Dear Parents/Carers,

**Snow**

We had a very disruptive week with the snow last week. I would like to thank everyone with their cooperation in getting pupils to school safely and picking them up at the end of the day. Closing the school is never taken lightly.

**Sports for Schools**

Great Britain Sprinter – Luke Lennon-Ford was due to join us today. Unfortunately he was unable to make it.

On Friday 16th March 2018 Steve Frew will be visiting us. Steve was Scotland’s first ever gymnastic Commonwealth Games gold medalist and he has represented Great Britain at two World Championships and competed for Scotland at 5 Commonwealth Games. Please continue to sponsor your children for the event. The incentives and other previous arrangements have not changed.

You can also sponsor your child by following the link below:

[www.sportsforschools.org/event/WD800](http://www.sportsforschools.org/event/WD800)

**Bee Keeper Visit**

The past few weeks have been very busy. Last week, Tony De Saules visited us and talked to pupils about his book “Bee Boy – Clash of the killer Queens”. He showed the children illustrations and how he went about writing his book.

This week pupils were visited by a lady from Pabadale Apiaries - bee keepers. The children learnt all about bee keeping. Thank you to all the pupils who made a £1 donation for their pot of honey and bee wax candle. We hope that the recent activities will inspire some fantastic writing from our pupils.

**Teacher Recruitment Fair**

The Annual Hertfordshire Teacher Recruitment Fair takes place tomorrow, Saturday 10th March 2018 at Hertfordshire Development Centre, Stevenage. Please see the poster attached for more details.
World Book Day

We had a very impressive turn out for World Book Day last week. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers for their efforts dressing their children up.

One boy and one girl were shortlisted from each year. Then one child per year was chosen as overall winner and received a £5 Amazon voucher.

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Athletics Competition
On Tuesday 6th March 2018, 12 children from Holywell Primary School went to Watford Grammar School for Girls to take part in the Athletics competition. 9 schools took part in the competition and overall we finished in 3rd place; this was a great achievement. All children took part in a variety of track and field events. We did particularly well in the team sprints and had some noticeable performances in the boys’ javelin and girls’ long jump.

Walk to School Award
Congratulations to Cedar class, they are the winners of the Walk to School Trophy for the month of February.
Suspicious Man
This morning a parent reported a suspicious looking man in King George V playing field. We have informed the PCSO who said that they will be carrying out checks for us. They have asked that any parents seeing anything suspicious to call 101 and report the incident. We will talk to children about how to respond to “stranger danger” so that they know how to respond to threats.

Even though what happens outside of the school gates is out of our control, the playground is supervised by staff in the morning and you might have noticed the increase in staff numbers from the beginning of the year. Our staff, including the Senior Leadership Team, have been asked to be extra vigilant.

**Friday Class Assembly**

**Olympic Hall at 9:10am**

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**Assembly Change**
As a result of the school being closed last week, Chestnut class were unable to perform their assembly. We have changed the assembly schedule for the remainder of the Spring Term. Please see the changes.

**Charter and Star Certificates – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, congratulations to:

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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)
**Attendance**
Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 91%

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**MARCH 2018**

Sunday 11th March – Choir to Royal Albert Hall
Monday 12th March – Reception – Easter Cake Decorating Class
Tuesday 13th March – Reception Class medical screening with School Nurse
Tuesday 13th March – Year 1 and Year 2 – Easter Cake Decorating Class
Tuesday 13th March – Hockey Tournament
Wednesday 14th March – Reception Class medical screening with School Nurse
Wednesday 14th March – Year 3 and Year 4 – Easter Cake Decorating Class
    Thursday 15th March - Year 2 Willow Farm
    Thursday 15th March – Year 3 Beech swimming
Thursday 15th March – Year 5 and Year 6 – Easter Cake Decorating Class
Tuesday 20th March – Year 3 Natural History Museum
Thursday 22nd March – Year 1 Frogmore Paper Mill
Thursday 22nd March – Year 2 Willow Farm
Friday 23rd March – Year 1 Frogmore Paper Mill
Tuesday 27th March – Year 4 Cedar and Mulberry Aylesbury Ambassador Theatre
    Tuesday 27th March – Nursery visiting Watford Library
    Wednesday 28th March – Nursery visiting Watford Library
    Wednesday 28th March - Reception Willow Farm
Wednesday 28th March – Year 4 Rowan Aylesbury Ambassador Theatre
    Thursday 29th March – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

**APRIL 2018**

Monday 16th April INSET Day – school closed for pupils
    Tuesday 17th April – first day of term
    Thursday 19th April – Aspen swimming
    Thursday 26th April – Aspen swimming

**MAY 2018**

Thursday 3rd May – Aspen swimming
Monday 7th May – May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9th May – Class Photographs
    Thursday 10th May – Aspen swimming
    Monday 14th May – Year 6 SATS
    Tuesday 15th May – Year 6 SATS
    Wednesday 16th May – Year 6 SATS
    Thursday 17th May – Year 6 SATS
    Thursday 17th May – Aspen swimming
    Friday 18th May – Year 6 SATS
    Thursday 25th May – Aspen swimming
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – Half Term
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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Dates for your Diary - continued

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 – Parents meeting for children starting in Reception September 2018
Thursday 21st June – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 28th June – Year 3 Pine swimming

JULY 2018

Wednesday 4th July – Year 4 Rowan Roald Dahl Museum
Thursday 5th July – Year 4 Cedar and Mulberry Roald Dahl Museum
Thursday 5th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Thursday 12th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Friday 13th July – Year 6 End of Year Prom
Thursday 19th July – Year 3 Pine swimming
Tuesday 24th July – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)
Managing Strong Feelings
A FREE workshop in
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For Parents and Carers of Primary
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The workshop will cover:
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