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9th June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Deputy Headteacher
As you are aware, Mrs Beale is leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up her Headship. We have been advertising to appoint a suitable replacement for her and with the school continuing to grow the Governors have agreed to appoint two Deputy Headteachers. I am happy to inform you that Mr Laurie O’Brien, currently teaching at Bushey Manor Primary School, and Mrs Toyin Keshiro, who is currently our Leader of Inclusion and Assistant Headteacher have both been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and will take up their posts in September 2017. Congratulations to them both.

London Attacks
With the London terror attacks still fresh our minds I would like to advise you that teachers have discussed with pupils what they are to do if something in the news worries them. The advice is simple and relates to children speaking to an adult if they worried about something. With the increased risks, I have made the decision to change the Year 5 trip that should have gone into London on Thursday 15th June 2017. Further details for Year 5 about the new trip will follow shortly. This will be no means the norm, but with the MIS risk level at critical we will only consider taking children into London in the Autumn Term and once the risk level has been reviewed. Obviously we complete risk assessments for trips and ensure that we take all possible precautions, but right now it seems the correct decision.

Assessment Week
Year 6 and Year 2 have now completed their SATS and the rest of the school have Assessment Week commencing Monday 19th June 2017.

Until the Year 2 and Year 6 results have been submitted to the Department of Education Year 2 and Year 6 are still working hard to show their teacher how much they have learnt this year and their teachers are still carrying out assessments in writing. Pupils in Year 1 and some pupils in Year 2 will also be completing their Phonics Screening Test next week. Please ensure that your children are in school every day, they are well rested with a good breakfast and prepared, ready for school.
Ramadan
Just a reminder to parents that even if pupils have been given permission to fast by their parents they are still expected to take part in all school activities including PE. No child will be exempt from day to day school activities because they are fasting.

Festivals of Learning
Thank you to all the parents who have visited classes during the Festival of Learning week. Attendance has been good and lots of positive comments have been made and left by those who visited us. Thank you for your continual support.

Summer fete – Saturday 17th June 2017
The Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 17th June 2017 and not the following week as previously stated in the newsletter. Please come along and support the PTA in their efforts to raise more money for the children of Holywell Primary School. If you would like to help on the day of the Summer Fair please talk to Michaela Kirtley on the school playground.

Non Uniform Day
Just a reminder that Wednesday 14th June 2017 will be non-uniform day and pupils will need to make donations for the summer fair. The donations can include unwanted gifts, chocolate, jars, bottles, drinks, sweets, unwanted toys etc.

Tennis
Holywell’s Fantastic Four!

On Tuesday 6th June, four Year 3 and 4 students took part in the Tennis District Finals. The Officials and Sports Leaders at the event commented on how talented all 4 pupils are. The top team on the day goes through to the County Finals. We finished 5th out of 40 schools which is a fantastic achievement. Holywell is very proud of Stefan, Chloe, Beatrice and Timmy for their success in this event.
A letter from Watford Library

I am writing to you from Watford Central Library to remind you of this year’s Summer Reading Challenge which will be taking place in the Hertfordshire libraries over the summer. Every year public libraries across the country get involved in The Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative organised by The Reading Agency to keep children reading during the summer holidays. In Hertfordshire, over 20,000 children took part in the 2016 Challenge, The Big Friendly Read. Besides promoting reading for pleasure, the Challenge helps to maintain children’s reading levels so that they return to school in the autumn ready to pick up where they left off at the end of the summer term.

We challenge children to read 6 library books between July and September and visit the library to tell us about them. In return we provide incentives including collector’s folder, stickers and a wrist band. Children who successfully complete the Challenge receive a medal and certificate, presented to them at a special ceremony at the library. They are also entered into a prize draw to win a ticket to an exclusive author event.

The theme for this year’s Summer Reading Challenge is “Animal Agents”, a detective team with a difference. Created by bestselling Horrid Henry illustrator Tony Ross, the clever creatures use their amazing natural instincts to solve a mystery at the library.

My colleagues and I will be visiting primary schools during July to encourage children to visit their local library during the summer holidays and join in the fun. We would very much like to attend one of your schools assemblies to promote The Summer Reading Challenge.

Information about Animal Agents will be appearing in the School Bulletin shortly. In the meantime, if you would like further information about the Summer Reading Challenge or would like to book an assembly visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many Thanks
Anthony Power
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Watford
Hertfordshire
WD17 3EU

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Parent Information sessions – Summer 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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Preparing your child for KS2 | Mrs Keshiro and Sam Ward            |
| 20\(^{th}\) June 2017   | Transition – Reception to Year 1  
How to help your child transition smoothly to Year 1 | Miss Tetley and Sam Ward          |
| 27\(^{th}\) June 2017   | Healthy Eating Week  
Diet: nutrition effects of behaviour | Miss Hampton and Sam Ward        |
| 4\(^{th}\) July 2017    | Transition – Year 6 to secondary school  
How to help your child transition to secondary school | Sam Ward and Miss McCay             |
| 11\(^{th}\) July 2017   | No session this week                             |                                     |
| 18\(^{th}\) July 2017   | Coffee and Farewell  
Join us to reflect on the year and celebrate. | Sam Ward                            |
Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

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### Dates for your diary

**JUNE 2017**
- **Monday 12th June** – Whole School Assessment Week
- **Monday 12th June** – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening
- **Wednesday 14th June** – Wear your own clothes and bring a gift for Summer Fair
- **Wednesday 14th June** – Challenge Cup – Year 6 – PE at Highwood Primary School
- **Thursday 15th June** – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
- **Friday 16th June** – Nursery trip to Langlebury Farm
- **Saturday 17th June** – Summer Fair
- **Monday 19th June** – Whole School Assessment Week
- **Tuesday 20th June** – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
- **Tuesday 20th June** – Year 1 Oak trip to Cassiobury Park
- **Thursday 22nd June** – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
- **Friday 23rd June** – Year 5 Athletics at Watford Boys School
- **Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June** – Reception Class September – Taster Sessions – to be confirmed
- **Tuesday 27th June** – Year 3 Pine and Aspen trip around the local area
- **Wednesday 28th June** – Year 3 Beech trip around the local area
- **Thursday 29th June** – Provisional Sports Day
- **Friday 30th June** – Provisional EYFS Sports Day

**JULY 2017**
- **Thursday 6th July** – Reserve Sports Day
- **Thursday 6th July** – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
- **Friday 7th July** – Nursery and Reception classes Sponsored Teddy Toddle
- **Friday 7th July** – Reserve EYFS Sports Day
- **Friday 7th July** – Year 6 “Prom” organised by the PTA
- **Tuesday 11th July** – International/Community Day
- **Thursday 13th July** – Swimming Year 3 Aspen
- **Thursday 13th July** – Moving Up Day – Year 6 at their new schools
- **Friday 14th July** – Reports out to parents
- **Friday 14th July** – Nursery trip to Ruislip Lido
Monday 17th July – Nursery AM Assembly in morning
Monday 17th July – Nursery PM Assembly in afternoon
Tuesday 18th July – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday 18th July – pm Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 1 classes
Wednesday 19th July – am Year 6 Performance – Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 classes
Wednesday 19th July – 6:30 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Thursday 20th July – 2:00 pm Year 6 Performance to parents
Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July – Nursery PM to join Nursery AM. No Nursery in afternoon. Closes at midday
Friday 21st July – School closes at 1:30 pm for Summer Break

Enrichment Days
Sunday 18th June – Father’s Day
Tuesday 20th June – World Refugee Day
Monday 26th June – Eid Ul Fitr
Sunday 23rd July – Birthday of Haile Selassie

PTA Events
Wednesday 14th June – No school uniform – please bring in prize for tombola
Saturday 17th June – Summer Fair
Friday 7th July – Year 6 Prom
Wednesday 12th July – To be confirmed – Reception Classes only – cake decorating
Thursday 13th July – End of Year School Disco
HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 17 June 2017
11am – 2pm
£1 entry

GO KART TRACK!! PONY RIDES!! BUNJEE RUN!! BOUNCY CASTLE; BEAUTY TENT; TOMBOLA; BUZZ WIRE; DARTS; SAND ART; SWEET STALL; ARCHERY; GLITTER TATTOO; TROLL HAIR; ORBEEZE BLIND CHALLENGE; TEA GARDEN; ADOPT A BEAR; FACE PAINTING; SCOUT EXHIBITION; BEAT THE COACH; friendship bracelets; sweet cone ice cream; Alien macaroons; popcorn; candyfloss; designer cupcakes; mug o cake; sweetie cones

For additional information or to book a selling table: PTA@holywell.hert.sch.uk