Evening - End of Year Reports out
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 (14:00)
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Governors Meeting
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 5 - The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop - Watford FC - tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Cornet Lessons Year 4 am - tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm - tbc
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30 am
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 - Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00 pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Rock Steady Music Lessons - tbc
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Awards Assembly
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Year 6 performance to parents at 2:00 pm
 Thursday 15th July 2021 - Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
 Friday 16th July 2021 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 16th July 2021 - Last day of term School closes at 1:30 pm - No pm Nursery

Enrichment days Summer term

Saturday 1st May 2021 - May Day
 Monday 3rd May 2021 - World Press Freedom Day
 Wednesday 5th May 2021 - Bike to School Day
 Wednesday 5th May 2021 - World Asthma Day
 Saturday 8th May 2021 - VE Day
 Wednesday 12th May 2021 - Ramadan ends
 Thursday 13th May 2021 - Eid ul-Fitr begins
 Sunday 23rd May 2021 - Pentecost
 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

Goodwill Bunting

Do you love to get your craft on? This spring Watford Palace Theatre is going to be decorating Watford Town centre in bunting but they need your help! The focus of this project is to unite the town and spread a little joy within the community.

They invite you to get involved and decorate a flag which will form part of the bunting. Be as creative as you like, there are no limits but be mindful that this will be displayed outside and exposed to all the elements!

To request a flag email takepart@watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk and they will get one sent out to you. Once decorated either drop your flag off at the theatre or send it in the post to:

Watford Palace Theatre, 20 Clarendon Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD17 1JZ

They need to receive flags no later than Friday 4th June.



Gigling Panda Chinese School

Fun Mandarin Classes



Pearl Class

For KS1 (4+)
Sunday 13:30PM - 14:30PM

Adventure Dragon Class

For KS2 (7+)
Sunday 14:30PM-15:30PM



New Term: 9th May – 11th July, 2021

No Chinese background required



Scan to register



Contact: Lily Li
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