



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

I would like to welcome you all back to school after the summer break.

The children have settled back and have focussed into the school routine.

It has been a historic week with the appointment of a new Prime Minister but most importantly the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

In this morning's assembly, we talked about the sadness we feel. We also talked about the legacy the Queen has left behind during her reign of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth States. Linked to our theme of respect this half term, children have talked and thought about how the Queen had showed respect and been respected as the Monarch of the country and as a 'servant', which she often referred to herself as on many royal ceremonial occasions.

Whilst we are sad to hear of her passing and paying our respects in many different ways as a community, we can take one thing away from her relentless focus and determination to complete her role to the utmost of her ability.

## Secondary School Application

Can I please remind parents of Year 6 pupils that many secondary schools now have open days for you to visit before you complete your applications?

Please visit [www.swhertsschools.org.uk](http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk), which is linked to each school's website and a frequently asked questions section.

## Meet the Teacher

"Meet the Teacher" will be held in school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. You are invited to visit your child's class at 3:30 or 4:00 when teachers will give you information both about your child's learning throughout this academic year and other school matters.

## Clubs

Morning and Afterschool Clubs restart next week, week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

We have some spaces remaining for these clubs, so if you are interested, please ensure that you sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

## PE Lessons

On the days that your children have PE, can they please come to school in their PE kit.



### Collecting Children at the End of the School Day

We would like to remind you that children can only be collected by named adults. If an older sibling collects your child from school, they need to be at least 16 years old. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 may go home on their own if you have completed a permission form.

### Assemblies

Please come along the Class assemblies, which will resume next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Assemblies start at promptly at 9:05 each Friday. Please see below for the schedule.

<b>Holywell Primary - Assemblies Schedule – Autumn 1 2022</b>	
<b>Mr van Straaten</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
<b>Year 6 Elm</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
<b>Year 5 Chestnut</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022</b>
<b>Year 5 Elder</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
<b>Year 4 Cedar</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
<b>Year 3 Rowan</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
<b>Year 3 Mulberry</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten  
Headteacher

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
AUTUMN TERM 2022**

**September**

Thursday 1st September 2022	Occasional day - school closed
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	INSET day – School closed for pupils
Monday 5th September 2022	INSET day – School closed for pupils
Tuesday 6th September 2022	All pupils start
Wednesday 7th September 2022	
Thursday 8th September 2022	New Entrants meeting
Friday 9th September 2022	Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)
Monday 12th September 2022	Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Governors meeting (18:30)
Wednesday 14th September 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4 )
Wednesday 14th September 2022	Ukulele lesson (Year 5)
Wednesday 14th September 2022	Girls Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 15th September 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 15th September 2022	New Entrants meeting (11:15)
Thursday 15th September 2022	Y6 Swimming At Watford Central Swimming Pool
Thursday 15th September 2022	Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Thursday 15th September 2022	Meet the teacher (15:30 / 16:00)
Friday 16th September 2022	Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)
Friday 16th September 2022	Year 6 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Monday 19th September 2022	Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 20th September 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 20th September 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 20th September 2022	Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 20th September 2022	Governors meeting (18:30)
Wednesday 21st September 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4 )
Wednesday 21st September 2022	Ukulele lesson (Year 5)
Wednesday 21st September 2022	Girls Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Wednesday 21st September 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 22nd September 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
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Thursday 22nd September 2022	Y6 Swimming At Watford Central Swimming Pool
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Friday 23rd September 2022	Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)
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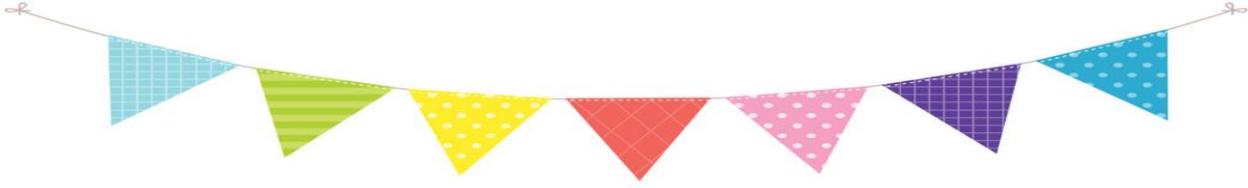
Monday 26th September 2022 Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Tuesday 27th September 2022 Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)  
Tuesday 27th September 2022 Wizard theatre in  
Tuesday 27th September 2022 Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Tuesday 27th September 2022 Governors meeting (18:30)  
Wednesday 28th September 2022 Cornet lessons start (Year 4 )  
Wednesday 28th September 2022 Ukulele lesson (Year 5)  
Wednesday 28th September 2022 Girls Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Wednesday 28th September 2022 Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)  
Thursday 29th September 2022 Rabbi to visit Year 5  
Thursday 29th September 2022 Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)  
Thursday 29th September 2022 New Entrants meeting (11:15)  
Thursday 29th September 2022 Y6 Swimming At Watford Central Swimming Pool  
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Friday 30th September 2022 Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 30th September 2022 Year 6 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)

Monday 3rd October 2022 Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Tuesday 4th October 2022 Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)  
Tuesday 4th October 2022 Wizard theatre in  
Tuesday 4th October 2022 Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Tuesday 4th October 2022 Governors meeting (18:30)  
Wednesday 5th October 2022 Cornet lessons start (Year 4 )  
Wednesday 5th October 2022 Ukulele lesson (Year 5)  
Wednesday 5th October 2022 Girls Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
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Thursday 6th October 2022 Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)  
Thursday 6th October 2022 New Entrants meeting (11:15)  
Thursday 6th October 2022 Y6 Swimming At Watford Central Swimming Pool  
Thursday 6th October 2022 Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Friday 7th October 2022 Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 7th October 2022 Year 6 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)

Monday 10th October 2022 Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Tuesday 11th October 2022 Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)  
Tuesday 11th October 2022 Wizard theatre in  
Tuesday 11th October 2022 Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)  
Tuesday 11th October 2022 Governors meeting (18:30)  
Wednesday 12th October 2022 Cornet lessons start (Year 4 )  
Wednesday 12th October 2022 Ukulele lesson (Year 5)  
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Monday 17th October 2022	Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 18th October 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 18th October 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 18th October 2022	Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 18th October 2022	Governors meeting (18:30)
Wednesday 19th October 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4 )
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<b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>		
	<b>Star Learner of the Week</b>	<b>Charter Certificate</b>
<b>Reception</b>		
<b>Y1 Sycamore</b>	<b>Alishba</b>	<b>Lei</b>
<b>Y2 Hawthorn</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Alveena</b>
<b>Y3 Rowan</b>	<b>Owen</b>	<b>Isabelle</b>
<b>Y3 Mulberry</b>	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Matthew</b>
<b>Y4 Cedar</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Y5 Chestnut</b>	<b>Amira</b>	<b>Lorena</b>
<b>Y5 Elder</b>	<b>Rebeka</b>	<b>Amina</b>
<b>Y6 Elm</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Sofia</b>



Welcome all to a new year and our first full year with our PTA up and running again.

We have lots of events planned for you this school year and can't wait to get started. But first we need help from the students here at Holywell. We need a logo for our PTA and with so many brilliant minds at the school, we couldn't think of anyone better to design it!

All children will be receiving full information next week but if any of you want to get a head start here are the rules:-

- Designs must be no bigger than 5cm x 5cm
- We are looking for bright, colourful, hand drawn designs, only (no words we will add them in!)
- Please make sure your child's name and class are on the back of the piece of paper.
- Only one design per person please.

Anyone can enter from any year (early years included)

A panel of judges will pick a winner from each class winning a £5 Amazon gift card for excellent work.

The Grand Winner will become our logo for all future years and will win a £20 Amazon gift card!

Can we ask that their entries be handed in to their teachers by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Good luck to all that enter, we can't wait to see what you come up with and look forward to seeing you at a PTA event soon.