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Holywell Primary School

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Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Improvement Partner

On Wednesday 30th January 2019 we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner who is part of Herts for Learning. It is common for all Hertfordshire schools to do a joint review of the provision of the school. We are very happy with the outcome of the visit. Of course, there are actions for us to work on, but the overwhelming positive feedback is very encouraging. I would like to extend huge congratulations and thank you to all the staff for their continual hard work and commitment.

Festival of Learning Week – Spring Term – Monday 11th to Friday 15th February 2019

FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

Monday 11th February 2019	Reception	2:30 pm
Tuesday 12th February 2019	Year 3	9:00 am
	Nursery	11:30 am
	Nursery	2:30 pm
Wednesday 13th February 2019	Year 1	2:45pm
Thursday 14th February 2019	Year 6	9:00am
	Year 5	3:00pm
Friday 15th February 2019	Year 2	9:30am
	Year 4	3:00pm

Nuts

We would like to remind parents please to not include NUTS in children's packed lunches. We have children who are severely allergic to nuts, therefore nuts are not allowed in school. This can have serious consequences on children's wellbeing or health so we ask that no nuts are brought into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Trips and Workshops

We believe in making the curriculum real for pupils and therefore we take pupils on at least one trip a term and also organise one visitor/organisation to come in each term to work with the children. The visitors are experts in their field and offer children a rich experience by bringing in interesting resources, expert knowledge and quite often allow children to make something interesting relating to the topic. The school subsidise these activities and ask parents for a small donation towards the cost of the experiences for children. Can I ask that parents make a concerted effort to pay towards workshops that we put on as these benefit pupils academically and give them experiences above and beyond the curriculum.



Feeling Good Week

11th to 17th February 2019 is Feeling Good Week in Hertfordshire. Activities of the week will include an assembly from Herts Mind Network followed by workshops for all classes. On Tuesday, pupils will take part in Muay Thai lessons and workshops, these will be delivered by Watford Lions Club. The aim is to inspire children to see the benefits of discipline, hard work and motivation. On Wednesday, Watford Football Girls will lead a motivational assembly for the whole school and football sessions with the girls from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Each afternoon, pupils will take part in Healthy Food sessions and preparing dishes from a range of cultures. On Thursday, pupils will be challenged to take part in completing a 60ft Endurance Zone Obstacle Course. The week concludes with Forest Skills and Woodland Magic lead by our PTA and teachers, where our pupils will learn outdoors skills, building a tent, starting a fire, bugs and woodland creatures discovery. For the duration of the week during lunch times pupils will have the opportunity to take part in Spanish/English Karaoke Club and Latino Dance Club.

Once again we have been successful in securing a £500 grant and the money is to be spent putting on activities for pupils to promote good mental health. The school is also subsidizing the events and we have also received a donation from the PTA. The activities planned for next week include in house workshops.

Class Assembly - Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 15th February 2019	Elder	Valentine's Day
Friday 22nd February 2019	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Friday 1st March 2019	Ash	St David's Day
Friday 8th March 2019	Chestnut	Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday
Friday 15th March 2019	Cedar	British Science Week
Friday 22nd March 2019	Mulberry	St Patrick's Day
Friday 29th March 2019	Aspen	Responsibility
Friday 5th April 2019	Pine	Easter

Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 8th February 2019

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Amin – Hazel	Nuredin – Cedar
Grace – Hawthorn	Wilan – Cedar
Joseph – Hawthorn	Bailey B – Mulberry
Rebeka – Maple	Liliana – Elder
Aitsaam – Hazel	Annabelle – Birch
Adeeshe – Sycamore	Asmaa – Birch

Parents' Evening

A reminder to parents, you need to book a slot to see your child's class teachers on the teachers2parents system that is open now. Appointments last 10 minutes and I have asked teachers to stay to 10 minutes per appointment so as to not impact on other parents' appointments. If teachers run over then it also impacts on them, on what is already a very long week, with more than the usual late nights. Follow up appointments can always be arranged with teachers for a later date. Parents who can't see their class teacher during the set times needs to arrange a time with the class teachers that will take place after Thursday 14th February 2019.

- Tuesday 12th February 2019 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday 14th February 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm

If you are having trouble booking your appointment please call the school office for assistance.

Internet Safety Workshops

In school we deal with a lot of fallout from children using social media. The latest development has been the game Fortnite that is being played by numerous children in school. Parents are reminded that in most cases the use of social media is not allowed under the age of 14. Parents have a responsibility to monitor the children's use of phones and games that they play.



With Internet Safety Day that took place this week we were very lucky to have Bigfoot Theatre Company into school to work with children and talk about the dangers that they face while using technology and social media.

Year 2/3 Science Festival

Some of Year 2 and Year 3 pupils attended a Science Festival at Sacred Heart School this week. We have included photographs of the exciting activities that they have been doing.



Half Term

The school is closed Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive for half term.

Dodgeball

This week we ran an inter-house dodgeball competition. Congratulations to Vicarage who were the overall winners of the competition. 2nd and 3rd place went to Ebury and Cassio respectively and Brightwell were 4th.

Coffee Morning

On Tuesday mornings at 9:05am our Parent Support Worker Sam Word hosts a coffee morning for all parents. The coffee morning focus for this half term will include:

COFFEE MORNING

DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
12 th February 2019	-	No coffee Morning
19 th February 2019	-	HALF TERM
26 th February 2019	NSPCC PANTS Rule	Learn the PANTS rule and encourage your child/children to use it as a child friendly guide to their personal safety
5 th March 2019	Behaviour - Routines and Boundaries	A look at implementing a strategy to set firm boundaries and reduce challenging behaviour at home

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 January are as follows -

EYFS/Key Stage 1

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

Key Stage 2

1st Place	-	Birch
2nd Place	-	Aspen
3rd Place	-	Beech



Nursery Class September 2019

We would like to remind parents they can now apply for a place in our Nursery class for September 2019. Following our open morning this week, parents are reminded that more information about applications can be found on our website at

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

Applications need to be made to the school and the last day to do this is Friday 1st March 2019. We would like to remind you that in addition to your 15 hours provision we also offer WRAP Around Care and 30 hours free childcare.

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates – Friday 1st February 2019

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Panashe	Cristiano	Mulberry	-	-
Red Base	Sathuja	-	Cedar	Oliver	Sidra
Sycamore	Rayan	Ines	Elder	-	-
Maple	Harvey	Stephanie	Ash	Kavya	Frank
Hawthorn	Laxshan	Dilan	Chestnut	Shlok	Gabriel
Hazel	Rhyley	Elif	Rowan	Luxene	Ian
Pine	Ilinica	Megan	Elm	Jenna	Nethmi
Beech	Parneet	Charlie	Birch	Cecilia	Neo
Aspen	Andrei	Adaeze			

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday
before half-term is 94.6 %

Nursery am	93%	Pine	98%
Blue base	91%	Mulberry	98%
Red base	93%	Cedar	96%
Maple	98%	Ash	90%
Sycamore	98%	Elder	97%
Hawthorn	97%	Chestnut	97%
Hazel	97%	Birch	92%
Aspen	98%	Elm	98%
Beech	94%	Rowan	98%

Enrichment Days:

Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Darwin Day
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Valentine's Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – St David's Day
 Friday 1st March 2019 – Woman's History Month
 Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Shrove Tuesday
 Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – International Woman's Day
 Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week
 Thursday 14th March 2019 – Pi Day
 Friday 17th March 2019 – St Patrick's Day
 Thursday 21st March 2019 – World Poetry Day
 Sunday 31st March 2019 – Mothering Sunday
 Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – World Autism Awareness Day
 Friday 19th April 2019 - Passover
 Sunday 21st April 2019 – Easter Sunday
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Shakespeare Day
 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – St George's Day

sWhole school Attendance & Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1: Sycamore	KS1: Hazel
KS2: Rowan	KS2: Aspen, Pine

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates – Friday 8th February 2019

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Hannah	Panashe	Mulberry	Charity	Arshaq
Red Base	Harry	Giona	Cedar	Nuredin	Wilam
Sycamore	Adam	Robert	Elder	Wiyam	Matei
Maple	Poppy	Zahra	Ash	Rahul	Gabi
Hawthorn	Okanmiyo	Joseph	Chestnut	-	-
Hazel	Ellie-Mae	Marius	Rowan	Shivam	Nya
Pine	Humzah	Sara K	Elm	Sherwin	Jessica
Beech	Terrence	Margarida	Birch	Ayala	Pavishan
Aspen	Daud	Momna			



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

Monday 11th February 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 inclusive – Feel Good Week
 Monday 11th February 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
 Monday 11th February 2019 - Year 3 Festival of Learning at 9:00am
 Monday 11th February 2019 - Reception Festival of Learning at 2:30pm
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Nursery Festival of Learning at 11:30am and 2:30pm
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 6:00pm
 Tuesday 12th February 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
 Wednesday 13th February 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
 Wednesday 13th February 2019 – Year 1 Festival of Learning at 2:45pm
 Wednesday 13th February – 30 pupils to visit Rickmansworth Baptist Church to see performance from Purcell School
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Year 6 Festival of Learning at 9:00am
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Nursery & Reception – Owl Workshop and photographs
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Year 3 Beech swimming
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Year 5 Festival of Learning at 3:00pm
 Thursday 14th February 2019 – Parents Evening – 5:00pm to 7:30pm
 Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 5 Elder class assembly – all parents invited
 Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 2 Festival of Learning at 9:30am
 Friday 15th February 2019 – Year 4 Festival of Learning at 3:00pm
Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 inclusive Half Term

Dates for your Diary



SPRING TERM – Continued...

Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 5 Ash class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 1st March 2019 – Year 7 September 2019 – Allocation Day
Friday 1st March 2019 – Last day to apply for Nursery class – September 2019
Monday 4th March 2019 to Friday 8th March 2019 – Assessment Week
Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 5th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 6th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 7th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 5 Chestnut class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 8th March 2019 – British Science Week starts
Monday 11th March 2019 and Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 11th March 2019 – Nursery September 2019 – Allocation Day
Tuesday 12th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 13th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 14th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 15th March 2019 – Year 4 Cedar class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 6 Netball at Queens' School
Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 6 Knebworth House
Wednesday 20th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele
Thursday 21st March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 22nd March 2019 – Year 4 Mulberry class assembly – all parents invited
Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Year 4 Athletics at Watford Grammar School for Girls
Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 27th March 2019 - Nursery & Reception – Ark Farm workshop
Wednesday 27th March 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele
Thursday 28th March 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 29th March 2019 – Year 3 class assembly – all parents invited
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 – Festival of Learning Week
Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 inclusive Bikeability Level 2 Level 3 – Year 5
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Parent coffee morning (09:00am – 10:00am) – all parents invited
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 – Year 4 Drumming
Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 4th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 5th April 2019 – Year 3 Pine class assembly – all parents invited
Friday 5th April 2019 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 5th April 2019 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 16th April 2019 – Reception September 2019 – Allocation Day

SUMMER TERM:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Wednesday 24th April 2019 – Pupils back to school



Dear Parents,

VENUE – Holywell Primary School

DATE – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019

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