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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 5th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

SATS

The SATS for Year 6 have finally arrived. The pupils will be able to show all they have learnt this year. I know they have worked very hard and attended many extra sessions such as, Half Term booster classes, Easter booster classes, before and after school tuition and morning breakfast reading. A huge thank you goes out to all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor I am more than happy to talk through what it involves.

Policies Reviewed

The following policies have recently been reviewed by the Governors and can be seen on our school website. We have also made improvements to our website and I will be interested to hear comments from parents.

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Collective Worship Policy
- E-Safety and Data Security Policy

E-Safety

We had a reasonable turn out of parents to the E-Safety sessions last night. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend.



[Thinkuknow - home](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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Guide to internet safety and safe surfing for young people from Think U Know. Learn about online safety when using blogs, chatting, online gaming,



Keeping Children Safe Online

Mrs A McLaughlin

Parent Action Plan- What are **your** next steps?

Parental controls- Have you set up any through your Internet provider to stop your children from going where they shouldn't be?

Do you know what your children are accessing online?

Where do they go in the house to access the Internet? Do you know what they are doing?

Are your children aware of what to do if they see something inappropriate or something that upsets them?

Who should they go to? What can they do?

Basic Internet Safety Rules for you Children

- Never give out identifying information.
- Never write or post anything you wouldn't be comfortable with the whole world seeing.
- Treat others online as you would treat them in person.
- Never share your password.
- Never open an email or click on a link from someone you don't know.
- Never download or click on anything without checking with me or another trusted adult first

Ways for you to keep your children safe online

- Sign an "Internet Safety Contract."
- Keep the computer in a public area of your home.
- Set a time limit for computer use.
- Become familiar with the sites your child visits.
- Know your child's online "friends."
- Know your child's passwords.
- Keep your security software up to date.

Useful links

- <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Better Internet for Kids

**internet
matters.org**

Author Visit

The children had a great time working with the Author Anthony Lishak. Assemblies and class visits from Anthony inspired some amazing writing from pupils across the school. Some parents have also used this opportunity to buy books from Anthony at the end of school yesterday.

Local Election - Thursday 4th May 2017

The local election ran smoothly from our perspective, with minimal disruption caused to the school. Thank you to all the parents for their co-operation.

Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you to those that have already donated vouchers to us. We are still collecting vouchers in the box in the main reception area, outside the school office.

Assemblies:

Please see below the assembly schedule for Summer Term. All parents are invited to attend our Friday whole school assemblies so come along and support your child. Parents are also able to join us for a coffee afterwards.

Friday Class Assembly	Friday	
Topic / Theme	Whole School Assembly	
	Class	9:10am Reception to Year 6 Olympic Hall
Whoever we are, wherever we live, these rights belong to all children..' Article 2	Beech	Friday 12 th May 2017
Walk to School Week	Maple	Friday 19th May 2017
Ramadan	Ash	Friday 26 th May 2017
SEAL - changes - Theme 7	Red Base	Friday 9th June 2017
Fathers Day (18th June 2017)	Willow	Friday 16th June 2017
Eid-al-fitr (26th June 2017)	Aspen	Friday 23rd June 2017
Friendship	Blue Base	Friday 30th June 2017
Community	Green Base	Friday 7th July 2017
British Values at Holywell Primary School	Hawthorn	Friday 14th July 2017
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Year 6	Friday 21st July 2017

Parent Information sessions – Summer Term

**Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week.
No need to book in advance.**

Where: Holywell conference room

When: Tuesday 9:00am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

Date	Session focus	Session Leader
9 th May	Age appropriate chores Chores are important for children. It makes them feel needed and helpful. Teach them about responsibility. This session will give you some ideas.	Sam Ward
16 th May	KS1 Phonics Year 1 Phonics Screen Test. How you can support your child's phonics development at home.	Miss Hampton and Sam Ward
23 rd May	Behaviour Strategies to support you and your child with challenging behaviour	Sam Ward
HALF TERM		
6 th June	Transition – Nursery to Reception What you can do to help prepare your child with the transition to Reception	Mrs Hewitt and Sam Ward
13 th June	Transition – Year 2 to Year 3 Preparing your child for KS2	Mrs Keshiro and Sam Ward
20 th June	Transition – Reception to Year 1 How to help your child transition smoothly to Year 1	Miss Tetley and Sam Ward
27 th June	Healthy Eating Week Diet: nutrition effects of behaviour	Miss Hampton and Sam Ward
4 th July	Transition – Year 6 to secondary school How to help your child transition to secondary school	Sam Ward and Miss McCay
11 th July	No session this week	
18 th July	Coffee and Farewell Join us to reflect on the year and celebrate.	Sam Ward

Dates for your Diary

MAY 2017

Monday 8th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 9th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 10th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Thursday 11th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS
Thursday 11th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Tuesday 16th May 2017 – Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis at Watford Girls School
Thursday 18th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Monday 22nd May 2017 – Year 2 SATS and EYFS assessment all week
Monday 22nd May 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017 – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 - Year 6 – Natural History Museum
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – Year 5 and Year 6 Kwik Cricket at Watford Boys School
Wednesday 24th May 2017 – Year 6 – Tate Modern and South Bank
Thursday 25th May 2017 – Year 6 – Cassiobury Park
Thursday 25th May 2017 – Year 3 Beech Swimming
Friday 26th May 2017 – Last day of half term
Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017 Half Term – School Closed

JUNE 2017

Monday 5th June to Friday 9th June 2017 – Festival of Learning Week
Thursday 8th June 2017 – Swimming starts for Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 8th June 2017 – General Election
Thursday 8th June 2017 – “R” Games – to be confirmed
Friday 9th June 2017 – School photographer in – class photographs
Monday 12th June 2017 – Whole School Assessment Week
Monday 12th June 2017 – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 14th June 2017 – Challenge Cup – Year 6 – PE at Highwood Primary School
Thursday 15th June 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Monday 19th June 2017 – Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Nursery and Reception September 2017 – Open Morning – to be confirmed
Thursday 22nd June 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 23rd June 2017 – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
Saturday 24th June 2017 – Summer Fair – to be confirmed
Monday 26th June 2017 to Friday 30th June 2017 – Reception Class September 2017 – Taster Sessions – to be confirmed
Thursday 29th June 2017 – Provisional Sports Day
Friday 30th June 2017 – Provisional EYFS Sports Day

JULY 2017

Thursday 6th July 2017 – Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 6th July 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Friday 7th July 2017 – Reserve EYFS Sports Day
Friday 7th July 2017 – Year 6 “Prom” organised by the PTA
Tuesday 11th July 2017 – International/Community Day
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
Thursday 13th July 2017 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 at their new schools
Friday 14th July 2017 – Reports out to parents
Monday 17th July 2017 – Nursery AM Assembly in morning
Monday 17th July 2017 – Nursery PM Assembly in afternoon
Tuesday 18th July 2017 – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday 18th July 2017 – pm Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 1 classes
Wednesday 19th July 2017 – am Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 classes
Wednesday 19th July 2017 – 6:30 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Thursday 20th July 2017 – 2:00 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Friday 21st July 2017 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July 2017 – Nursery PM to join Nursery AM. No Nursery in afternoon. Closes at midday
Friday 21st July 2017 – School closes at 1:30 pm for Summer Break

Enrichment Days

Tuesday 2nd May 2017 – Friday 5th May 2017 – Book Week

Monday 8th May 2017 – VE Day (Victory for Europe Day)

Tuesday 6th June 2017 – Anniversary of D-Day

Sunday 18th June 2017 – Father's Day

Tuesday 20th June 2017 – World Refugee Day

Monday 26th June 2017 – Eid Ul Fitr

Sunday 23rd July 2017 – Birthday of Haile Selassie

PTA Events

Thursday 25th May 2017 – No school uniform –
please bring in prize for tombola

Wednesday 14th June 2017 – No school uniform –
please bring in prize for tombola

Saturday 17th June 2017 – Summer Fair

Friday 7th July 2017 – Year 6 Prom

Wednesday 12th July 2017 – To be confirmed –
Reception Classes only – cake decorating class

Thursday 13th July 2017 – End of Year School Disco

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week
for this academic year is 95 %

Nursery am	92%	Aspen	88%
Nursery pm	81%	Beech	95%
Blue base	97%	Pine	91%
Green base	96%	Mulberry	98%
Red base	86%	Cedar	97%
Maple	94%	Rowan	97%
Oak	91%	Ash	90%
Sycamore	97%	Elder	98%
Hawthorn	96%	Birch	98%
Hazel	97%	Elm	100%
Willow	95%		

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Maple	KS1 Hazel
KS2 Mulberry	KS2 Mulberry, Rowan, Ash

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star learner of the week award
Red Base	Kayla	Christopher	Aspen	Adelle	Alexandru
Green Base	Amna	Ellie-Mae	Pine	Thabo	Atiqua
Blue Base	Summer	Zain	Mulberry	Ali	Elliot
Sycamore	Bonnie	Megan	Rowan	Aleena	Zuzanna
Maple	Carolina	Hannah	Cedar	Callum	Alysha
Oak	Ilaria	Rania	Ash	Michal	Jacob
Hawthorn	Camelia	Omi	Elder	Pepe	Verginya
Hazel	Oliver	Ada	Birch	Ayomide	Omi
Willow	Zamin	Naweeshah	Elm	--	--
Beech	Eliza	Luke			