

Holywell Primary School

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5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you

I would like to start by extending a huge thank you to our parents for their support during the current, and hopefully, last lockdown. We appreciate your support during what certainly has been a difficult time for everyone.

We will start teaching children with great eagerness on Monday. Over the next three weeks we will assess pupils, getting to grips with their current levels of understanding, and this will help us to plan a thorough curriculum for the Summer Term which starts after the Easter holiday.

Return to School

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school from Monday 8th March 2021. A letter was sent out yesterday giving parents detailed guidance on some of our return to school procedures. We have slightly staggered the starting and finishing times and children will remain in their bubbles during the school day. We know our school procedures are robust and effective in reducing the risk of spreading the virus in school. We continue to review these and our risk assessment will be published on our school website later today.

Since the lockdown, we appreciate that many families will have experienced difficult circumstances of some form or another. If parents feel it is appropriate information for the school, then we ask that you contact your child's class teacher. If the class teacher is informed about these challenges then they will be able to effectively support your child or sign post them to someone who can assist.

Our biggest concern is groups of parents gathering in the playground and pupils from different households playing with each other before coming into school. The school gates will open each morning at 8:45 am. Parents will not be able to access the site before that time. Parents will be unable to access the school site via the gate from the King George V playing field until further notice. Teachers will be ready to collect pupils from 8:45 am for a soft, staggered start. Once the main gates open pupils will be able to go straight into class to wash their hands and get ready for learning.

We ask you to refer to the letter sent out yesterday with the different drop off and collection times for pupils.



Chromebooks and Laptops – To Be Returned

Parents who were issued with a Chromebook or laptop during lockdown must return these to school from Monday 8th March 2021. The Olympic Hall will be open for parents to return the devices. Please make sure your child goes into class before you go to the Olympic Hall.

Project Books – To Be Returned

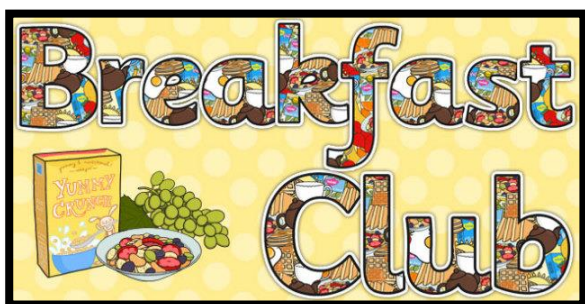
All pupils must bring their project book, including any work that they have completed as part of this, to school on Monday. This will give us time to quarantine the books before they are used later in the week.

Book Vouchers for World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

All children will receive the usual Book Voucher for World Book Day over the course of the next week.

Breakfast and After School Club

We will continue with the club up to the end of the term. Any parents who would like to use the club should contact the school office. The Breakfast Club runs from 7:30 am each morning and the After School Club runs until 5:30 pm in the evening.



School Meals and Free School Meal Vouchers

This is the last week we issue the Free School Meal vouchers to parents of pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. We will return to offering our full menu from next week. Children who bring in a packed lunch and those who have school meals will eat in the canteen in their bubbles. Parents are reminded to ensure that they have credit on their School Money account.



Easter Holidays

The last day of the Spring Term is Friday 26th March 2021. School finishes that day at 1:30 pm. Please note there will be no afternoon Nursery or After School Club on that day.



We will welcome the children back after the holiday on Tuesday 13th April 2021

Coronavirus information

Parents are reminded to wear a face covering when they enter the site from Monday 8th March 2021.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

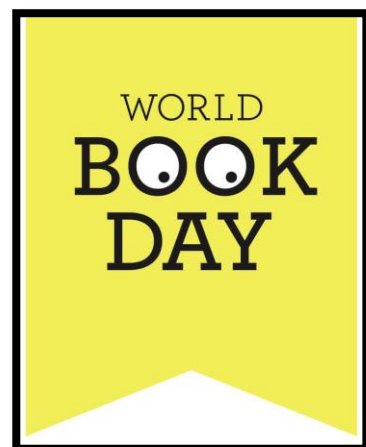
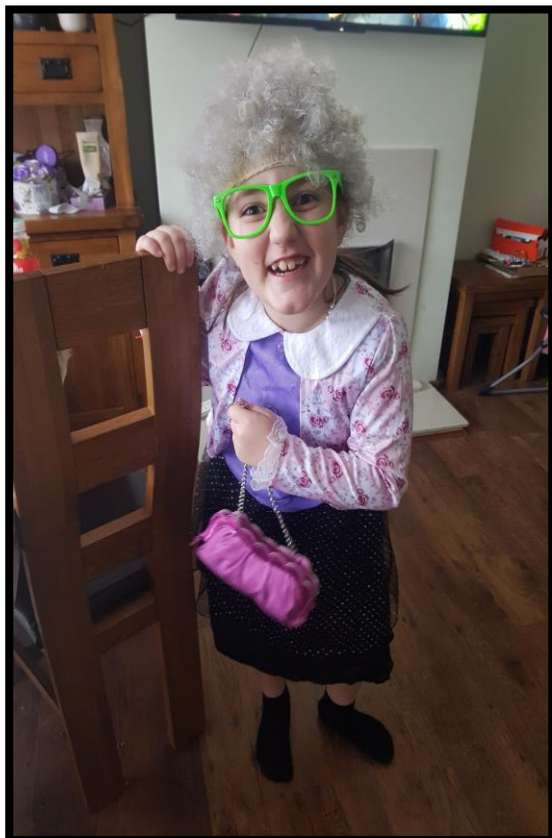
They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia),

- they must go home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Rebecca – Year 3/4 Cedar – Gansta Granny



Hafiy – Reception Red – Superman



Millie – Reception Red – Mini Mouse



Michael – Year 5 Elder – Guided Reading

Questions about How Weeds Get

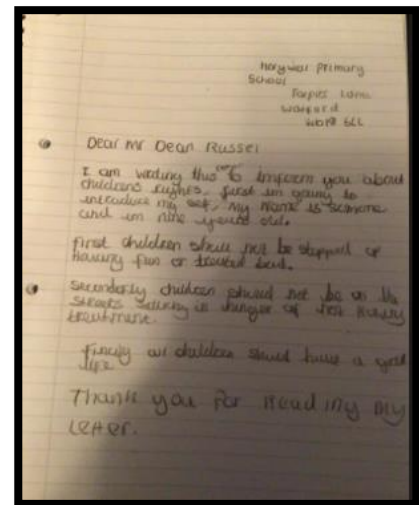
Everywhere!

1. What is the name of the world's largest weed? Giant hogweed
2. Which animals can move pollen around in the flower? Bees or other insect
3. What are the dark-coloured objects that you can see in a dandelion clock? seed
4. What is a good thing that nettles can be used for? Making tea or medicine
5. What makes dandelion seeds good at floating in the air? Accept any reference to them being: light, feathery, like an umbrella.
6. What do some people think it means if a buttercup reflects yellow under your chin? It means you like butter. You could discuss whether they think this is true.
7. How tall can the largest weed grow? 3.65m / 3.65 metres.

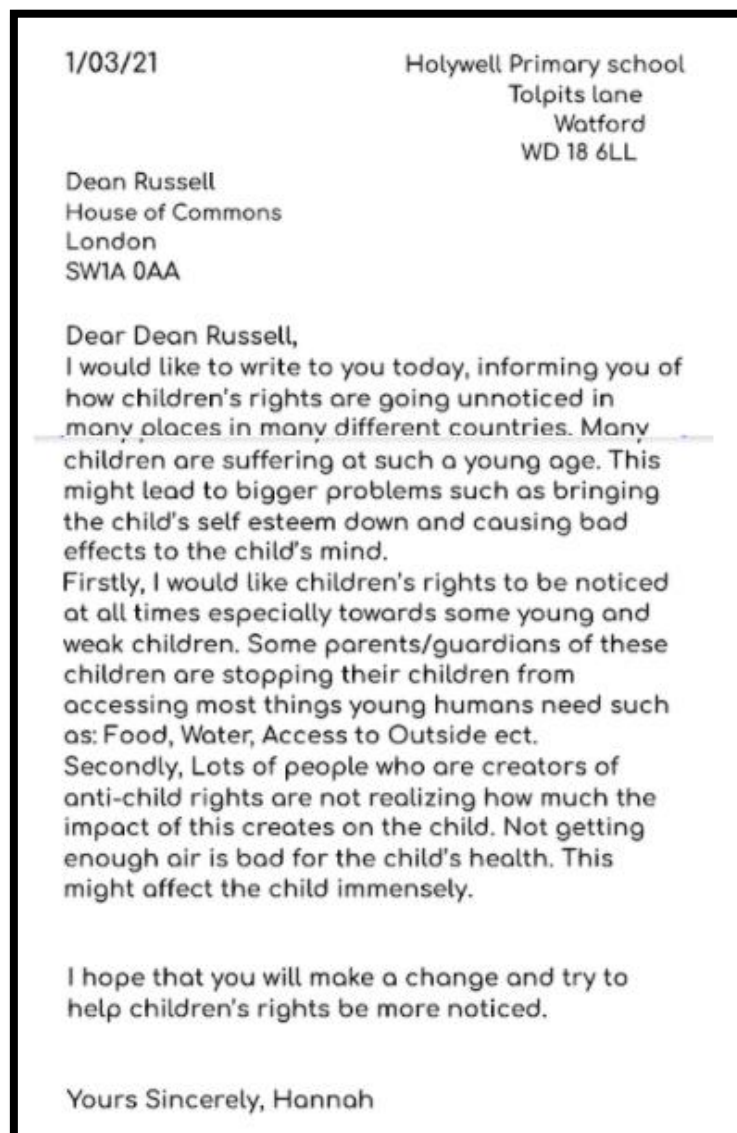
Margarida and Adaeze -
Year 5 Elder - Completing times table practice
Letter to Dean Russell



Simone – Year 5 Elder



Hannah – Year 5 Elder - letter to Dean Russell



HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Jayden	This is awarded for his excellent maths work to apply number bonds
Red	Charlie	For always contributing to discussions in live lessons
Maple	Lael	For doing great listening every day and producing excellent work
Sycamore	Abu Bakar	For reasoning and explaining his ideas during online lessons
Hawthorn	Rory	For using his previous learning to complete a timeline of Mary Seacole's life
Hazel	Noah	For improving on his attitude to his schoolwork and making improvements
Cedar	Dilan	For an excellent understanding of times tables
Mulberry	Fozia	For writing a well detailed and structured story based on the book journey
Rowan	Alex	For contributing his ideas in the live lessons and showing respect towards his peers
Chestnut	Shamil	For improving in his English writing
Elder	Adaeze	For being a role model to a through her determination and resilience in all areas. She has flourished these past few weeks and her confidence has increased greatly which has been lovely to see!
Birch	Aghness	For confidently solving metric conversion problems using the given success criteria
Elm	Ayesha	For always submitting her work to a high standard and for her excellent contributions to live lessons

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Salma	This is awarded for always being kind and polite during online lessons
Red	Hafiy	For always being polite during online lessons, always listening and concentrating on his task
Maple	Ayah	For her continued resilience and for being reflective on a daily basis
Sycamore	Zahra	For showing respect to her classmates during online lessons
Hawthorn	Mikayla	For being resilient and practicing her tricking words and sounds every day
Hazel	Harry	For always being respectful to all members of Holywell
Cedar	Madeline	For always ensuring she follows the 6 Rs and helping out around the class
Mulberry	Esmay	For consistently following the 6 R's
Rowan	Samanta	For showing resilience in English when trying to edit and improve her writing
Chestnut	Carolina	For writing a lovely letter campaigning about Children's Rights
Elder	Ammar	For his dedication to home learning and using his resilience and respect when taking on feedback given at Parents Evening. Well done Ammar
Birch	Bright	For always showing responsibility in promptly completing and submitting his tasks.
Elm	Bailey	For following the 6 Rs and for his excellent work on converting between measures this week