



We are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Holywell Primary School

Tolpits Lane, Watford, Herts, WD18 6LL
Tel: 01923 225188 email: admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr C van Straaten

Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back to school; I hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break.

Parking around the School

Can I please ask parents to show consideration for our neighbours when parking. We get a lot of complaints about inconsiderate parking around the school grounds. In addition we have also had complaints from the local bus company. People, when parking their cars, are not leaving enough room for the number 10 bus to safely pass along High View. Inconsiderate parking is not only causing the neighbours aggravation but is creating dangerous conditions for our pupils who walk to and from school. Parents are again reminded that parking is available at King George V playing fields and if they park there and use "Park and Stride" their children can also record this as a sustainable trip to school. This then counts towards their class total for the class award.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, Anti-Bullying will be celebrated across the country. In school, teachers will be doing activities about bullying and discussing issues to do with bullying as well as how to act if the see or experience bullying. The theme for Anti-Bullying week is around "Respect" and this links in well with our "Respect" theme for autumn term.



Assessment Weeks

With assessments taking place this week and next, we will be updating pupils' attainment and progress results and setting them new targets. These will be discussed with pupils and then we will be having progress meetings with teachers to implement and review the interventions running in the school.

School Dinner Payments

Just a reminder to all parents that school dinners need to be paid in advance. If parents pay the Friday in advance of the week ahead then parents and the school will not be running in debt. There are a number of parents who need to be reminded on a daily basis to pay for school dinners. Can I ask all parents to make sure that they pay for their school dinners in advance. We hope to have all outstanding school dinners paid by next Friday 16th November 2018. If dinners are not paid in advance from Monday 19th November then your child will not be able to have a school meal.



Class Assembly Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 16 November	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23 November	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30 November	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7 December	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
KS1 Red Base	KS1 Hawthorn
KS2 Pine	KS2 Chestnut

Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday
before half-term is 95 %

Nursery am	91.7%	Pine	99.1%
Blue base	89.7%	Mulberry	92.1%
Red base	98.2%	Cedar	95.2%
Maple	93.5%	Ash	95%
Sycamore	97.5%	Elder	96.8%
Hawthorn	96.5%	Chestnut	95.7%
Hazel	96.7%	Birch	96.2%
Aspen	98.6%	Elm	95%
Beech	93.6%	Rowan	96.4%

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	Arya	Iveja
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Danae	Natalie
Sycamore	Robert	Harvey	Elder	Matei	Adrian
Maple	Hailea	Stefi	Ash	David	Gabby
Hawthorn	Burhan	Jaida	Chestnut	Yasmin	Ridley
Hazel	Vanessa	Habibullah	Rowan	Ian	Alisha
Pine	Hassan	Sara K	Elm	Timmy	Samuel
Beech	Rajia	Shaya Mae	Birch	Pavishan	Cecilia
Aspen	Ibrahim	Kathlyn			

Vacancies

We are currently advertising teaching positions on the Teach in Herts website for January 2019. If any parents are interested or know of someone who is interested then please apply online.

www.teachinherts.com

Holywell School Open Mornings

Reception Class - September 2019

Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are due to start in Reception class September 2019.

- Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 2:00pm

Nursery Class - September 2019

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are due to start in Nursery class September 2019.

- Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 2:00pm



Dates for your Diary

November 2018

Monday 12th November 2018 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 5
Monday 12th November 2018 to Friday 16th November 2018 – Whole school Assessment Week
Tuesday 13th November 2018 – Year 2 Paradise Wildlife Park
Wednesday 14th November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park
Wednesday 14th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Cassiobury Park
Thursday 15th November 2018 – Year 4 Cedar Cassiobury Park
Thursday 15th November 2018 – School Photographer – Individual and family photos
Thursday 15th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 16th November 2018 – Children In Need Day
Monday 19th November 2018 – Year 1 Assessments continue
Tuesday 20th November 2018 – Year 3 Verulamium Museum
Wednesday 21st November 2018 – Reception Open Day – 9:15a.m
Thursday 22nd November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 22nd November 2018 – Year 6 World War 1 Workshop
Thursday 29th November 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in bottles and jars
Thursday 29th November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 30th November 2018 – Christmas Decoration Day

December 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 5th December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm
Thursday 6th December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and ‘nearly new’
Thursday 6th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Thursday 13th December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming
Friday 14th December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents - 10:00am
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm
Thursday 20th December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Friday 21st December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 21st December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

January 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 INSET Day
Tuesday 8th January 2019 First Day of Term

Holywell Term Dates

For 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 4th September 2019 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019
Friday 20th December 2019 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 7th January 2020 – first day of term
Half Term – Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020
Friday 3rd April 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 21st April 2020 – first day of term
Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday
Half Term – Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020
Friday 17th July 2020 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

Children in Need 2018

Friday 16th November



The theme for Children in Need 2018 is:

DO YOUR THING!

We will be having a non-uniform day on
Friday 16th November