



Holywell Primary School

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Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week, and with the much anticipated chaos caused by the NATO event, I must say the week ran very smoothly. As we get close to the end of term, school is very busy with lots of events in the lead up to the end of the year. Please check the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter carefully.

Football Match



On Monday 2nd December 2019 our Year 6 Football Team managed to get their first league win against Chater Junior School! The boys were determined to win this game and maintained a positive attitude throughout the game despite going 2-1 down. At the end of the match the boys won 5-3 with Oliver getting a hat trick, Luke scoring one and our new player Nycolas scoring the other goal. I would like to say a huge well done to all of the boys as they all showed great team work and an improvement with their skills! Man of the match was Nycolas for an excellent first game!

Reception Class 2020 – Open Day

We had our second Open Day for pupils due to start Reception in September 2020. We had a good turnout of parents who attended the meeting and had a look around our school.

The on-line application system for Reception – September 2020 is now open and closes on Friday 15th January 2020. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 that they must apply for a place in a Reception class, starting September 2020.

Nursery parents are reminded that pupils do not automatically transfer into Reception and they need to apply for a place.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the application from Hertfordshire County Council - Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Non-Uniform

I would like to thank parents for their donations of bottles for the Christmas Fete. Our next Non-Uniform day is on Thursday 12th December 2019. We ask pupils to bring in donations of CHOCOLATES and not cakes as previously advertised.



Year 5 Trip to the British Schools Museum – Hitchin

On Wednesday 4th December 2019, Year 5 visited the British Schools Museum in Hitchin, where they were able to experience the Victorian school life as well as exploring the gallery. Children also enjoyed dressing up like Victorian boys and girls; attending a classroom session and realised the difference between their current school life and Victorian schools.

Rocksteady Concert – Thursday 12th December 2019

The children who have been working with Rocksteady this term are putting on a concert next week and would like to invite you to come along to the Key Stage 1 Hall at 9:30 am and see the show.

Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

General Election

We would like to remind parents that the school is to be used as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019. The school will remain open as usual for pupils. The Olympic Hall will be out of use on that day; we are able to securely lock off the Olympic Hall area so there will be no way that the polling station can interfere with the usual day to day running of the school



Christmas Carol Concert

It was with much disappointment that we learnt late last Friday afternoon that the Christmas Carol Concert scheduled to be held at the Watford Colosseum was cancelled. It has been a tradition of Holywell Primary School, for many years now, to attend this event. Even though a concert was organised at short notice to take place at a local secondary school we felt it would not be feasible to attend this event. Our Choir sang beautifully in assembly this morning. I would like to thank all the staff who have been involved in getting pupils prepared for the event.



KS1 Nativity

Please see the dates for KS1 Nativity (see Diary Dates). At the moment we still have tickets available for the evening performance that is taking place on Wednesday 18th December 2019. Parents are reminded that we do not allow children at the evening performances. Pupils from Holywell Primary School will see the performance in school on Thursday 19th December 2019. Parents with pre-school aged pupils are asked to make arrangements for their children, or to come to the Nativity performance on Thursday 19th December at 11:00 am. We have changed the time of the performance on this day because there is a Presentation Assembly the same morning.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December 2019



Save the Children

This is our last fundraiser for the year. Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper for a donation of £1. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the children', who raise money for essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate.

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	Levi	Zak	Mulberry	Chloe C	Sansaya
Red Base	Isaiah	Rabail	Cedar	Frankie	Nicola
Sycamore	Sarah	Naomi	Chestnut	Amy	Neja
Maple	Mikayla	Harry	Elder	Aysha	Adam
Hawthorn	Amura	David	Elm	Zafer	Ruth
Hazel	Aadvik	Stefi	Rowan	Nana	Kaiyah
Pine	Tanmeet	Joseph	Birch	Keren	Ellie
Aspen	Amadou	Kevin			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	83%	Pine	95%
Blue Base	84%	Mulberry	98%
Red Base	92%	Cedar	98%
Maple	94%	Chestnut	95%
Sycamore	95%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	96%	Birch	93%
Hazel	95%	Elm	96%
Aspen	97%	Rowan	95%

Whole School Attendance

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

94.7 %

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Hazel
KS2 : Cedar	KS2: Cedar

HEAD GIRL

Hello, my name is Zainab and today I am going to be sharing a bit of information about myself.

I am 10 years old and I live with my mum, my dad and my little sister. My mum works as a Learning Support Practitioner at Ascot Road Community Free School and my dad is an Associate Partner in an Accountancy firm based in London. Both my mum and dad were born and brought up in Kenya. I was born here in the UK in a town called Harrow and when I was 10 months old, we moved to Watford. My 6 year old sister goes to Ascot Road Community Free School where my mum works.

The reason why I wanted to be Head Girl was because I felt I could meet up to the qualities of a Head Girl such as kindness, communication skills and being hard working and a perfect way to end my Primary School life!

Thank you for the amazing and memorable opportunity!

Thank you for listening.

By Zainab

HEAD BOY

Hello, my name is Thabo and it is an honour to be the Head Boy of Holywell Primary School. This has been a childhood dream so for it to come true is amazing. I will do my best to be my best and be a role model for younger children.

I will now tell you about myself. My name is Thabo and I live with my mum and uncle. I have attended this school for 6 years. In the future I hope to become a professional football player.

The schools standards are sky high so I want to introduce some new things like lunchtime clubs. A child could assist children struggling with subjects, or just playing chess. Children would ask me to do different clubs and I am sure I will listen to them all.

Thank you for reading/listening to my letter. I hope to satisfy all children to make the school a better place.

Yours sincerely

Thabo



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

DECEMBER 2019

Monday 9th December 2019 – Year 2 workshop – Space

Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Year 3 – Verulamium St Albans

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Polling Station for General Election

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Rocksteady Concert at 9:30 am

Friday 13th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30 pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15 am

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 - 11:00am

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

Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Human Rights Day

Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah

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TERM DATES For 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st September 2020 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Friday 26th March 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 12th April 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 13th April 2021 – first day of term

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Friday 16th July 2021 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)