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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Open Morning

We had our second Open Morning this week for parents who need to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2019. Nursery parents are reminded that their children do not automatically move up from Nursery to Reception, they need to apply for a place for Reception.

Nursery Open Morning and Afternoon

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are due to start in our Nursery class in September 2019.

We have an Open Morning and an Open Afternoon arranged for

- Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2:00pm

Parents are reminded that we will continue to offer 30 hours childcare as well as Wrap Around care for the parents who do not qualify for 30 hours free and wish their child to attend all day. More information about this can be found on the school website in the admissions section.

Non School Uniform Day

Thank you to all the parents who made donations for the Christmas fete yesterday, your support is greatly appreciated. Next Thursday is our last non uniform day and we ask for donations of packaged cakes please.



End of Year Countdown

As we come to the end of the year, parents are asked to take note of our dates. There is a lot happening in the lead up to Christmas, please make a note of the dates in the diary for upcoming events and you are warmly invited to come into school to support your children.

School closes for Autumn term

We would like to remind to you that school closes on Friday 21st December 2018 at the earlier time of 1:30pm. Nursery closes at midday and there is no afternoon session on that day. The school reopens for pupils on Tuesday 8th January 2018.

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 14th December 2018 we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the children', who raises money for essential food, healthcare, education, and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate. On the day, children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper and will need to make a donation which the school will send on the charity. A minimum donation of £2 is expected please.

Walk To School

All children record their journey to school. We encourage them to walk to school or take the “park and stride” option, which your child will be able to tell you all about. The winners for November are as follows:

EYFS/Key Stage 1

1st Place	-	Reception Blue
2nd Place	-	Hazel
3rd Place	-	Sycamore

Key Stage 2

1st Place	-	Rowan
2nd Place	-	Birch
3rd Place	-	Elm

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 7th December 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Aadvik – Year 1	Zainab B – Year 5
Ritesh – Year 1	Gabriel – Year 5
Stefi – Year 1	Sagal – Year 4
Samuel – Year 2	Luana – Year 6
Kayla – Year 2	Gail – Year 6
Saffa – Year 2	Timothy – Year 4

Class Assembly

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday
before half-term is 94.2 %

Nursery am	88%	Pine	96%
Blue base	90%	Mulberry	97%
Red base	91%	Cedar	95%
Maple	96%	Ash	96%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	95%
Hawthorn	98%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	97%	Birch	99%
Aspen	92%	Elm	94%
Beech	99%	Rowan	95%

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Hawthorn	KS1 Hazel
KS2 Birch	KS2 Aspen

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Rory	Lily-Rae	Mulberry	Temisola	Bright
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Robina	Taiba
Sycamore	Amira	Ines	Elder	Anastazja	Keren
Maple	Qasim	Samanta	Ash	Mohammed	Olivia
Hawthorn	Summer	Dilay	Chestnut	Thabo	Zainab H
Hazel	Amin	Maddison	Rowan	Irinel	Ellie
Pine	Lois	Bailey	Elm	Zara	Mohamed
Beech	Chloe Mae	Ihtisaam	Birch	Annabelle	Aisha
Aspen	Michael	Patrycja			



Dates for your Diary

December 2018

Monday 12th December 2018 – Last week of morning and afternoon clubs

Thursday 13th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming

Friday 14th December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 19th December 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018 – No morning & afternoon clubs

Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am

Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm

Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am

Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm

Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents –
10:00am

Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents –
2:00pm

Friday 21st December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 21st December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

January 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day

Tuesday 8th January 2019 First Day of Term

Holywell Term Dates

For 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 21st April 2020 – first day of term

Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Friday 17th July 2020 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)



Holywell Primary School Parents

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to advise that Bright Academy will be running an after school club starting in January to help prepare students for the secondary transfer tests (11+).

To register and book please click on the following link:

www.brightacademy.uk/enroll

Alternatively call or email us.

After School Class

Our classes are delivered by qualified teachers. We offer a structured programme to support children taking the SW Herts Secondary Transfer Test, following the CEM format for verbal reasoning and standard GL format for maths.

- The 11+ after school club will be on Tuesdays for year 3 and 4 straight after school at 3:30pm.
- For year 5 we will be running an intensive course going through exam style questions on Thursdays at 3:30pm.
- Each class will last 2 hours which consists of 1 hour maths and 1 hour verbal reasoning.
- The cost of each class is £30 for the first month and then £35. This is payable in advance monthly.
- Children attending classes will require a starter pack consisting of 2 course books at a cost of £15.
- All other resources will be provided. Each student needs to bring a pencil case only.

Parents Evening

To help parents gain a better understanding of the Secondary Transfer Process, we will be hosting a parents' evening on Wednesday 12th December at 5.30pm to 6pm. This is free to attend and will be held at the school.

We hope this is of interest, we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Jenni Tailor
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