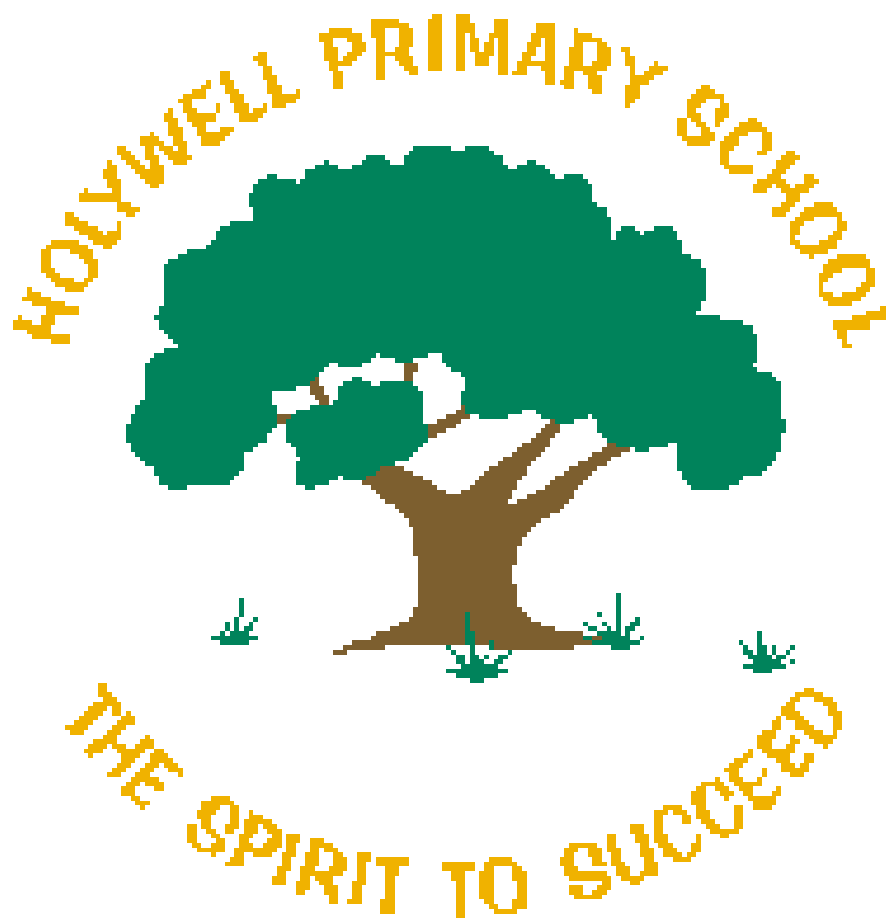


WELCOME TO THE NURSERY



Dear parents or guardians,

Nursery – Parent Information Pack

September 2021

We would like to welcome you and your child to Nursery. We are taking this opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to inform you about all aspects of school life in Nursery. We feel that if we all work together, your child will achieve the appropriate levels for their age and have a positive and fulfilling experience in Nursery.

This pack includes information on:

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Nursery Staff

-Jacquie Hewett – Class Teacher

Support Staff

-Thanzila Akbar

Other members of staff

-Karan Mozley

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Curriculum



As is required by law, we be following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, which provides the children with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potentials. The children will participate in the 3 prime areas of learning and 4 specific areas of learning. After several years of research and consultation nationally, the EYFS Curriculum has been up-dated for the beginning of the new school year in all early years settings. In line with the government's requirements, Holywell Nursery will look to increase your child's communication skills in all areas of their learning.

Prime Areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be given the opportunity of learning in a variety of ways through play, interacting with their peers and adults and within different settings, e.g. indoors and outdoors.



Attendance and Punctuality:

Please ensure that your child is outside the Nursery gate by 8.55 a.m. It is important that your child arrives on time, so that you can settle them into class (initially children settle by being busy at activities, later they will sit on the carpet for registration) and they do not miss the introduction to the day's activities. Children also need to be collected promptly at home time. Please be at the nursery gate at 11.55 or 3.25 respectively. Young children can become very distressed in a short space of time while waiting for their adult to collect them. If your child is absent, please inform the school either by telephone, letter to the class teacher, or by speaking to a member of the office staff. Regular absences from school can affect your child's learning, and social development. At home time please wait for a member of staff to call out your child's name and say "Goodbye". Please tell us if for any reason your child is to be collected from school by someone we do not know.

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Holidays

Extended holidays are no longer permitted by law. Please make every effort to go away during the school holidays so that your child's schooling is not disrupted, since your child may be removed from the school roll if you take unauthorised absence.



Expectations

In the Nursery we expect every child to work towards achieving their full potential, and to build relationships with staff and other children. Children must behave appropriately in the classroom and around the school, respecting both adults and other children.



Home learning

Within the first four weeks at the beginning of the new school year your child will be bringing a weekly 'library' book home for you to read and share with them. These books are changed every Monday and are considered to be an important part of their home learning. Later in the year the children will also bring home an Oxford Reading Tree Talk About book; again for you to share with your child daily. These books will be sent home every Wednesday and need to be returned every week by Tuesday. Some books will include a visual aid e.g. puppet, toy car. These are intended to support the story and encourage speaking and listening skills. Please make sure these items are looked after and returned to the nursery with the books.



Assessment

Children are assessed continuously throughout the year; we keep samples of children's work, photographs of them engaged in activities and detailed observations, all of which we share with you and your child during meetings which we arrange with you each term.

School Clothing and Other Nursery Essentials

Nursery children are encouraged to wear full school uniform. We ask parents/carers to provide a bag of spare clothes as children may have accidents. These can be put in a named plastic bag and kept on their peg. At present, nursery children do not need to have any other luggage! All items of clothing need to be labelled with the child's name. Children must not wear jewellery; however, sleepers, studs or religious and cultural items are acceptable.

You will need to provide your child with a suitable water bottle that will stay at school. These will be emptied, soaked in sterilising solution, rinsed and filled with fresh filtered water every morning in good time for your child's arrival.

In cold weather all children need to wear a coat as we work and play outdoors in all weather conditions. All children will need a named pair of wellington boots, which will need to be left at nursery. We are also asking that parents provide slippers or plimsolls for inside nursery, as the children love to be comfortable. Please find something easy to put on and off and remember to write your child's name clearly in both feet! These slippers will also stay at school.

If the weather is extremely hot we would suggest that all children wear a sun hat, have an extra drink in their lunch bag. Sun cream should be applied at home before school if you wish to do so.

All coats and jumpers need to be labelled with the child's name.

Trips and school visitors

During the course of the year in order to enhance, encourage and support learning, the school will book for visitors to come into school and for the children to go out on school trips. These sort of activities take an enormous amount of organisation by staff, but it is very worthwhile for every child- it expands their world and builds long-lasting memories. This year, nursery parents will be making their parental contributions for these forthcoming activities with a payment plan using the 'Parent Pay' on-line facility. This is to support families to budget in a more manageable way. More information to follow later this month.

Medication

For certain medical conditions, parents need to sign a form giving permission for staff to administer medicine. If your child has asthma it is essential that we have a spare pump/inhaler at school.

Parents Evenings

Parent evenings take place three times a year. Teachers will be available throughout the year to discuss your child's progress on an individual basis.

Festival of Learning

Each half term children showcase their work where parents are invited to come to school. This also takes the form of Christmas Fete and Community Evenings, for which you will receive more information about at a later date. Parents/Carers will also have an opportunity to view and contribute to their child's learning journey record book.

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Themes for the Nursery year:

Autumn Term – Ourselves and Our Families / Changes / Festivals

Spring Term – Plants/ Baby Animals / Changes / Growth

Summer Term – Animals & Environments/ Under the Sea



Thank you

We thank you for your continued support in working together to help your child achieve their full potential. Please contact any of the Nursery staff team if you wish to discuss any matters concerning your child.