Dear Parents/Carers

With Parents’ Evening on Tuesday and Thursday it has been an extremely busy week at Holywell Primary School. Lots of curriculum enrichment took place, which is great to see.

I would like to thank all parents who came to school to meet their child’s Class Teacher for Parents Evening. Thank you for your ongoing support and working alongside us to continue to ensure your children make progress. I would also like to thank the School Governors who gave up their time to distribute and collect back the parent questionnaires. Teachers would like to meet all parents so if you have not met with your child’s Teacher please approach them to make a mutually convenient appointment. The two classes that had their Parent Evening cancelled because of staff absence will receive a letter on Monday 19th February 2018 to inform them of the rescheduled date.

Three Rivers Music Society

A group of pupils had an amazing opportunity to attend a lunchtime concert on Wednesday 7th February 2018 performed by pupils of The Purcell School. They had a great time talking to the performers after the concert and learning more about their instruments and how much they practice.

Ancient Greek Workshop

Year 5 were visited by an Ancient Greek who asked for our help to save Athens from the Persian invaders by making many Ancient Greek crafts including soap carving and mosaic tiles. Thankfully we won the battle and celebrated by holding a festival which included Greek Theatre along with a feast of wine, bread and feta cheese.
Eco-Electricity – Science workshop
On Wednesday 7th February 2018 Year 4 pupils had a real life experience while finding out more about electricity. Pupils had a great hands-on experience building circuits using electrical equipment. In one group they even lit up a bulb with a lemon!

Victorian Day
On Monday 5th February 2018 Year 1 had an interesting day learning about life during Victorian times.

Hockey Taster Sessions
A representative from Everyone Active was in school this week give our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils taster sessions. They had great fun learning more about hockey.

Enhanced Healthy School Status
At the time of the newsletter going out we will not know the outcome of our Enhanced Status application. Nevertheless, I know a lot of work is done in school to foster healthy lifestyles with pupils. Our PE provision has been greatly enhanced over the past year and we have done lots of work with pupils on healthy eating. A lot of work has gone onto the application and a huge thank you goes out to Mrs Hewett and Miss Ring for this.

Half Term
There is no school next week, pupils return to school on Monday 19th February 2018.

Nursery Open Morning and Application Deadline
As part of our Nursery Open Morning on Monday 19th February 2018 we have invited in some small animals for the children to meet. The Open Morning will be from 9:30am to 11:30am with a Headteacher’s presentation at 9:30am and 11:15am.

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery Class for September 2018 please come to the school office for an application form. The application deadline is Friday 23rd February 2018 and allocation day is Monday 5th March 2018.
Friday Class Assembly

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Parent Information Sessions – Spring 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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Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 12th January 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!

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Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY 2018
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February – Half Term
Monday 19th February – Nursery Ark Farm
Thursday 22nd February – Year 3 Beech swimming

MARCH 2018
Thursday 1st March – Year 6 Trip to Royal Airforce Museum
Thursday 1st March – Year 3 Beech swimming
Thursday 8th March – Year 3 Beech swimming
Sunday 11th March – Choir to Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 15th March - Year 2 Willow Farm
Thursday 15th March – Year 3 Beech swimming
Tuesday 20th March – Year 3 Natural History Museum
Thursday 22nd March – Year 1 Frogmore Paper Mill
Thursday 22nd March – Year 3 Beech swimming
Friday 23rd March – Year 1 Frogmore Paper Mill
Tuesday 27th March – Nursery visiting Watford Library
Wednesday 28th March – Nursery visiting Watford Library
     Wednesday 28th March - Reception Willow Farm
Thursday 29th March – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

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**APRIL 2018**
Monday 16th April INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 17th April – first day of term

**MAY 2018**
Monday 7th May – May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9th May – Class Photographs
  Monday 14th May – Year 6 SATS
  Tuesday 15th May – Year 6 SATS
  Wednesday 16th May – Year 6 SATS
  Thursday 17th May – Year 6 SATS
  Friday 18th May – Year 6 SATS
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – Half Term

**JUNE 2018**
Monday 4th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Tuesday 5th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Wednesday 6th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
Thursday 7th June – Year 3 Pine swimming
  Thursday 7th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
  Friday 8th June – Year 6 Isle of Wight
  Thursday 14th June – Year 3 Pine swimming
  Thursday 21st June – Year 3 Pine swimming
  Thursday 28th June – Year 3 Pine swimming

**JULY 2018**
Thursday 5th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 12th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 19th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Tuesday 24th July – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

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**Attendance**
Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 93%

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TERM DATES FOR 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 4th September 2018 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 2nd November 2018

Friday 21st December 2018 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 8th January 2019 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Friday 5th April – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 INSET Day – school closed for pupils

Wednesday 24th April 2019 – first day of term

Monday 6th May 2019 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Friday 19th July 2019 – last day term (school finishes at 1:30pm)
HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
a local-authority community school based in West Watford

NURSERY 2018 OPEN MORNING:
Monday 19th February 2018 ...................... 9.30am – 11.30am
Headteacher’s presentation ....................... 9.30am & 11.15am

Come and take part in some soft, furry and friendly small animal encounters!

Tel: 01923 225188  ●  email: admin@holywellherts.sch.uk  ●  www.holywellherts.sch.uk/  ●  @PrimaryHolywell
Our school population consists of pupils from the age of 3 up to 11 years. Pupils attending Holywell from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds, with many different religions and languages.

We celebrate our diversity regularly whenever the opportunity presents itself and teach pupils tolerance and understanding as part of our wider curriculum. We are an inclusive school striving to meet the needs of all our pupils. We welcome visitors to our school.

WE AIM TO:

- provide a safe, caring, and attractive environment where everyone feels supported and valued.
- provide breadth and balance within the framework of the Early Learning Goals and the National Curriculum, by maintaining high standards in the quality of teaching and learning.
- encourage high standards of behaviour, and compliance with the school rules, for the happiness, health and safety of everyone.
- encourage children to work to their potential with increasing confidence and self-esteem
- have high expectations of achievement for all across every aspect of school life
- establish and maintain links with the local community and encourage the full involvement of Parents/Carers, Pupils and Governors in the life of the school.

Find out more by visiting our school website
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