



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

4 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 Residential Trip 2023 – Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th May 2023

We have taken the decision not to organise an Isle of Wight trip this year. Every year, we have found that less and less pupils want to attend and with rising costs for this kind of trip, it seems unfair, for this year, to put this cost onto you.

We have therefore organised a local residential trip to Phasels Wood in Kings Langley to cover 2 days including an overnight stay. I would like all Year 6 children to attend. The cost of this trip will be £65.91.

A letter will be sent out on Monday to Year 6 parents about this. The school will be making a sizeable contribution to this so that all pupils can attend.

EYFS Applications

Reception applications for September 2023 are now open. Our next open afternoon is on Thursday 1st December. Please let your family and friends know if they have children who are ready to start school next year.

Parents of children in Nursery are reminded that they do not automatically transfer into Reception and an application has to be made before Sunday 15th January 2023.

Parents Evening

I would like to thank all who attended Parents Evening before we finished for the half term. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. The results of the parent survey will be shared in the newsletter next week.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 9th November. A separate letter has been sent out to parents to confirm that you would like their children to take up this offer of a free flu vaccination. Can you please ensure that you complete the online consent form?

Dates for your Diary

Please find below the dates for this half term. You can also find these on the school website.



Individual Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting us on Thursday 10th November to take individual photos. There will also be an opportunity to have sibling photographs taken.

Children in Need

Children in Need is just around the corner and we are looking forward to raising the awareness as well as money for a brilliant charity. We are going to be doing two things on Friday 18th November 2022

- Children are to come to school in creative spotty outfits. The crazier the better! The child with the most creative outfit in each class will get a certificate/prize. We ask that all children bring a £1 donation for wearing their spotty outfit - this will be given to the class teacher to collect.



- We will be holding a bake sale after school and would like to ask you and your children to bring in cakes and biscuits. Teachers will also do some baking with their classes. It will run from 3:15 - 3:45pm in the Olympic Hall.

Poppy Appeal

Year 6 class representatives will be coming around to all classes next week with Poppies and the Poppy Appeal merchandise. If you would like your child to buy any of these, there are suggested donations of:-

Zip Pull	£1.00
Reflector	£1.00
Wristbands	£1.00
Snap Bands	£1.50

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C van Straaten'.

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

House Points	
Cassio	73
Ebury	59
Brightwell	68
Vicarage	95

Star & Charter Certificates – 4th November 2022

	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
EYFS	Aaliyah	Finley
Y1 Sycamore	L-Jay	Millie
Y2 Hawthorn	Godfrey	Gabriella
Y3 Mulberry	Piyush	Maryam
Y3 Rowan	Zakariya T	Ellie
Y4 Cedar	Radhiya	Adam
Y5 Chestnut	Nived	Hamithra
Y5 Elder	Kaleem	Amol
Y6 Elm	Summer	Shayan

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022
92%

Week Commencing 17th October to 21st October 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	80%	Y3 Mulberry	95%
Reception	89%	Y4 Cedar	93%
Y1 Sycamore	93%	Y5 Chestnut	93%
Y2 Hawthorn	92%	Y5 Elder	82%
Y3 Rowan	95%	Y6 Elm	94%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y6 Elm



PTA News

A massive thank you to all who came and took part in the PTA Halloween discos. We hope you all had fun.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 7th November 2022	Whole school assessment week
Monday 7th November 2022	Poppy Appeal Starts
Monday 7th November 2022	Year 1, 3 & 5 Cross Country Competition at Watford Boys Grammar (10:00 - 12:00)
Monday 7th November 2022	Year 5 & Year 6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 8th November 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 8th November 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Tuesday 8th November 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 9th November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Wednesday 9th November 2022	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 9th November 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 9th November 2022	Girls Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 10th November 2022	Individual & Family Photographs
Thursday 10th November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 10th November 2022	Watford FCT in to work with Year 6 (Positive minds) - 10:00am
Thursday 10th November 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 10th November 2022	Watford FCT - Primary Stars (Year 1 / 2)
Thursday 10th November 2022	Elder class swimming
Thursday 10th November 2022	Y3 & Year 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 11th November 2022	Whole school assembly (9:10)
Friday 11th November 2022	Remembrance Day
Friday 11th November 2022	Y6 Hockey Tournament at Watford Boys Grammar (10:00 - 11:30)
Monday 14th November 2022	Year 5 & Year 6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 15th November 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 15th November 2022	Year 5 Verulamium Museum (9:15 - 3:00)
Tuesday 15th November 2022	Y6 TLM Questionnaires
Tuesday 15th November 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Tuesday 15th November 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 16th November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Wednesday 16th November 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 16th November 2022	Girls Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 17th November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 17th November 2022	Watford FCT in to work with Year 6 (Positive minds) - 10:00am
Thursday 17th November 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 17th November 2022	Watford FCT - Primary Stars (Year 1 / 2)
Thursday 17th November 2022	Elder class swimming
Thursday 17th November 2022	Y3 & Year 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 18th November 2022	Whole school assembly (9:10)
Friday 18th November 2022	Children in Need
Friday 18th November 2022	Y4 Tring Natural History Museum (9:15 - 3:00)

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Monday 21st November 2022	Year 5 & Year 6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Anti Bullying workshops - Bigfoot theatre in
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Year 2 Speeck Stacking Competition at Queen's (10:00 - 11:30)
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Year 4 Speed Stacking Competition at Queen's (1:00 - 2:30)
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 23rd November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Wednesday 23rd November 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 23rd November 2022	Anti Bullying workshops - Bigfoot theatre in
Wednesday 23rd November 2022	Girls Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 24th November 2022	Watford FCT in to work with Year 6 (Positive minds) - 10:00am
Thursday 24th November 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 24th November 2022	Watford FCT - Primary Stars (Year 1 / 2)
Thursday 24th November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 24th November 2022	Elder class swimming
Thursday 24th November 2022	Y3 & Year 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 25th November 2022	Whole school assembly (9:10)
Monday 28th November 2022	Year 5 & Year 6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 29th November 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 29th November 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Tuesday 29th November 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 30th November 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Wednesday 30th November 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 30th November 2022	Girls Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 30th November 2022	Christmas decoration day
Thursday 1st December 2022	Christmas tree Decoration Day
Thursday 1st December 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 1st December 2022	Watford FCT in to work with Year 6 (Positive minds) - 10:00am
Thursday 1st December 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 1st December 2022	Watford FCT - Primary Stars (Year 1 / 2)
Thursday 1st December 2022	Reception Open morning (14:30)
Thursday 1st December 2022	Elder class swimming
Thursday 1st December 2022	Y3 & Year 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 2nd December 2022	Whole school assembly (9:10)
Saturday 3rd December 2022	PTA Christmas Fayre (11:00 - 14:00)

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Monday 5th December 2022	Year 5 & Year 6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Monday 5th December 2022	Flu vaccinations - TBC
Tuesday 6th December 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 6th December 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Tuesday 6th December 2022	Year 1 & Year 2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 7th December 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Wednesday 7th December 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 7th December 2022	Girls Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 8th December 2022	Morning Multi Sports (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 8th December 2022	Watford FCT in to work with Year 6 (Positive minds) - 10:00am
Thursday 8th December 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 8th December 2022	Watford FCT - Primary Stars (Year 1 / 2)
Thursday 8th December 2022	Elder class swimming
Thursday 8th December 2022	Y3 & Year 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 8th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9th December 2022	Whole school assembly (9:10)
Monday 12th December 2022	
Tuesday 13th December 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Tuesday 13th December 2022	School Health to visit Year 6 (Height and Weight)
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Thursday 15th December 2022	Watford FCT in to work with Year 6 (Positive minds) - 10:00am
Thursday 15th December 2022	Early years Christmas performance (11:15)
Thursday 15th December 2022	Rocksteady concert to parents (10:00)
Thursday 15th December 2022	Watford FCT - Primary Stars (Year 1 / 2)
Thursday 15th December 2022	Christmas Production to parents (6pm)
Friday 16th December 2022	Whole school assembly - Christmas production (Key stage 1 parents invited)
Friday 16th December 2022	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 19th December 2022	Whole school assembly - Christmas production (Key stage 2 parents invited)
Tuesday 20th December 2022	Early years Christmas performance (11:15)
Tuesday 20th December 2022	New entrants meeting (11:15)
Wednesday 21st December 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 21st December 2022	Presentation assembly (9:10)
Wednesday 21st December 2022	School closes for Christmas break (1:30)
Wednesday 21st December 2022	No afternoon Nursery

Spring Term Begins

Monday 9th January 2023