



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Dear Parents /Carers,**

## Walk To School Day

On Wednesday we celebrated Walk to School Day. Pupils took part in an International Flag Trail around the playground and nature trail. They had to unscramble a letter quiz and then in class completed a quiz about staying healthy and walking to school.



## Family Learning

Pupils in Reception and Year 1 had a presentation yesterday from the Community Learning Partnership about the family learning to be hosted at Holywell Primary School from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The programme is called Dangerous Dinosaurs and aimed at families with pupils in Reception and Year 1; it will have a phonics focus. A letter went out with pupils yesterday and parents who want to take up this cost free opportunity need to return the slip at the bottom of the letter. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



## Black History Month

Pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 took part in workshops and assemblies about Black History month. To celebrate Black History Month they learnt about how important friendships are and how we can all be friends even though we have our differences. The Key Stage 2 assemblies and workshops will be later in the month and we look forward to the writing that pupils will produce as a result of this learning. We celebrate our diversity and differences at Holywell Primary School and this is just another way for us to raise awareness and build respect and tolerance amongst pupils and communities.

## #HelloYellow

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 is World Mental Health Day. We plan to raise money to help raise awareness of Mental Health. The Hello Yellow campaign raises awareness of mental health in young pupils and all donations will go to the charity "Young Minds". Pupils may wear a Yellow item of clothing or yellow accessory to school if they make donation of £1. We value pupils' wellbeing and this will continue to raise awareness about this very important topic.



## Year 4 - Rapid Fire Cricket Competition

Unfortunately the Rapid Fire Cricket Competition, due to be held at Queens' School this week was cancelled because of the heavy rain. If the Sports Partnership reorganises this event we will inform parents.

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the parents and children who brought in donations for our Harvest Festival.



## Class Assemblies

| Olympic Hall at 9:10am           |                 |                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| DATE                             | CLASS           | TOPIC              |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October  | Year 5 Elder    | 6R Reflection      |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | Year 4 Mulberry | Anti Slavery Day   |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October  | Year 4 Cedar    | Diwali             |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | Year 3 Pine     | Bon Fire Night     |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 3 Aspen    | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | Year 2 Hawthorn | Road Safety        |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 2 Hazel    | St Andrew          |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Year 1 Sycamore | Hanukah            |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 1 Maple    | Human Rights Day   |

## Parents' Evening

Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 between 3:30pm - 6:00pm and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 between 5:00pm – 7:30pm. A letter with further information will be sent to parents nearer the time which will give details of how to select a suitable time to meet the Class Teacher. The meeting is important to talk about how pupils have settled into school and also about their targets for this term.

## Lettings

We work hard to make savings in school and always explore ways to enhance our income each year. One way in which we try to raise funds is through letting parts of the school site. The school lends itself well to cater for many different kinds of events. Last year the school hall, for example, was let out for a wedding reception. Lettings rates are very competitive and we would recommend parents look on the school website if they are interested in hiring part of the school for any kind of occasion.

## Secondary School – September 2020

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2019** but Hertfordshire County Council recommend parents complete it by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

Parents should apply online at [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 of the application form from Hertfordshire County Council - Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

## School Meals

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. If you are also entitled to Free School Meals we would like to encourage you to register even though you get a meal under the UFSM scheme. This allows the school to claim extra funding linked to your child that can be used on additional resources. Please register on the link below.

The cost of school meals for pupils in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 is £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week. If you think you might be eligible for free school meals please also click on the link below and complete the on line form; you will get the result immediately.

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals>

## Holywell Charter and Star Certificates

| Class     | Charter certificate | Star Learner of the Week award | Class    | Charter certificate | Star Learner of the Week award |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Blue Base | Ellie               | Ayal                           | Mulberry | Tlaria              | Luqmaan                        |
| Red Base  |                     |                                | Cedar    | Kathlyn             | Hussain                        |
| Sycamore  | Sarah               | Rory                           | Chestnut | Lenny               | Leo                            |
| Maple     |                     |                                | Elder    | Timothy             | Donnell                        |
| Hawthorn  | Haresh              | Nived                          | Elm      | Jayden              | Chloe                          |
| Hazel     | Tyson               | Kaleem                         | Rowan    | Patricia            | Yasir                          |
| Pine      | Marias              | Zain                           | Birch    | Enxhi               | Adrian                         |
| Aspen     | Sofia               | Elif                           |          |                     |                                |

### Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

|            |     |          |     |
|------------|-----|----------|-----|
| Nursery am | 93% | Pine     | 89% |
| Blue Base  | 95% | Mulberry | 96% |
| Red Base   | 92% | Cedar    | 96% |
| Maple      | 97% | Chestnut | 96% |
| Sycamore   | 91% | Elder    | 97% |
| Hawthorn   | 98% | Birch    | 96% |
| Hazel      | 94% | Elm      | 94% |
| Aspen      | 94% | Rowan    | 97% |

### Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is:

**94.2 %**

### Attendance and Punctuality

Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:

| Attendance    | Punctuality   |
|---------------|---------------|
| KS1: Hawthorn | KS1: Hawthorn |
| KS2 : Elder   | KS2: Chestnut |

# Watford Observer – My First Day at School





# Dates for your Diary

## AUTUMN TERM

### OCTOBER 2019

Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Wizard Theatre  
Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Year 3 Celtic Hearts Workshop – Irish Dancing  
Tuesday 8th October 2019 – Year 6 Basketball at Queens School  
Wednesday 9th October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons  
Thursday 10th October 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Wizard Theatre  
Tuesday 15th October 2019 – Year 5 Cross Country at Queens School  
Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Year 1 trip to London Museum  
Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons  
Thursday 17th October 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Thursday 17th October 2019 - Rocksteady  
Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019 – Festival of Learning week  
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 6:00pm  
Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – Wizard Theatre  
Wednesday 23rd October 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons  
Thursday 24th October 2019 - Rocksteady  
Thursday 24th October 2019 – Parents Evening 5:00pm to 7:30pm  
Monday 28th October 2019 - Friday 1st November 2019 – Half term  
Thursday 31st October 2019 – Secondary School Applications for September 2020 – Close

### NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 – Year 1 Assessments start  
Monday 4th November 2019 – Reception Applications for September 2020 open  
Monday 4th November 2019 – Poppy appeal starts  
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre  
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre Pantomime  
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Governors Meeting – 6:30pm  
Wednesday 6th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2  
Thursday 7th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2  
Thursday 7th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 7th November 2019 - Rocksteady  
Monday 11th November 2019 – Whole School Assessment Week  
Monday 11th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2  
Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

**NOVEMBER 2019 continued:**

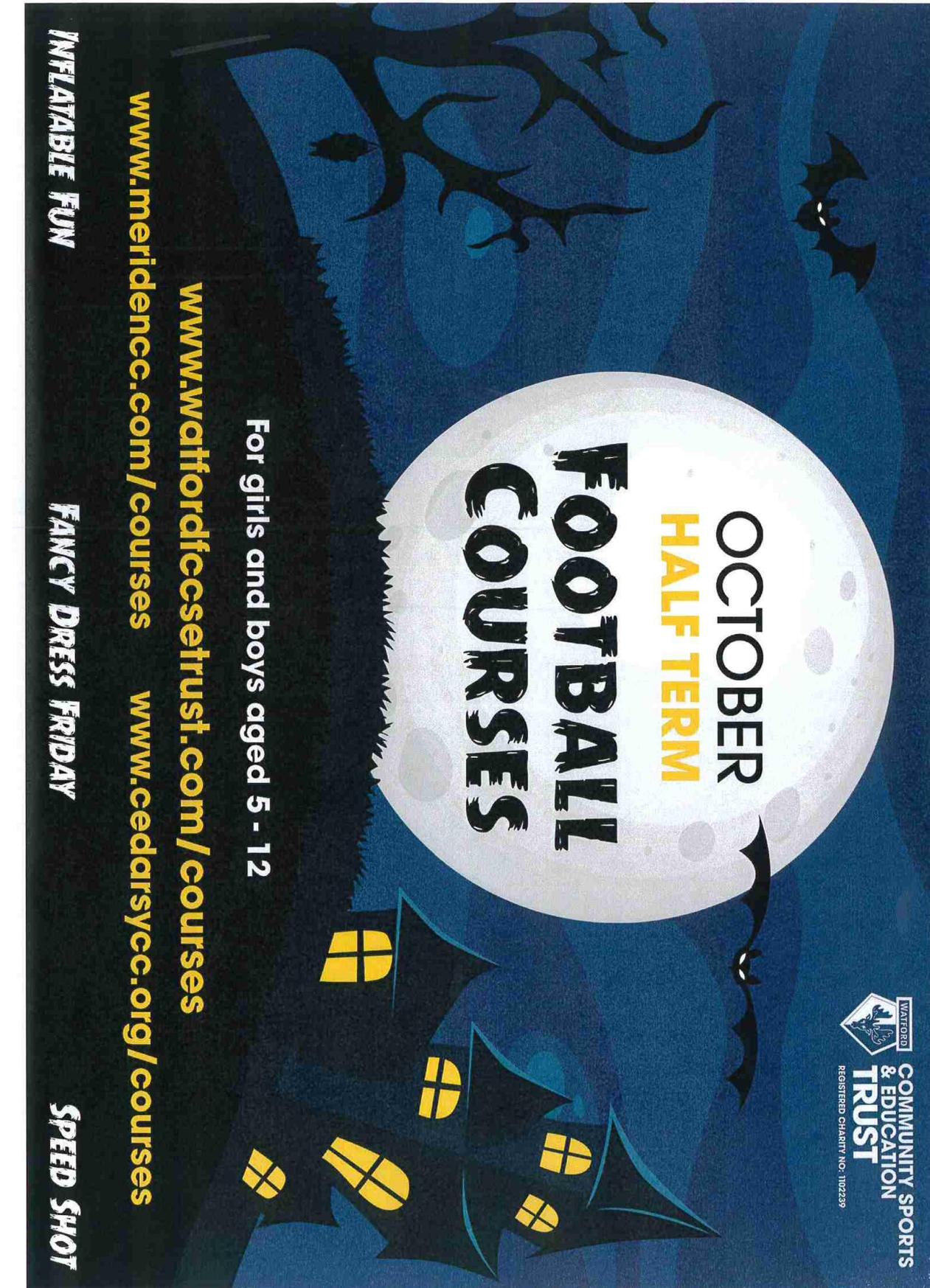
Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre  
Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Year 6 Hockey at Queens School  
Wednesday 13th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2  
Thursday 14th November 2019 – School Photographer - Individual and family photographs  
Thursday 14th November 2019 - Rocksteady  
Thursday 14th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – School Nurse to meet Year 6 and complete online questionnaires  
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Year 4 Speed Stacking at Queens School  
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 9:15am – to be confirmed  
Thursday 21st November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 21st November 2019 - Rocksteady  
Wednesday 27th November 2019 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6  
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Sweets  
Friday 29th November 2019 – Christmas Decoration Day

**DECEMBER 2019**

Monday 2nd December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day  
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm – to be confirmed  
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Chocolate and drinks bottles  
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes  
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 12th December 2019 - Rocksteady  
Friday 13th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30pm to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30pm  
Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15am  
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance – 9:30am  
Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Presentation Assembly  
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 10:00am  
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 2 parents - 2:00pm  
Friday 20th December 2019 – Nursery AM only. Closes at 12:00 midday  
Friday 20th December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020 – Christmas break

**ENRICHMENT DAYS:**

Monday 7th October 2019 - National Braille Week  
Thursday 10th October 2019 – World Mental Health Day  
Wednesday 16th October 2019 – World Food Day  
Friday 18th October 2019 – Anti Slavery Day  
Sunday 27th October 2019 – Diwali  
Thursday 31st October 2019 – Halloween  
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Bonfire Night  
Sunday 10th November 2019 – World Science Day  
Monday 11th November 2019 – Remembrance Day  
Monday 11th November 2019 – Anti Bullying Week  
Monday 18th November 2019 – Road safety Week  
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Universal Children’s Days – UN  
Saturday 30th November 2019 – St Andrews Day  
Monday 2nd December 2019 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery  
Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Human Rights Day  
Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah



**OCTOBER**  
**HALF TERM**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**COURSES**

For girls and boys aged 5 - 12

[www.watfordccsetrust.com/courses](http://www.watfordccsetrust.com/courses)

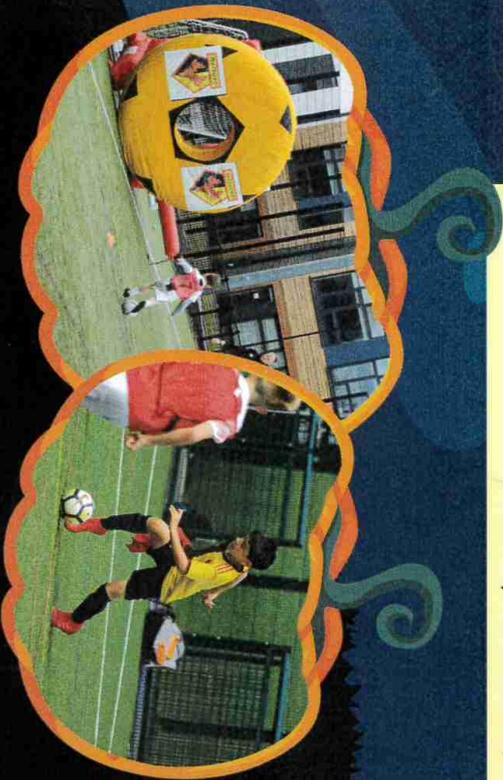
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**INFLATABLE FUN**

**FANCY DRESS FRIDAY**

**SPEED SHOT**

| DATE                | TIME                    | VENUE   | AGE    | WEEK       | DAY           |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--------|------------|---------------|
| 28th Oct - 1st Nov  | 9am - 4pm               | Westfield Academy,<br>Watford, WD18 6NS                 | 6 - 12 | £65        | £17.50        |
| 28th Oct - 1st Nov  | 9am - 4pm               | Rickmansworth School,<br>Rickmansworth, WD3 3AQ         | 6 - 12 | £65        | £17.50        |
| 28th Oct - 1st Nov  | 9am - 4pm               | The Hemel Hempstead School,<br>Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1TX | 6 - 12 | £65        | £17.50        |
| 28th Oct - 1st Nov  | 9am - 4pm<br>10am - 3pm | Meriden Community Centre,<br>Watford, WD25 9ET          | 5 - 12 | £65<br>£55 | £17.50<br>£15 |
| 28th Oct - 1st Nov  | 9am - 4pm               | Roundwood Park School,<br>Harpenden, AL5 3AE            | 6 - 12 | £65        | £17.50        |
| 21st Oct - 25th Oct | 9am - 4pm<br>10am - 3pm | Cedars YCC,<br>Harrow, HA3 6QH                          | 5 - 12 | £65<br>£55 | £17.50<br>£15 |



# Early Years Newsletter



## Watford & Three Rivers Senior Early Start Team Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed the Summer and are ready for the new term ahead.

At the end of the Summer term, we said "Goodbye" to Jo Crocket and Caroline, both of whom have moved on to exciting new roles, as will Jo Roberts this term. We wish them all the best. Laura Parmar and Zaynah Jahangeer have joined Jessica Ackland and Alison Onslow in the Senior team, having worked in the Family Centre service in various roles previously. Together with our Team Lead, Jo Burgess, we look forward to continuing to support families living in Watford & Three Rivers.

### Oral Health Talks in Schools for Reception aged children

The School Nursing team within the Family Centre Service (FCS) have been offering every reception class an interactive teaching session on dental health in the second half of the summer term. Staff from the Family Support Service jointly delivered the dental health sessions with the school nurses during the summer term, and we are pleased to confirm that from September these will continue to be offered by the Senior Early Start workers.

This team have more flexibility to offer sessions over the academic year across the three terms, increasing accessibility and schools will be receiving a letter shortly offering days and times for these sessions to be booked. We look forward to visiting your school soon.



### Upcoming events for Schools & Settings

Please join us for our termly Network Meeting where we will also be joined by a Representative from DSPL9 who offer training, guidance and support around children with special educational needs.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 4:30pm – 6:30pm - Westfield Family Centre, Croxley View, WD18 6NS.**  
(for Settings in Central Watford, Oxhey, Rickmansworth and Three Rivers areas)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 4:30pm – 6:30pm – Beechfield Family Centre, Gammons Lane, WD24 5TY.**  
(for Settings in Leavesden, North Watford and Abbots Langley areas)

Book via this link: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

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## Support for Families

Previously, Early Years providers were sharing progress data with partners such as family centres and Herts for Learning to help ensure that all children and families were supported in achieving the best outcomes. As of this term, the progress data of those children receiving free early education will be entered via the Portal (for more information, please see the Family Services Commissioning News). This will then be shared with the Family Centre Service to enable us to continue the support for families, and provide services to respond to the needs of each local area.

### **Parenting Courses**

We have lots of courses available during the Autumn term including Parenting Puzzle, Families Feeling Safe, Welcome to the World and an Emotional Wellbeing Course. If you or any of your families would like some more information on these courses please contact the Family Centre on 0300 123 7572 or visit the Hertfordshire Parenting Directory at <https://bit.ly/2nNp3fq>

If there is a family within your setting who you feel is needing individual support, with their permission please use the following link to refer into the Family Support team: [www.hertsfamilycentres.org/staff](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/staff)

### **What else have the Senior Early Start team been doing:**

As a team, we are continuing our work towards closing the achievement gap and supporting families in the area through Early Talk, Nurture Groups, home learning bags, 2 year development checks, supporting families in Stay & Play sessions, and assisting families with accessing free early education and school applications.

This term we will be introducing a programme called Little Learners, which offers targeted support to parents who are signposted from their child's 10 month check from our Health colleagues, around their child's learning and development.

We will be sharing more about each of these programmes at our Network meetings.

### Activity Idea for this term

Mark making tuff tray ideas: encourage mark-making in your setting with these creative tuff tray ideas. These activities support Understanding the World, Maths and Literacy. Add other items to the snow and ask children to write the first sound.



[LINK TO  
REGISTRATION](#)

[LINK TO  
PROGRAMME](#)

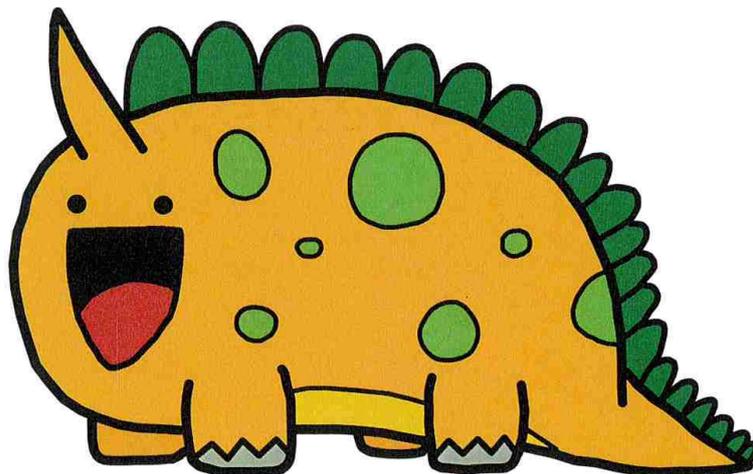


# Dangerous Dinosaurs

## At Holywell Primary School For Reception & Year 1 Families

A **free** 6 week literacy and craft course, for parents/carers or relative over 19 & children.  
**12:45pm – 3:15pm on Thursdays from 7th November 2019**  
Session dates are 7/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 4/12 & 11/12

*Update your literacy skills to be able to help your child with their phonics in a short adult only session. You will then be joined by your child for a fun craft session each week which will include help for fussy eaters with some fun dinosaur food ideas.*



### Letters coming home on 03/10/2019

For further information, please ring CLP direct on: 020 8421 5544 or 07576 167776

