



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who have shared their views with us in this year's annual parent questionnaire. The questionnaire closed earlier in the week and the results will be shared with parents in next week's newsletter.

Road Safety

We have been informed by a member of the public that parents are crossing Tolpits Lane dangerously. The pedestrian crossing near the gate on Tolpits Lane is there for the safety of our community. Cars are having to swerve quickly or brake suddenly which can cause accidents and put others at risk. Please use the pedestrian crossing to minimise any risk to your family and other members of the public.

Staffing

I am writing to let parents know that Mr O'Brien will take up the Headship at Chater Junior School from September 2020. I would like to congratulate Mr O'Brien in this new role and wish him all the best for his new position. In the meantime, the school leadership structure will remain as it is.

Football

Yesterday our Year 6 football team played against Watford Field in their first league game. Jermaine managed to score an early goal but unfortunately, Watford Field managed to score a goal just before half time. All of the boys showed great resilience, but unfortunately Watford Field won the game. Man of the match goes to Nathan for excellent defending and team spirit!

Our team looked great in their new football kits which we purchased with a sponsorship from Howdens in Watford. We would like to extend a big thank you to them for their kind contribution to Holywell and our pupils.



Reception Class – September 2020

Reception on-line applications opened on Monday 4th November 2019 and will close on Wednesday 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 Reception Class due to start in September 2020. Nursery parents are reminded that pupils do not automatically transfer into Reception and they need to apply for a place. At Holywell Primary School we will have two Open Days, Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 9:30 am and Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 2:00 pm. During these sessions parents will be able meet the Headteacher, the Leader of Early Years Foundation Stage and have a tour of the school.

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 form from Hertfordshire County Council - Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

SEN questionnaire

I would like to extend a big thank you to all parents who completed our SEN questionnaire. The results for the questionnaire are below and the school will start to address the concerns that parents have expressed in some areas. We will keep parents updated on our progress against these actions.

Question #	Question	% of respondents who strongly agree and agree with the questions.
Q1	I know where to find SEND information and policies on the school website	78% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement
Q2	I know how my child is supported in school	93% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement
Q3	I feel that my child is making good progress at school	74% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q4	I am concerned that my child is not getting enough support in school	48% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q5	I have seen my child's SEND Support Plan and have my own copy	60% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q6	I know which stage of the SEND Code of Practice my child is on	47% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q7	I have been given adequate opportunities to discuss my child's targets and SEND Support Plan with their class teacher/Leader of Inclusion and/or other professionals	85% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q8	I am fully informed of how my child is progressing towards their targets	82% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q9	School staff have given me suggestions of ways to support my child at home and these are documented on my child's SEND Support Plan	77% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q10	I know who the Leader of Inclusion is	79% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q11	I am able to approach the Leader of Inclusion about any concerns that I have regarding my child	71% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.
Q12	I am able to meet regularly with my child's teacher and/or the Leader of Inclusion to discuss my child's SEND Support Plan	95% responders either Strongly Agree or Agree with this statement.

School photographer

On Thursday the 14th November 2019, the school photographer will be in school to take individual and family group photos. You may bring younger siblings to the Lower School Hall immediately after school for a family photograph with their Holywell sibling/s if you so wish.

Polling Station – Thursday 12th December 2019

Our school will be used again as a Polling Station on Thursday 12th December. School will be open and operating as normal.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 15th November	Year 3 Aspen	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 22nd November	Year 2 Hawthorn	Road Safety
Friday 29th November	Year 2 Hazel	St Andrew
Friday 6th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

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	Oluwadamilola	Lemuel	Mulberry	Michael	Haashir
Red Base	Mark	Maryam	Cedar	Daud	Rayya
Sycamore	Patrick	Zarya	Chestnut	Bailey	Maleehah
Maple	Antonia	Liam	Elder	Sabreen	Sana
Hawthorn	Roberto	Alizah	Elm	Anjali	Dennis
Hazel	Hailea	Adam	Rowan	Luke	Ciara
Pine	Summer	Laxshan	Birch	Miqdad	Roksana
Aspen	Angel	Stefan			

Remembrance Day

As many will know, it is Remembrance Sunday this weekend. On Monday, the school will have a special assembly to commemorate this special day with a minute silence.

Pupils as Leaders

In our assembly this morning we introduced our new Headboy and Headgirl for 2019 - 2020.

Congratulations to;

- Thabo Headboy
- Zainab Headgirl
- Nathan Deputy Headboy
- Lilliana Deputy Headgirl

In next week's newsletter, we will introduce our new house captains and prefects for 2019 - 2020.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th November 2019 – Whole School Assessment Week

Monday 11th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre

Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Year 6 Hockey at Queens School

Wednesday 13th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Thursday 14th November 2019 – School Photographer - Individual and family photographs

Thursday 14th November 2019 - Rocksteady

Thursday 14th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Tuesday 19th November 2019 – School Nurse to meet Year 6 and complete online questionnaires

Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Year 4 Speed Stacking at Queens School

Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 9:15am – to be confirmed

Thursday 21st November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 21st November 2019 - Rocksteady

Wednesday 27th November 2019 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6

Thursday 28th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 28th November 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Sweets

Friday 29th November 2019 – Christmas Decoration Day

DECEMBER 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day

Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm – to be confirmed

Thursday 5th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 5th December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Chocolate and drinks bottles

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes

Thursday 12th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 12th December 2019 - Rocksteady

Friday 13th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day

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

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

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

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 - 10:00am

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

Monday 11th November 2019 – Remembrance Day

Monday 11th November 2019 – Anti Bullying Week

Monday 18th November 2019 – Road safety Week

Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Universal Children’s Days – UN

Saturday 30th November 2019 – St Andrews Day

Monday 2nd December 2019 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Human Rights Day

Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah