Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming all parents/carers back after the long summer holiday. The teachers have spent time over the holidays and last week during our INSET days getting ready for this week. We looked at guided reading and various other policies and procedures to ensure that all staff are familiar with our school routines. We had discussions about our focus for this year and have looked at our school vision.

Holywell Vision

_A Updated September 2016_

A community of staff, parents, pupils and other stakeholders that work to ensure that Holywell Primary school is an establishment that:

- Delivers a rich, expansive and immersive curriculum and provides wider opportunities throughout the extended curriculum
- Employs and values committed, motivated, hardworking staff who work together and have a thirst for knowledge to enable them to give pupils the best opportunities available
- Provides a safe, stimulating environment with expansive resources to enable pupils to take risks in their learning
- Nurtures articulate, polite, well rounded pupils who are well prepared for life after Holywell with exemplary behaviour
- Is a fully inclusive school who is at the heart of the local, national, and international community that it serves
- Believes that a culture underpinned by high expectations creates a climate of trust and respect

Meet the teacher

We are inviting all parents to come into school on Thursday 13th September 2016 to meet the teachers. There will be two sessions starting at 3:30pm and 4:00pm respectively when teachers will set out the expectations for the year ahead. Please make an effort to attend these sessions. Teachers will distribute the year group booklets and yearly overview to parents at this time.

Collecting pupils at the end of the day

Just a reminder that parents need to let the teacher and office know who is collecting their child from school if it is not the usual person. Also, pupils are not allowed to be collected by older siblings who are not at least 16 years of age. A letter went home this week to Year 5 and Year 6 parents to let them know about the arrangements for pupils going home on their own.

Punctuality

I would like to start by thanking all parents who turn up on time every day and ensure that their children are ready and prepared for school. Unfortunately it has come to my attention that a number of pupils are turning up late at school. To be late once might be excusable but some pupils have already been logged as arriving late at school on more than one occasion this week. This is not acceptable!

Pupils need to be ready in the playground to line up at 8:55am. We will be focussing on this issue very closely and any parent of a pupil who turns up continuously late will have to attend a meeting in school and could be referred to the Attendance Improvement Officer. Late arrival at school means that pupils are missing vital learning time.
Swimming
Year 4 Cedar class is starting swimming next week and parents need to return their letters and money as soon as possible to ensure that their child is able to take part in swimming.

Venting Ducts in KS1
I would like to apologise to parents of children in Key Stage 1 who were diverted when dropping their children off at school at the beginning of the week. The air vent ducts in Key Stage 1 had to be replaced and even though we tried our best to get all work completed in the summer holidays the company installing the vents could only start the work on Monday. Apologies for the inconvenience caused and hopefully the work will be completed shortly.

Lost Property
Any lost property that has accrued over the last year will be displayed in the playground on Monday and Tuesday next week. Any unclaimed items will then be donated to a charity. Please have a look if you are missing coats etc.

Watford Big Sports Day
We have been asked to promote this event that is taking place in Watford.

Watford Borough Council has a great, free event coming up on Saturday this week, 10th September from 11:00am to 5:00pm called the Big Sports Day. The Parade will be filled with free sports and fitness activities for people to try out – it will be a great opportunity for families to get together and keep active. Activities will include: football with Watford FC, tennis, athletics, sack race, BMXing, a climbing wall, exercise classes and more. The children will be able to try something new, which could encourage them to keep fit and exercise more in the long term. For more information www.watfordbigevents.co.uk

Uniform
The pupils have all looked great in their full uniform since the first day this term. A huge thank you to all parents who ensure that their children are turned out immaculately ready for school. Just a reminder that the school uniform consists of:

- Maroon Sweatshirt - available to purchase from the school office
- White Polo Shirt - with school logo (available from the school office) or plain
- Grey trousers / skirt
- Sensible school shoes (no sandals or trainers please)
- Plimsolls for indoors and PE
- Red Check dress / smart grey trouser shorts (Summer Term only)

Children will also be expected to wear the school PE Kit for all PE lessons:

- Maroon shadow shorts - available from the school office
- White PE T-Shirt with school logo - available from the school office
- Dark coloured jogging bottoms (for outdoor PE)
- Dark coloured sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)
- Trainers

Uniform can be purchased from the School Office before and after school every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Please make sure that all school clothes, indoor and out, are labelled with your child's name and class.

Parent Information Sessions
Parent information Sessions will resume this Tuesday 13th September 2016 with a coffee morning in the Conference Room. Please come along; this is great opportunity to meet other parents as well as our Family Support Worker, Sam Ward, who is able to sign post and help parents with many issues. Next week a timetable of focus for the sessions will be published. All are welcome!
Eid
Many of our families will be celebrating Eid next week, on Monday. All pupils celebrating Eid are entitled to one day of authorised leave to celebrate this religious festival. All other absences will be marked as unauthorised. Please let the Class Teacher know if your child will be absent because of Eid.

English Award for Parents
Spaces still available! Develop your English skills in a fun and relaxed way. Enjoy working in a group with similar interests and gain an English qualification.

This course runs weekly for 15 weeks. Starts: Monday 12th September. Time: 1.00 to 3.15 pm at Holywell Primary School. See the office for a registration form.

Family Learning English Year 1 & 2
A chance to learn together and support your child’s literacy skills.

This course runs for 5 weeks. Starts: Wednesday 21st September. Time: 1:00 – 3:15pm at Holywell Primary School. See the office for a registration form.

Charter and Star Certificates this week, congratulations to:

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Attendance
Whole school Attendance from 5th – 9th September is 88 %

| Nursery am | - Aspen | 99% |
| Nursery pm | - Beech | 100%|
| Blue base  | 60% Pine| 97% |
| Green base | 55% Mulberry | 96%|
| Red base   | 74% Cedar | 99% |
| Maple      | 99% Rowan | 99% |
| Oak        | 98% Ash  | 87% |
| Sycamore   | 91% Elder | 93% |
| Hawthorn   | 100% Birch | 97%|
| Hazel      | 96% Elm  | 92% |
| Willow     | 97%      |     |