



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

7th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Rowan Class

I have been very impressed with Rowan Class this week, they have been learning from home. It was also their class assembly today and they successfully pre-record the assembly from home, enabling us to watch in school. We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school next week

Eid

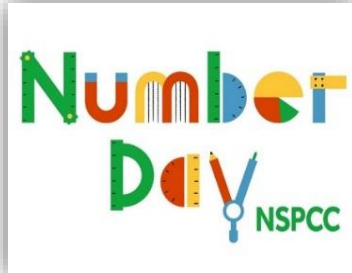
I know that next week sees the end of a month of fasting and prayer for many of our community. Parents are reminded that we will authorise one day of absence from school for celebrating Eid - Eid Mubarak everyone!

Please make sure you contact the school office in advance to let us know if you will be absent from school for Eid.

NSPCC Numbers Day

Today, pupils took part in a range of maths activities to celebrate NSPCC Numeracy Day. Pupils completed a Buddy's challenge in the afternoon. Each class recorded their time to see how fast they could do it. Parents can explore the website where there are some more challenges that they can complete with their children.

https://global.oup.com/education/primary/campaigns/nspcc_number_day/?region=uk



Daily Mile

We are slowly increasing the distance that pupils are running as part of their daily mile. The aim is to get to a mile and I have been very impressed with the resilience shown by all the pupils in their running.



Parent Governor

Previously, I wrote to parents asking if anyone who was interested in becoming a School Governor to contact us. We are pleased to advise you that one parent has come forward. We still have vacancies, so any parents who think they are able to offer the school their expertise and wish to join the governing body, please contact the school office. If you require further information about the role we can put you in touch with the Chair of Governors.

Half term

Parents are reminded that half term will be from Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 inclusive.



Assessments

Even though the Department for Education has cancelled all statutory assessments for the 2020/2021 academic year, we will still be completing assessments for pupils in school. This is a useful tool to teachers and also the secondary schools, where pupils will be moving onto next year. The following assessment dates have been identified:

- 10th to 14th May 2021 inclusive - Year 6
- 17th to 21st May 2021 inclusive - Year 2
- Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Whole school assessment
- Week beginning 14th June 2021 - Phonics testing Year 1 and Year 2

Teachers have made a start writing pupils' end of year reports. These will be issued to parents later in the year during Parents' Evening.

Athlete Visit

On Tuesday 18th May 2021 we will be visited by an athlete, Mr Ryan Scott. Ryan was a Commonwealth Games gold medallist in the 4 x 100 metre relay, he will talk to pupils and run a workshop with each class.

This is a fundraising event which will allow us to fundraise for some new outdoor sports equipment and an athletics track.

Isle of Wight

Some of our Year 6 pupils will be going on a residential trip to the Isle of Wight from Monday 24th May until Friday the 28th May 2021. Pupils not going on the trip will take part in a range of projects and local trips.

Right Respecting School

We are in the process of applying to achieve Gold status as a Right Respecting School. In school we talk to pupils about their rights as children and citizens and where possible include this into their curriculum areas.



Curriculum Provision

During Polling Day yesterday, amongst other jobs, teachers looked at the curriculum provision for pupils for the remainder of the school year. We want to make sure that we get all pupils back up to speed with learning since the lockdowns, as a result of the pandemic.

Week Commencing 26th April 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	96%	Rowan	93%
Blue	90%	Mulberry	91%
Red	95%	Cedar	96%
Maple	98%	Chestnut	87%
Sycamore	94%	Elder	94%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	95%
Hazel	100%	Elm	87%

Whole School Attendance

95%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Cedar

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Blue	Salma	This is awarded for her excellent reading
Red	Isaac	For brilliant counting in 10's to 100
Maple	Bilal	For writing excellent sentences with adjectives in English
Sycamore	Zakariya	For displaying resilience working extremely hard during maths and adding numbers on a tens frames
Hawthorn	Skyla	For demonstrating some fantastic researching skills to find information about bluebirds
Hazel	Patrick	For working very hard on his reading and making improvements
Cedar	Marius	For improving his concentration in class and participating more in discussions
Mulberry	Malwina	For making great progress in writing using a range of features and layouts
Rowan	Adam	For working well as a team during remote assembly rehearsals
Chestnut	Sara	For expressing numbers in fractions, decimals and percentages
Elder	Malhaar	For his amazing dedication and resilience when walking and jogging around our daily mile track. Each time he does this he pushes himself further and further and he (quite rightly) looks so proud of himself, smiling and giving me a thumbs up. I am so proud of this huge achievement. Well done, Malhaar.
Birch	Dilan	For showing his impressive imaginative skills while writing a poem in English
Elm	Chloe	For her excellent problem solving, during maths lessons

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Blue	Karina	This is awarded for always following our class rules
Red	Makanaka	For fantastic table manners in the dining hall
Maple	Cornel	For being resilient with his number bonds in maths
Sycamore	Abu Bakar	For demonstrating responsible behaviour by always being ready to learn and focusing during lessons
Hawthorn	Maisey	For being extremely resilient and always working hard, even with a broken wrist!
Hazel	Faith	For showing resilience in her daily mile and for being a role model to her peers
Cedar	Madeline	For always showing a conscientious attitude to learning and following the school charter
Mulberry	David	For beginning to think through problems and make sense of situations to solve problems
Rowan	Samanta	For showing an ability to reason and justify answers when solving word problems about time
Chestnut	Bentley	For identifying literal and figurative language from a book called 'Tom's Midnight Garden'
Elder	Ayman	For motivation and resilience when challenging himself with his writing (which is beautifully presented - he has now earned his pen licence this week) and when embarking on a really tricky maths challenges linked to Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.
Birch	Arshaq	for being resilient in completing his tasks and working well with his peer
Elm	Esa	For his improved reasoning skills in maths



DIARY DATES

Monday 10th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby
Monday 10th May 2021 to 14th May 2021 – Year 6 Key Stage 2 MOCK – SATS
Monday 10th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 11th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 13th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 14th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 17th May 2021 to 21st May 2021 – Year 2 Key Stage 1 assessment
Monday 17th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 18th May 2021 – Olympic athlete visit
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 19th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 20th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 21st May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Year 6 Isle of Wight trip
Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021 – Festival of Learning week
Monday 24th May 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021 – Key Stage 1 MOCK – SATS
Monday 24th May 2021 – Year 5 Tag Rugby Club
Tuesday 25th May 2021 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – Year 6 Football Club
Thursday 27th May 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 28th May 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 29th May 2021 – Half term

Monday 7th June 2021 – Year 1 and Year 2 mock phonics screening – all week
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Governors meeting
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc

Thursday 10th June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Friday 11th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Monday 14th June 2021 – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening catch up – all week
 Monday 14th June 2021 – Whole school assessment week
 Tuesday 15th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 tbc
 Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Wednesday 16th June 2021 – Nursery September 2021 registration morning
 Thursday 17th June 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 17th June 2021 – Reception September 2021 registration morning
 Friday 18th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Friday 18th June 2021 – Year 5 Consortium Test Registration closes
 Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
 Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Thursday 24th June 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 24th June 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 – EYFS Sports Day
 Friday 25th June 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Reception – Health Screening with School Nurses
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am tbc
 Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Thursday 1st July 2021– Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Thursday 1st July 2021 – Key Stage 1 and 2 Reserve Sports Day
 Thursday 1st July 2021 – Year 5 parents informed of venue for Consortium Test in September
 Friday 2nd July 2021 – EYFS reserve Sports Day
 Friday 2nd July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons am tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
 Wednesday 7th July 2021 – Nursery Concert to parents
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Community Day
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Moving Up Day – Year 6 out at their new schools
 Thursday 8th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
 Friday 9th July 2021 – Whole School Assembly at 9:10 am
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Wizard Theatre in – tbc
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Parents Evening – End of Year Reports out
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS2 (14:00)
 Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Governors Meeting
 Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 – The Joy of Moving (move and learn) workshop – Watford FC – tbc

Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Cornet Lessons Year 4 am – tbc
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons pm – tbc
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 dress rehearsal to KS1 at 9:30 am
Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 6:00 pm
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Rock Steady Music Lessons – tbc
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Awards Assembly
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 performance to parents at 2:00 pm
Thursday 15th July 2021 – Year 6 Moving Up afternoon
Friday 16th July 2021 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 16th July 2021 – Last day of term School closes at 1:30 pm – No pm Nursery

Enrichment days

Summer term

Wednesday 12th May 2021 – Ramadan ends
Thursday 13th May 2021 – Eid ul-Fitr begins
Sunday 23rd May 2021 – Pentecost
Saturday 5th June 2021 – World Environment Day
Sunday 6th June 2021 – Anniversary of D-Day
Tuesday 8th June 2021 – World Oceans Day
Friday 11th June 2021 – Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday
Sunday 20th June 2021 – World Refugee Day
Sunday 20th June 2021 – Father's Day
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Windrush Day
Saturday 18th July 2021 – Mandela Day