



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## **World Environment Day and World Ocean Day**

Pupils were very excited this morning as the Enrichment Day started with an assembly presented by Mrs McLaughlin. In next week's newsletter, we will be able to summarise the pupil's learning about sustainability and how it affects us all.

## **Supporting Your Child in Reading (SEND)**

At 9:15am on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, Mrs Keshiro will be presenting to parents of pupils with SEND about the importance of reading. She will share strategies that parents can use to support their children with their reading. All parents are invited to attend. This meeting will take place in the infant hall.

## **Uniform**

From next week, your children's teachers will start to remind them of the uniform expectations each day.

## **Lateness**

Letters will be sent out on Monday to parents of pupils who arrive persistently late. These letters will invite parents into school for a meeting so that solutions can be sought for their lateness. In addition, I will also be standing on the front door each morning from 9am to speak to parents who arrive late.

## **Phonics Screening**

Year 1 and 2 pupils who reached the required threshold, will be completing the phonics screening test next week.

Pupils have been working hard in Read, Write, ink, to prepare themselves for this test. We wish them all the best for completing this. Their Teachers know that tests can be a stressful time for children, so will work closely with them to ensure that they are calm and confident.

Pupils across the school were assessed this week so that they can be regrouped for Read Write Ink. I am happy to report that pupils across the school are continuing to make good progress in the programme.

## **Multiplication Check**

Pupils in Year 4, will be taking part in a multiplication check. This is a national test, similar to the phonics screening check. Good luck Year 4!



### Whole school assessments

Next week, children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be completing our end of year assessments for this academic year. The reading and writing assessment will inform teachers' judgement in their end of year reports.

### Nursery and Reception 2023

For those parents whose children are due to start with us in either Nursery or Reception in September, are invited to attend the initial parents' information meeting next week. These will take place in the KS1 Hall.

Nursery        Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:15am  
Reception     Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:15am

### Term Dates

The terms dates for 2023 - 2024 are available on the school website.

### Assembly Schedule

Topic/Theme	Class	9:10 am Y1-Y6 Olympic Hall
Father's Day	Y3 Mulberry	Friday 16th June 2023
Wind Rush - Article 17	Y3 Rowan	Friday 23rd June 2023
Reflection	Y2 Hawthorn	Friday 30th June 2023
Reflection - Article 13	Y1 Sycamore	Friday 7th July 2023
All About Me - Article 1	Reception	Friday 14th July 2023
Presentation Assembly	Mr van Straaten	Thursday 20th July 2023

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten  
**Headteacher**

<b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates – 9th June 2023</b>
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Star Learner of the Charter Certificate		
EYFS	Amelia	Hania
Y1 Sycamore	Gio	Anaya
Y2 Hawthorn	Salma	Maluchi
Y3 Mulberry	Carolina	Mirella
Y3 Rowan	Giorgio	Cornel
Y4 Cedar	Taylor	Patrick
Y5 Chestnut	Zara	Iara
Y5 Elder	Roberto	Liban
Y6 Elm	Samuel	J-J

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022</b>
<b>92%</b>

<b>Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2023</b>
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Attendance by Class			
Nursery	79%	Y3 Mulberry	98%
Reception	94%	Y4 Cedar	76%
Y1 Sycamore	85%	Y5 Chestnut	92%
Y2 Hawthorn	95%	Y5 Elder	93%
Y3 Rowan	96%	Y6 Elm	93%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Y3 Mulberry