



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back

I would like to welcome parents and pupils back after the Christmas holiday, and wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. I know it seems hard to imagine at this point, but hopefully, we will back to some normality in the not too distant future.

Online learning started on Tuesday for pupils who are learning from home. We have some pupils in school, and we are keeping a close eye on these numbers as we want to continue to keep the school safe for both the pupils and the staff, while providing quality education for all.

Over the last two days we have contacted all families with children who are entitled to Free School Meals. We have also contacted parents whose children have not been accessing the online learning. We want 100% of pupils to continue to learn whether at home or at school. The school has been issued with some devices and these are currently being allocated on a priority basis. Once we have contacted all parents we might be able to offer devices to families where pupils are currently sharing.

We ask parents to stay in touch with us, if you need any support please email your child's class teacher or the school office. admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Nursery		Mrs J Hewett	hewettj@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception	Blue	Mr G Szajko	szajkog@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception	Red	Mrs A Lazar	lazare@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Sycamore	Miss T Agbaniyaka	agbaniyakat@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Maple	Miss N Kharbanda	kharbandan@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hawthorn	Miss H Whiting	whitingh@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hazel	Miss C Downey	downeyc@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3/4	Cedar	Miss A Hampton	hamptona@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3/4	Mulberry	Mrs R Hussain	hussainr@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3/4	Rowan	Miss S Rozan	rozans@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Chestnut	Miss P Sammy	sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Elder	Mrs A McLaughlin	mclaughlina@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Elm	Miss L Patrick	patrickl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Birch	Mrs Sankaran	sankarann@holywell.herts.sch.uk



We can support pupils eligible for Free School Meals with food parcels. We are also able to support pupils accessing online learning, while working online and other learning. This support is available to all our families, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parents are reminded that all remote learning is taking place through Google Classroom. Each child has a username and password to access this learning platform. Each pupil in Year 1 up to Year 6 can expect at least two live lessons each day. Currently these lessons are staggered as we know some families are sharing devices. Please see the timetable below. It is sometimes necessary for teachers to move a lesson but parents will be notified in advance when this is necessary.



Live lessons – January 2021

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6
9:30	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5
10:00	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4
10:30	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2
11:00	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1
11:30	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6
12:00	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5
12:30	Lunchtime for all				
13:00	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2
13:30	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4	Year 3 / 4
14:00	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1
14:30	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6

From Monday all lessons will be recorded and posted in your child's Google Classroom, this will allow pupils to watch it back at any time. It is important that pupils and parents follow the class timetable so they know what is happening. We are moving fast to improve the consistency of what we are offering and continue to improve our provision. You will notice the improved more logical layout of the Google Classroom as we want parents and pupils to be able to easily access what pupils should be learning and when.

Our remote learning strategy will be available to parents soon on our website, but parents should expect the following remote learning for their children. This learning is not optional and should be completed and submitted by pupils.

Reading	Daily
Physical Activity	30 minutes each day
English live lesson	See timetable each day
Maths live lesson	See timetable
Science	Once a week
Humanities	Once a week
Art and Spanish as PPA	Weekly
Computing	Once a week
Religious Education	Once a week
Whole School Assembly/Phase Assembly	Weekly

We will also be rolling out interventions for some pupils next week. It is absolutely key that we do not lose momentum in children's learning as happened during the last lockdown.

Nursery Application

We had our Open Day this week for children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that are due to start Nursery in September 2021. The closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 26th February 2021.

Parents are able to apply here: <http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

We will again offer 15 hours and 30 hours child care each week.

Reception Class – September 2021 Applications

Parents are reminded that the deadline to apply for a place in Reception class for September 2021 is next week, Friday 15th January 2021. Children who attend Nursery do not automatically transfer into the Reception Class, parents are required to complete an application via Hertfordshire County Council

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Alternatively, if you are unable to access the website, a paper copy of the application form can be obtained by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043. More information has been added to our website

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

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Haider	For his great achievements in phonics
Red	Lina	For great counting to 20 in maths
Maple	Lael	For focusing and being outstanding and resilient in all areas of work
Sycamore	Isaiah	For being resourceful and sharing his ideas during online lessons
Hawthorn	Maisey	For her hard work in all her learning, even from home!
Hazel	Ruby	For working well in her history lesson on Florence Nightingale
Cedar	Hasnain	For making sure he is always online for every live lesson and for ensuring he is using a range of resources to support his learning at home!
Mulberry	Amadou	For producing a very detailed pattern in Maths using Congruent shapes
Rowan	Adam	For showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning all week and participating well in class discussions
Chestnut	Nicola	For fantastic participation on the online lessons
Elder	Megan	For gaining confidence and making us extremely proud of all that she has achieved with our online learning this week
Birch	Ismaeel	For enthusiastically participating and contributing during lessons. Well done and keep it up!
Elm	Ada	For her excellent work on BIDMAS this week

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Oliver	For his excellent home learning progress
Red	Jansen	For resilience during his winter walk and showing curiosity in exploring the natural objects collected
Maple	Oliver	For being reflective and demonstrating good resilience in online learning
Sycamore	Moriah	For working extra hard in the classroom and showing respect to the adults and children around her
Hawthorn	Radhiya	For always being a resilient learner and trying her best
Hazel	Riley	For showing responsibility in his online learning every day
Cedar	Amelia	For following the 6 Rs and ensuring tht she is respectful and resilient with her online learning
Mulberry	Sainaboubinta	For showing resilience in logging into Purple Mash independently
Rowan	Shailah	For showing resilience in her learning when completing remote learning tasks
Chestnut	Bentley	For reflecting on his learning to answer questions independently in English
Elder	Bailey	For resilience with his learning in all areas in school. A great start to our new term Bailey
Birch	Oliver	For beginning to show responsibility and resilience in attending the online sessions. Well done and keep it up!
Elm	Donnell	For his resilience during online learning

Ollie Foundation

Foodbank in Watford:

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Email: info@watford.foodbank.org.uk

Website: <http://www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk/>





DIRECTING HOME LEARNING

A FREE COURSE TO HELP PARENTS, HELP STUDENTS

As the lockdown takes hold once more, **we would like to offer a free support course for parents and guardians.** The content of this course covers tips and tricks for parents to direct, inspire and feel in control of a child's learning at home.

It distils years of experience from **teachers and headteachers who are also parents,** into bite size videos with practical ideas and reflection points to develop with their children.

During the last lockdown we were inundated with requests for help and advice on home study, in our tuition centres and online. So we felt **a course that honours parents and teaching basics would be of use.**

Feel free to browse the video titles on the dedicated webpage:

<https://www.guideeducation.co.uk/parentsupport>

No payment or code is needed.

EXPLORE THE COURSE