Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming all Parents, Carers and Pupils back to school after the summer holiday. The Teachers have been working over the holiday and have attended two training day sessions last week to get ready for this academic year. The school is fully operational and pupils have been getting used to their new classes and friends.

This week the children have been writing letters to their teachers about their holiday and they have set themselves targets they wish to achieve this year. We hope to share some of these targets with you at a later date.

**Meet the Teacher**
Next Thursday 14th September 2017 we will be hosting a “Meet the Teacher” evening to which all parents are invited. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s Class Teacher and also to receive information about the curriculum and other important events. There will be two sessions both starting in the Olympic Hall, introducing the Class Teachers. The first session will start at 3:30pm and the second at 4:15pm. We hope to see all parents there.

**Curriculum Maps**
Today a Curriculum Map from your child’s Class Teacher will be sent home. This sets out the topics and areas for learning in the Autumn Term.

**Punctuality**
While most pupils turn up to school on time, we have some pupils who regularly arrive late in the morning. We want to stamp this out, so from next Monday onwards, all parents with more than one late session per week will be called in for meeting to help resolve this issue. On-going lateness means that the school will have no option but to involve the Attendance Improvement Team.

**Parking around the school**
I am disappointed to report that the inconsiderate parking around the school is continuing to be a problem for the local community and neighbours, as well as our parents and pupils. A letter will go out to parents on Monday about this and I have to ask parents to co-operate with us on this as it continues to put our own pupils and parents at risk.
Uniform, Jewellery, Hair, School Jumper
I have been impressed with the standard of uniform that pupils have exhibited since the start of the year. School shoes are worn and everyone is looking very smart and orderly ready for school each morning. Just a reminder to parents that pupils with shoulder length hair and longer hair, it should be tied up. Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery, for example necklaces and hooped earrings, to schools. Stud earrings are allowed but these must be taken out or taped up for health and safety reasons during PE. All pupils must have their PE kit in school. PE kits can stay in school until half term when they can be taken home to be washed.

After School Clubs
The After School Clubs start on Monday 11th September 2017. We still have places available on the following clubs
- Musical Theatre
- Archery
- Gymnastics
- Football Year 1 and Year 2
- Football Year 3 and Year 4
- Football Year 5 and Year 6
- Fencing
- Hockey
- Dodgeball
- Boxercise

New Entrants
We admitted 20 new pupils yesterday and they will be joining us on Monday. We would like to extend a warm welcome to them all and trust you would join us making them feel welcome at Holywell Primary School.

Isle of Wight – Year 6
A letter regarding the Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight has been sent out to parents. We would like to remind you that to secure your place on this trip a £60.00 deposit is to be paid via School Money by Friday 22nd September 2017.

School Dinners – Payment
We would like to remind you that Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) are for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only. The cost for school meals for the rest of the school is £2.15 per day. If you think you might be eligible for free school meals please register at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or telephone Hertfordshire County Council 0300 123 4048
Parent Information Sessions – Autumn Term

Just pop in and join us for a coffee and discussion about the topic of focus for the week. No need to book in advance.

Where: Holywell conference room

When: Tuesday 9:00am

Who: Sam Ward and members from Holywell Primary School

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<td><strong>EYFS Transition</strong>&lt;br&gt;Helping your child transition into Nursery or Reception. Brief introduction to phonics and early reading.</td>
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<td><strong>Protective Behaviours</strong>&lt;br&gt;Encouraging your child to be able to recognise when they feel safe/unsafe and know strategies with how to deal with it.</td>
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<td><strong>KS2 SATs</strong>&lt;br&gt;How to prepare your Year 6 child for SATs (Reading, writing, SPAG and maths) in May 2018.</td>
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<td><strong>The benefits of extra-curricular activities</strong>&lt;br&gt;Realise the positive effects socially and educationally that extra-curricular activities can have on your child.</td>
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<td><strong>Building a positive relationship with your child</strong>&lt;br&gt;Looking at how to create a closer connection with your child.</td>
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<td><strong>KS1 Phonics</strong>&lt;br&gt;How you can support your child’s phonics development at home</td>
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<td><strong>Time-out parenting strategy</strong>&lt;br&gt;A strategy for parents to gain control and be able to discipline effectively</td>
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<td><strong>Reading – Key Stage 1</strong>&lt;br&gt;Understanding how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.</td>
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<td><strong>Reading – Key Stage 2</strong>&lt;br&gt;Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home.</td>
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Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

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Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER 2017

- Thursday 14th September 2017 - Meet The Teacher at 3:30pm and 4:15pm
- Thursday 21st September 2017 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
- Thursday 28th September 2017 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming

OCTOBER 2017

- Thursday 5th October 2017 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
- Friday 6th October 2017 - Early Years Harvest Festival in KS1 Hall at 9:15am
- Wednesday 11th October 2017 - Reception Red – Cassiobury Park
- Thursday 12th October 2017 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
- Thursday 19th October 2017 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming
- Friday 20th October 2017 – Zoo visiting Early Years
- Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017 Half Term

NOVEMBER 2017

- Thursday 2nd November 2017 - Year 4 Rowan Swimming
- Thursday 9th November 2017 - Year 4 Rowan Swimming
- Monday 13th November 2017 - Year 3 – trip to Verulamium
- Wednesday 15th November 2017 – School Photographer – Individual and family photographs
- Thursday 16th November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming
- Thursday 23rd November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming
- Thursday 23rd November 2017 – Year 5 - British School Museum
- Friday 24th November 2017 – Occasional Day – School Closed
- Thursday 30th November 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming

DECEMBER 2017

- Thursday 7th December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming
- Thursday 7th December 2017 – Year 2 Willow and Hawthorn – Willow Farm
- Friday 8th December 2017 – Year 2 Hazel – Willow Farm
- Thursday 14th December 2017 – Year 4 Rowan Swimming
- Tuesday 19th December 2017 – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:30pm

Attendance:

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 87%

|                  | Nursery am | Aspen | Nursery pm | Beech | Blue base | Pine | Green base | Mulberry | Red base | Cedar | Maple | Rowan | Oak | Ash | 90% | Sycamore | Elder | Hawthorn | 90% | Hazel | Birch | Willow | 93% | Elm | 92% |
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TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Half Term – Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017
Friday 24th November 2017 Occasional Day – school closed
Tuesday 19th December 2017 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 Occasional Day – school closed
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2018 INSET Days – school closed for pupils
  Monday 8th January 2018 – first day of term
  Half Term – Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018
  Thursday 29th March 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
  Tuesday 17th April 2018 – first day of term
  Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday
  Half Term – Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018
  Tuesday 24th July 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)