

Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

6 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Netball

On Wednesday, the Year 5 and Year 6 netball team played against St Anthony's. It was a brilliant game with a very close score line throughout. Every single player on our team worked hard and showed determination; they kept their heads up and played their best until the final whistle. Unfortunately, St Anthony's took the win 8-5.

Player of the Match - Maddison for being an excellent teammate and scoring 2 goals!



Football

The Holywell U11's played against St Anthony's Primary School on Wednesday. After a closely contested first half, St Anthony's ran away with the game in the second half. Some great performances overall with Rayan standing out to be the star player for Holywell. Holywell regardless of the score kept their heads up high and fought back to the end of the game.

Eid Mubarak!

I would like to wish all our families who observed the month of Ramadan a happy Eid. Happy Eid Mubarak!

Year 6 SATS

This year, the Year 6 SATS will be starting from this Monday, 9th May 2022 until Thursday 12th May 2022.

Pupils will start the day with some revision and then get straight into the test. Pupils must arrive on time please and be well prepared and rested. A good healthy breakfast will be a good way to start the school day.

Class photos

Class photos were taken this Wednesday and we hope to have the proofs back to you by the end of next week.

Isle of Wight

We have consulted the current Year 5 parents about organising a residential trip to the Isle of Wight for their children (who will then be in Year 6) next year.

Unfortunately, we had very little response. If you have forgotten to reply, can you do this urgently otherwise, we will not be able to plan this trip. We are aware that the cost of residential trips have significantly increased and it would not be viable if there were not a good level of interest expressed.

Request For Leave

We are currently receiving numerous leave requests from you for various reasons. Can I please remind you that the school cannot authorise leave. All leave taken from school will be registered as unauthorised.

House Points

Brightwell	202
Cassio	112
Ebury	174
Vicarage	110

Holywell Primary School Assemblies Schedule

Theme: Resourcefulness	Whole School Assembly - Y1-Y6 - Olympic Hall	
Topic	Class	Time: 9:00am
VE day	Year 3 Rowan	Friday 13th May
Florence Nightingale	Year 2 Hawthorn	Friday 20th May
Resourcefulness	Year 2 Hazel	Friday 20th May
Queen Jubilee celebration	Year 1 Sycamore	Friday 27th May

Occasional Day

A reminder to parents that school will be closed on Monday 6th June 2022 for all pupils and staff.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C van Straaten', written in a cursive style.

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

UNICEF ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 31- Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

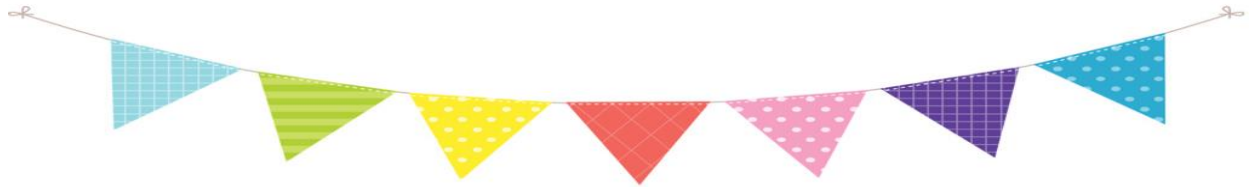


Why is play important to children? Name as many reasons as you can think of.

DID YOU THINK OF THESE?

- It's good to have fun and relax.
- Some play is good for exercise.
- It can help you get on with people and make friends.
- You might learn to take turns and to share.
- It can help your education and learning.
- It can help your mental health.
- Play can help you to imagine and be creative.
- It's one of the rights children have.

Mulberry class children enjoyed creating some posters
about Article 31



A word from the PTA

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the first introduction from our PTA.

I'm Jess Moore. Some of you may recognise me. If not, you will get to know me very soon! I have 2 boys in Year 3 and one in Reception and a love for this school as we have 3 generations of my husband's family that have attended Holywell. I'm really hoping that with a bit of work, we can bring a little extra fun to the lives of our children within school and in turn use anything we raise to improve facilities for them.

I have big shoes to fill as the very lovely Michaela, whom many of the older children know and love, ran this so brilliantly for many years, but as her children have moved on, I took the step up having had career experience in events management. A big thank you to Michaela for all she has done.

But now for our future, I'm looking for as many volunteers as possible to come and help. There are many ways you can whether it be volunteering for events, if you have a relevant skill that could help, or simply by turning up to our events. Everyone is welcome.

If you are able to help please email:-

PTA@HOLYWELL.HERTS.SCH.UK

Thank you!

We also have a Facebook group to keep up to date with everything going on at the school.

Please join us at FRIENDS OF HOLYWELL PTA group.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
SUMMER TERM 2022

May 2022

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May Year 6 SATS

Monday 9th May	Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 10th May	Cricket Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 10th May	Y1 & Y2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 11th May	KS2 Netball Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 12th May	Multi Sports Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 12th May	Y5 Elder Swimming Lessons
Thursday 12th May	Y3 & 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 13th May	Y6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)

Monday 16th May	Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Monday 16th May	Y3 & Y4 Watford Heritage Trail
Tuesday 17th May	Cricket Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 17th May	Nursery Trip to Cheslyn House & Gardens (9:45 - 12:00)
Tuesday 17th May	Y1 & Y2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 18th May	Reception Class Visit to Cheslyn House & Gardens (9:45 - 1:30)
Wednesday 18th May	KS2 Netball Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 19th May	Multi Sports Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 19th May	Y5 Elder Swimming Lessons
Thursday 19th May	Y3 & 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 20th May	Y1 Sycamore & Y2 Hawthorn and Hazel - Visit to Cassiobury Park
Friday 20th May	Y6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)

Monday 23rd May	Y6 Leave for the Isle of Wight
Monday 23rd May	Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 24th May	Cricket Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 24th May	Y1 & Y2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 25th May	KS2 Netball Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 26th May	Multi Sports Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 26th May	Y5 Elder Swimming Lessons
Thursday 26th May	Y3 & 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 27th May	Y6 Cineworld
Friday 27th May	Y6 Return from the Isle of Wight
Friday 27th May	Y6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Half Term - School Finishes @ 3:15pm

<p align="center">WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021</p> <p align="center">91%</p>
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Week Commencing 25 April - 29 April 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	85%	Mulberry	92%
Reception	97%	Y4 Cedar	88%
Y1 Sycamore	94%	Y5 Chestnut	97%
Y2 Hawthorn	96%	Y5 Elder	97%
Y2 Hazel	100%	Y6 Elm	97%
Y3 Rowan	92%	Y6 Birch	97%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hazel
Key Stage 2	Y5 Chestnut, Y5 Elder
	Y6 Birch & Y6 Elm

Star & Charter Certificates - 6 May 2022		
	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Reception	Shanzay	Nard
Y1 Sycamore	Karina	Maluchi
Y2 Hawthorn	Reaiah	Zahra
Y2 Hazel	Mathieu	Anaya
Y3 Rowan	Faith	Cristiano
Y4 Cedar	Kashvee	Sehasna
Y4 Mulberry	Bhuvan	Sainabou
Y5 Chestnut	Ismail	Kevin
Y5 Elder	Daniel	Tanmeet
Y6 Birch	Husnah	Bentley
Y6 Elm	Daud	Leira