



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Week 5 of School Closure

Wow - I cannot quite believe it has been 5 weeks (3 weeks of term time) since the school closed as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Working remotely has been a steep learning curve for all of us. The target I set teachers when we had our meeting about the closure back in March was to create a Virtual School. We are not quite where we want to be, but have made huge progress.

This week, for the first time, we delivered on-line lessons. Teachers have now set up Google Classrooms and we will be using these from next week onwards. We are in the final stages of sorting out usernames and passwords, which unfortunately has delayed us getting it rolled out faster. Teachers are now meeting and attending training remotely using Microsoft Teams and we are very much still operating as a school even though it is in a different way.



Google Classroom

Next week we will continue to broaden the number of lessons that we are delivering on-line and the feedback we are give children. We will also start to roll out smaller group interventions and we hope this will continue to broaden on everything we do. We will try to deliver our first on-line assembly next week. Year 1 is also preparing something special for us and we plan to share this with parents next week.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff of Holywell Primary School. They have demonstrated flexibility and resilience during these last 5 weeks, I am very proud of them for what they have achieved in such a small time. They have put pupils and the school ahead of themselves and their families, and have been working tirelessly to adapt to a very new way of working. In addition to that they volunteered to work during the Easter holiday and have been fantastic, ensuring there is always someone at school so we can stay open for Key Workers.



I would like to thank parents for their support during this time. More parents have been emailing us this week, which is great. We are also more aware of parents who require additional assistance because they do not have either the ICT capabilities needed or are also trying to manage working and home schooling. Many of our staff are also juggling responsibilities so we fully sympathise with you. Teacher will send recordings of lesson to parents enabling them flexibility to listen to lessons if they work during the day.

Nursery and Reception Admissions September 2020.

Nursery and Reception allocations for September 2020 are now complete. Please get in touch with the Admissions via the portal at Hertfordshire County Council for Reception or us for Nursery



to let us know that you are accepting the place offered. We are busy arranging meeting and inductions even while the school is closed to pupils.

Secondary School Transfers – September 2021

A letter is going out today to parents of children in our current Year 5. This letter gives detailed information about how you go about applying to take the Consortium Test for the following schools -



- Croxley Dames
- Parmiter's
- Queens'
- Rickmansworth
- St Clement Danes
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls

The test registration website address is -

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Contacting us

Even through school is 'closed' staff are still working. Those not in school each day work from home. If you need to contact the school then there are a few options available.

Telephone - 01923 225 188 term time from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Email: admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Parents are reminded that they can contact Mrs Bahirathan by email bahirathanb@holywell.herts.sch.uk should they need other support and information not related to their child's learning but maybe around issues like welfare, mental health, financial support.



The school also has a twitter account that we use to share information with parents and that can be used more effectively should we get more followers. If you have Twitter then please follow us on @PrimaryHolywell

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Nursery	Skylar	For trying hard writing her name
Blue Base	Lily-May	For great writing on her Rainbow artwork
Red Base	Julio	For reading all his Bug Club books and more and keeping up with his school work
Sycamore	Zarya	For excellent progress in her writing
Maple	Adam	For learning the continents and the key facts for each continent
Hawthorn	Nived	For excellent commitment to his learning since being home schooled
Hazel	Qasim	For writing a wonderful letter to the NHS staff
Pine	Zain A	For producing wonderful work on Purple Mash
Aspen	Abdullah	For always working his hardest
Mulberry	Sara K	For going above and beyond with her holiday homework and creating a beautiful Brazil booklet
Cedar	Megan	For writing a lovely fact file about Watford and Brazil
Chestnut	Neja	For always working with a spirit to succeed and for being responsible in completing her tasks
Elder	Omi	For being resilient in doing her English work
Rowan	Dinesh	For being excellent in the maths lesson
Elm	Kushal	For excellent work in the live maths lesson this week
Birch	Ishmeet	For doing his work at school to a high standard

HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Nursery	Oliver	For not giving up looking for things when on his bug hunt
Blue Base	Owen	For his great ideas to make up a game and do art work
Red Base	Amelia Rose	For always having a big smile when sharing her work on Tapestry
Sycamore	Rory	His fantastic effort in learning the seven continents
Maple	Enzo	He has shown a high level of motivation and worked particularly hard in writing full sentences in English
Hawthorn	Ritesh	For always showing resilience and a positive attitude to his home learning
Hazel	Samanta	Showing reasoning to justify her predictions
Pine	Safaa	For great reasoning in her maths work
Aspen	Amelia	For reasoning through her English work
Mulberry	Carolina	For her amazing dedication and resilience for home learning, challenging herself in all that she does and feeling proud of her achievements
Cedar	Daud	For using his reasoning skills to solve time word problems
Chestnut	Ocean	For always keeping ahead with her work
Rowan	Jaanav	For showing maturity and engaging well with on-line sessions
Elm	Chloe	For her excellent reasoning skills especially in maths
Birch	Andrei	For excellent maths reasoning

Free School Meals moving forward

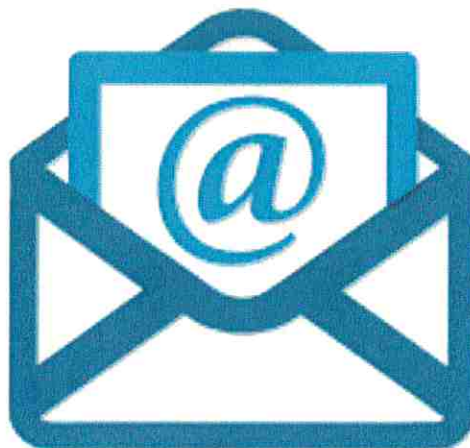
We will issue a second round of vouchers on Monday 4th May 2020. Please check the collection times in next week's newsletter.

If you are not registered for Free School Meals and believe you might be entitled please check via the Hertfordshire County Council website on the link below.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You may email your child class teacher with issues relating to their class work. Teachers email addresses are:

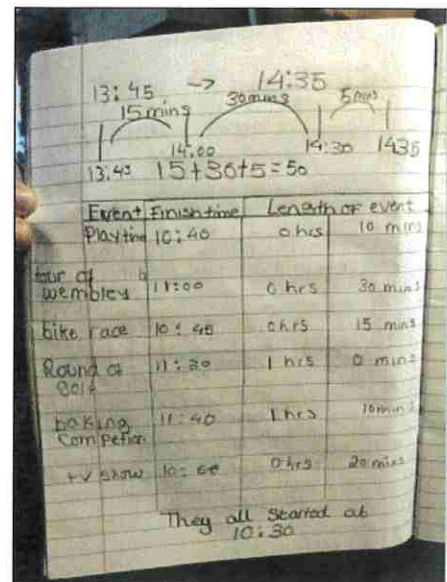
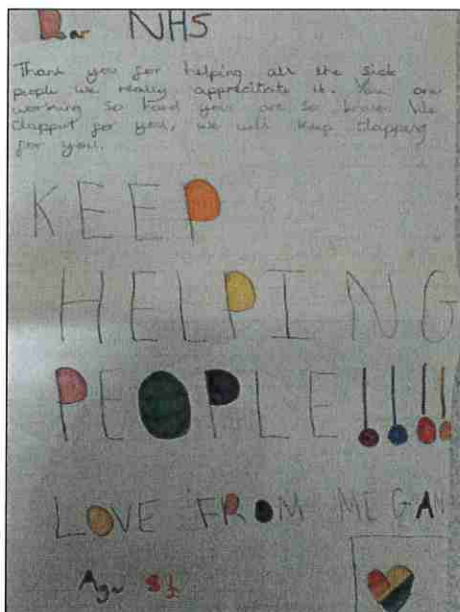
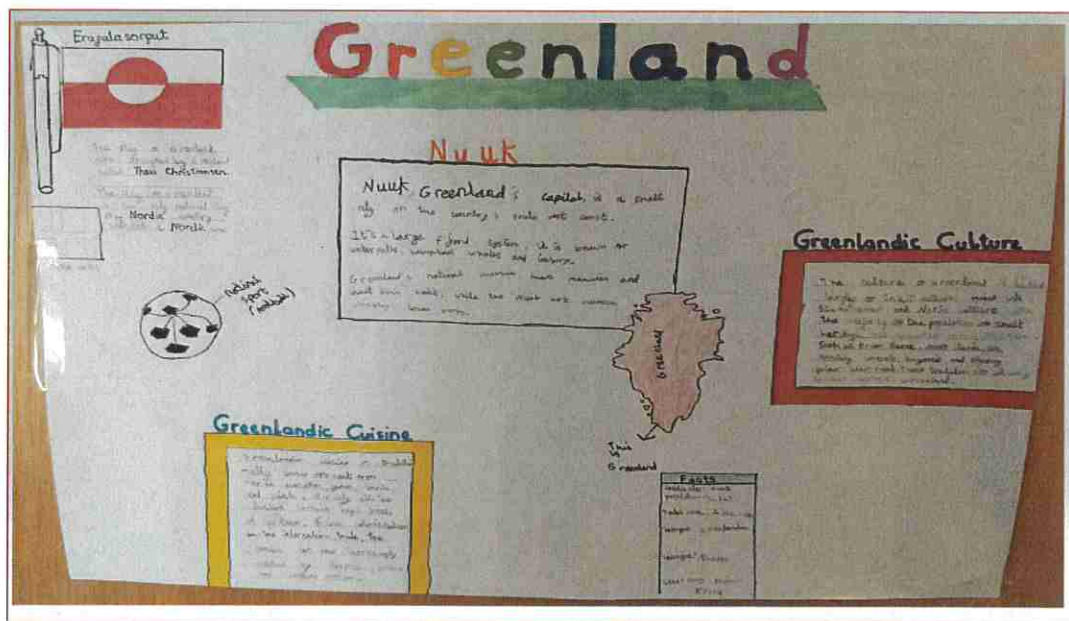
Nursery		Mrs J Hewett	hewettj@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Blue		Mr G Szajko	szajkog@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Red		Mrs A Lazar	lazare@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Sycamore	Miss H Whiting	whitingh@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Maple	Mrs R Hussain	hussainr@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hawthorn	Miss A Hampton	hamptona@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hazel	Miss S Rozan	rozans@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3	Pine	Miss N Kharbanda	kharbandan@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3	Aspen	Miss C Downey	downeyc@holywell.herts.sch.uk
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Year 4	Cedar	Miss P Sammy	sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk
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Year 5	Elder	Mrs L Clarke	clarkel@holywell.hert.sch.uk
Year 6	Rowan	Mrs L Bancroft Prescott	bancroftprescottl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Birch	Miss L Rogers	rogersl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Elm	Miss L Patrick	patrickl@holywell.herts.sch.uk

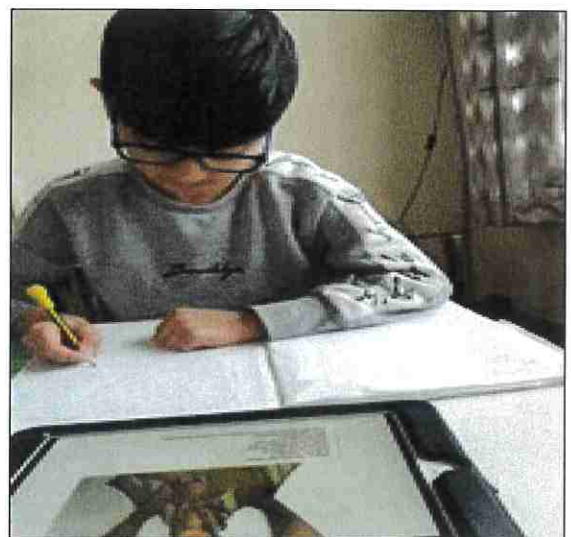
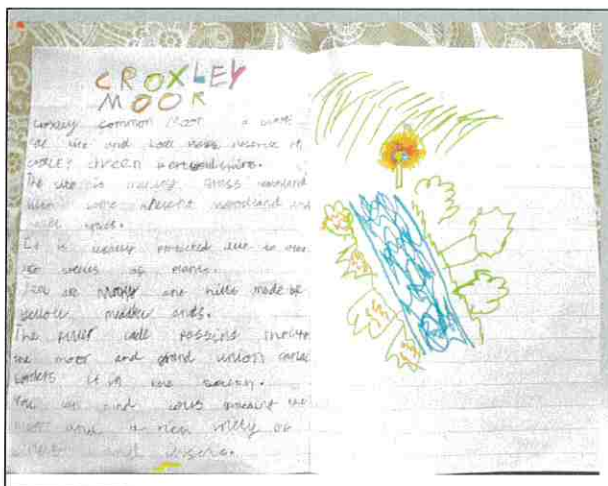


Dear NHS Staff,

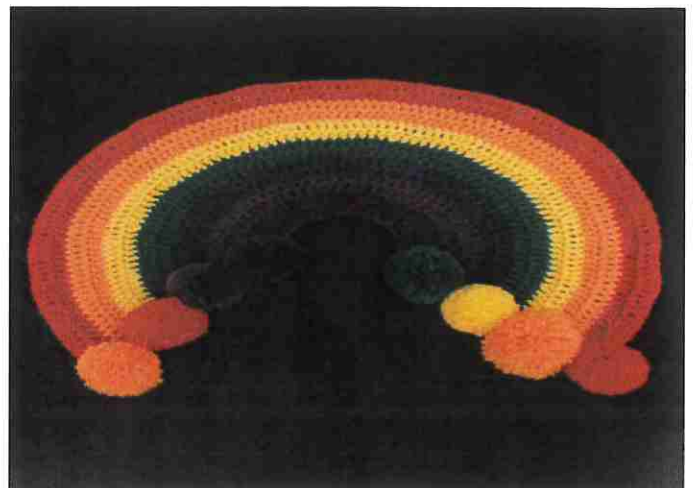
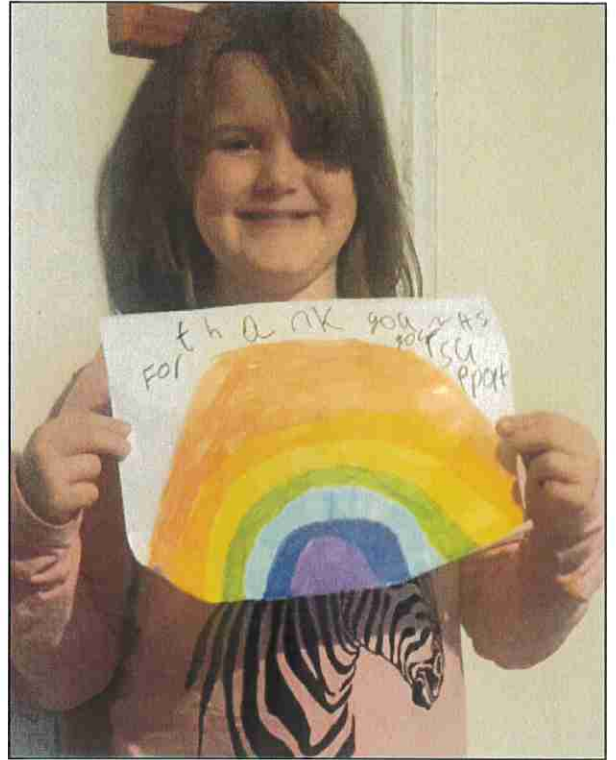
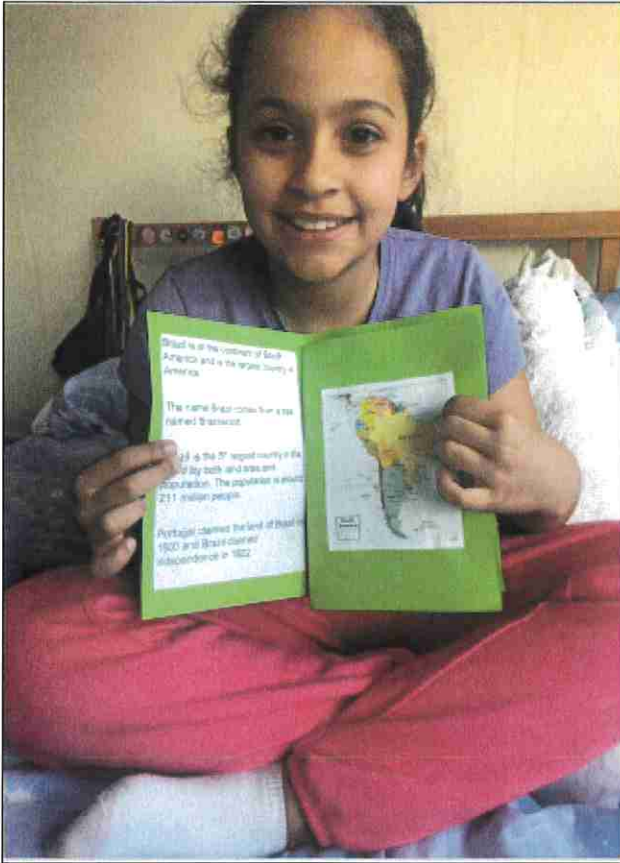
Thank you for Taking care of COVID-19 patients. You are very brave and helped ill people and thank you for being brave.

From Nived, Holywell Primary School, Year 2





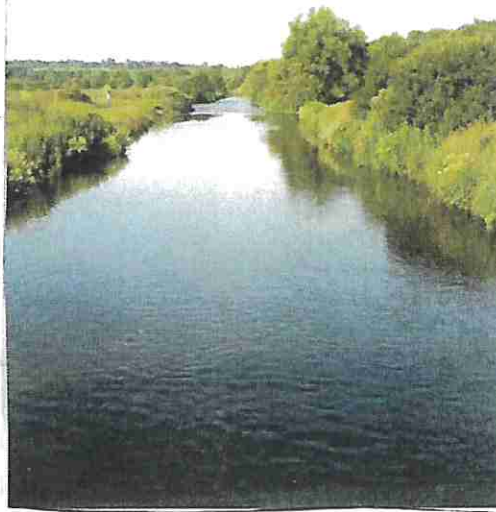




Croxley Common Moor

What is the Croxley Common moor?

Croxley Common moor is a 39.5 hectare biological site for nature conservation, animal sighting and for learning science. It is protected by law and owned by three owners district. It is managed by the council with the Country side management Service.



What animals live there?

There are grazing cows, beetles and moths, spider and birds on trees, butterfly moths, beautiful flowers and 250 varieties of plants.

What is there?

The physical feature of Croxley moor are grassland trees, woods and rivers.

The common moor speciality is the green woodpecker. It can be seen throughout the year.



HOMEWORK

Name: Anannya Date: _____

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning letters and sounds and how to build simple words. Letters are introduced in a certain order and here is sets 6 and 7. Check that your child knows these sounds. Ask your child to copy the letters, trying to stay within the boxes.

Letters	j	v	w	x	y	z	zz	qu
Copy	j	v	w	x	y	z	zz	qu

The following words contain the letters above and those from sets 1 to 5. Point out the new sounds 'y', 'z', 'qu' and the vowel sounds 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u'. Try to think of other words that rhyme with each word. Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word. Let your child copy each word twice, then see if they can write it without copying. Use the final column to correct any mistakes or to test each group of words. Thank you for your help.

(list 0:8)	Practise 1 (copy into space)	Practise 2 (copy again)	Practise 3 (fold and hide)	Can spell word (check and correct)
yap	Y a P	Y a P	Y a P	correct
yes	Y e s	Y e s	Y e s	yes
yell	Y e l l	Y e l l	Y e l l	Y e l l
yum	Y u m	Y u m	Y u m	Y u m

zap	Z a P	Z a P	Z a P	Z a P
zip	Z i P	Z i P	Z i P	Z i P
fizz	F i z z	F i z z	F i z z	F i z z
buzz	B u z z	B u z z	B u z z	B u z z

quack	Q u a c k	Q u a c k	Q u a c k	Q u a c k
quick	Q u i c k	Q u i c k	Q u i c k	Q u i c k
quit	Q u i t	Q u i t	Q u i t	Q u i t
quiz	Q u i z	Q u i z	Q u i z	Q u i z

Advice for parents during coronavirus

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Here is some advice to help:



RED

If your child has any of the following:

- Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to the touch
- Has pauses in their breathing (apnoeas), has an irregular breathing pattern or starts **grunting**
- Severe difficulty in breathing becoming agitated or unresponsive
- Is going blue round the lips
- Has a fit/seizure
- Becomes extremely distressed (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused, very lethargic (difficult to wake) or unresponsive
- Develops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass test')
- Has testicular pain, especially in teenage boys

You need urgent help:

Go to the nearest A&E department or phone 999



AMBER

If your child has any of the following:

- Is finding it hard to breathe including drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs (**recession**) or **head bobbing**
- Seems dehydrated (dry mouth, sunken eyes, no tears, drowsy or passing less urine than usual)
- Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up) - especially if they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming down
- Has extreme shivering or complains of muscle pain
- Babies under 3 months of age with a temperature above 38°C / 100.4°F
- Infants 3-6 months of age with a temperature above 39°C / 102.2°F
- For all infants and children with a fever above 38°C for more than 5 days.
- Is getting worse or if you are worried
- Has persistent vomiting and/or persistent severe abdominal pain
- Has blood in their poo or wee
- Any limb injury causing reduced movement, persistent pain or head injury causing persistent crying or drowsiness

You need to contact a doctor or nurse today.


Please ring your GP surgery or call NHS 111 - dial 111

The NHS is working for you. However, we recognise during the current coronavirus crisis at peak times, access to a health care professional may be delayed. If symptoms persist for 4 hours or more and you have not been able to speak to either a GP or 111, then take your child to the nearest A&E



GREEN

If none of the above features are present

- You can continue to provide your child care at home. Information is also available on NHS Choices
- Additional **advice** is available to families for coping with crying of well babies 
- Additional **advice** is available for children with complex health needs and disabilities.

Self care

Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 - dial 111