



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Feeling Good Week Bid - Successful

I am happy to inform parents that we have been successful in our bid for funding to help raise awareness for mental health by celebrating Feeling Good Week. Feeling Good Week is taking place from **Monday 10th February to Sunday 16th February 2020**. The Hertfordshire wide event encourages schools and the wider community to promote children and young people's emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of mental health and showing where support can be accessed within the community. We will be running some projects in school.

This is our third consecutive year of being successful and being able to help raise awareness about this important issue.

Hertfordshire SEN Offer

I would like to make parents aware of how they can gain access to the Hertfordshire Special Education Needs offer. The offer has information that will be useful to parents who want to find out about SEN. Please click on the link here to access the website.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer-beta/the-local-offer-hertfordshire.aspx>

The website will officially be launched on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

Nursery Open Day

We are holding our second Nursery Open Day on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 2:00pm. This is for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that are due to start Nursery in September 2020.

Reception Class – September 2020

The on-line application system for Reception – September 2020, is now open and closes on Wednesday 15th January 2020. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 that they must apply for a place in a Reception class, starting September 2020.

Nursery parents are reminded that pupils do not automatically transfer into Reception and they need to apply for a place.



Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 17th January 2020	Year 6 Rowan	Martin Luther King
Friday 24th January 2020	Year 6 Elm	Chinese New Year
Friday 31st January 2020	Year 6 Birch	Charles Dickens
Friday 7th February 2020	Year 5 Elder	Well being
Friday 14th February 2020	Year 5 Chestnut	Valentine
Half Term		
Friday 28th February 2020	Year 4 Mulberry	Shrove Tuesday
Friday 6th March 2020	Year 4 Cedar	World Book Day
Friday 13th March 2020	Year 3 Pine	St Patrick's Day
Friday 20th March 2020	Year 3 Aspen	Mother's Day
Friday 27th March 2020	Year 2 Hawthorn	Easter
Friday 3rd April 2020	Year 2 Hazel	Resourcefulness/Awards Assembly

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the application form from Hertfordshire County Council – Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

PE Kits

A number of children did not have their PE kits in school this week. PE lessons take place every week and children need to bring the correct PE kit to school. Pupils can leave their kit in school until half term, when it can be taken home to be washed.

Collection of Children from School

A reminder to parents, children are not allowed to be collected by older siblings who are under the age of 16. In addition, the school must be notified by parents if another person is collecting their child. The school will not release pupils unless we have specific instruction from parents to do so.

Holywell Charter and Star Certificates

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	Moriah	Amelia	Mulberry	Tiana	Sara S
Red Base	Rabail	Jay Jay	Cedar	Ammar	Nicola
Sycamore	Zeaga	Khalid	Chestnut	Danae	Ada
Maple	Enzo	Antonia	Elder	Wilan	Chloe
Hawthorn	Alex	Kimberley	Elm	Chloe	Olivia
Hazel	Adam	Lara	Rowan	Rachel	Gaby
Pine	Kyran	Zain	Birch	Keren	Wiyam
Aspen	Amelia	Timotei			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	87%	Pine	93%
Blue Base	93%	Mulberry	95%
Red Base	93%	Cedar	96%
Maple	98%	Chestnut	95%
Sycamore	92%	Elder	97%
Hawthorn	96%	Birch	94%
Hazel	93%	Elm	95%
Aspen	96%	Rowan	94%

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is:

94.4 %

Attendance and Punctuality

Best classes in the whole school for attendance and punctuality last week were:

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Maple	KS1: Sycamore
KS2 : Elder	KS2: Aspen, Elder



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

JANUARY 2020

- Monday 13th January 2020 – Morning and After School clubs start
- Monday 13th January 2020 – Football Match against St Anthony's RC School – away
- Tuesday 14th January 2020 – Oral Health session for Reception pupils
- Tuesday 14th January 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
- Tuesday 14th January 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
- Wednesday 15th January 2020 – Reception applications for September 2020 close
- Wednesday 15th January 2020 – Nursery Open Day at 2:00 pm
- Wednesday 15th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
- Wednesday 15th January 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
- Thursday 16th January 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
- Thursday 16th January 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming
- Friday 17th January 2020 – Whole school assembly at 9:05 am – Parents invited
- Monday 20th January 2020 – Bikeability courses
- Tuesday 21st January 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
- Tuesday 21st January 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
- Tuesday 21st January 2020 – Netball Match against Lanchester School – away
- Wednesday 22nd January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
- Wednesday 22nd January 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
- Thursday 23rd January 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming
- Thursday 23rd January 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
- Friday 24th January 2020 – Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
- Monday 27th January 2020 – Netball Match against Chater school – away
- Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
- Tuesday 28th January 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
- Thursday 30th January 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Year 5 Greek Workshop
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – Netball Match against Chater Junior School – away
- Friday 31st January 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Netball Match St Anthony’s RC School – away

Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited

Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Governors Meeting at 6:30 pm

Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Year 1 Kings and Queens workshop

Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons

Thursday 6th February 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming

Thursday 6th February 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Friday 7th February 2020 – Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited

Friday 7th February 2020 – Year 4 Indus Valley Workshop

Monday 10th February 2020 – Netball Match against Chlore Shalom school – away

Monday 10th to Friday 14th February 2020 – FEELING GOOD WEEK

Monday 10th to Friday 14th February 2020 – Festival of Learning Week

Monday 10th February - Herts Young Minds workshops in school, part of Feeling Good week

Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Herts Young Minds workshops in school – Forest Skills, part of Feeling Good Week

Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Parents Evening – 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Wednesday 12th February 2020 – EYFS and KS1 Holywell Olympics, part of Feeling Good Week

Wednesday 12th February 2020 – KS2 Master Chef, part of Feeling Good week

Wednesday 12th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 12th February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 13th February 2020 – KS2 Holywell Olympics, part of Feeling Good Week

Thursday 13th February 2020 – EYFS and KS1 Master Chef, part of Feeling Good Week

Thursday 13th February 2020 - Year 3 Pine Swimming

Thursday 13th February 2020 – Parent Evening – 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday 13th January 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons

Friday 14th February 2020 - Whole School assembly (9:05) – Parents invited

Friday 14th February 2020 – Holywell has Talent, part of Feeling Good Week

Monday 17th February 2020 – Friday 21st February 2020 – Half Term

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Netball Match against Knutsford – home

Tuesday 25th February - Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Year 4 Cedar Trip to Parliament

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Netball Match against Knutsford School – home

Wednesday 26th February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Wednesday 26th February 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons

Wednesday 26th February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Thursday 27th February 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 27th February 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 28th February 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Friday 28th February 2020 – Last day to apply for Nursery September 2020

MARCH 2020

Monday 2nd March 2020 – Year 7 September 2020 – Allocation Day
Monday 2nd March 2020 to Friday 7th March 2020 – Assessment Week
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
Thursday 5th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 6th March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Monday 9th March 2020 – Nursery September 2020 – Allocation Day
Tuesday 10th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 10th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 11th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 11th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 12th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 12th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 13th March 2020 - Whole school Assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 19th March 2020 - Year 4 Swimming – Aspen class
Thursday 19th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 20st March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Governors Meeting 6:30 pm
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 26th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 26th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 27th March 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Monday 30th March 2020 – Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 31st March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 31st March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele lessons
Thursday 2nd April 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 2nd April 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 3rd April 2020 - Whole school presentation assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Friday 3rd April 2020 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 3rd April 2020 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm

ENRICHMENT DAYS

Monday 20th January 2020 - Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day
Friday 25th January 2020 - Burns Night
Friday 25th January 2020- Chinese New Year
Monday 27th January 2020 - Holocaust Memorial Day
Friday 7 February 2020 - Charles Dickens' birthday
Monday 10 February 2020- Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)
Wednesday 12 February 2020 - Darwin Day
Friday 14th February 2020 - Valentine's Day
Tuesday 25th February 2020 - Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 26th February 2020 - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
Sunday 1st March 2020 - Women's History Month
Sunday 1st March 2020 - St David's Day
Thursday 5th March 2020 World Book Day
Friday – 6th March 2020 - British Science Week begins
Sunday 8th March 2020 - International Women's Day
Tuesday 10th March 2020 - Holi Purim
Saturday 14th March 2020 - Pi Day
Tuesday 17th March 2020 - St Patrick's Day
Saturday – 21st March 2020 - World Poetry Day
Sunday 22nd March 2020 - World Water Day
Sunday – 22nd March 2020 - Mother's Day
Sunday 22nd March 2020 - Isra and Mi'raj
Wednesday 1st April 2020 - April Fool's Day
Thursday 2nd April 2020 - World Autism Awareness Day
Sunday 5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday
Tuesday 7th April 2020 - World Health Day
Wednesday 8th April 2020 - Passover
Thursday – 9th April 2020 - Maundy Thursday
Friday 10th April 2020 - Good Friday
Sunday 12th April 2020 - Easter Sunday
Monday 13th April 2020 - Easter Monday
Tuesday 21st April 2020 - Yom HaShoah
Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - Earth Day
Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - Stephen Lawrence Day
Thursday 23rd April 2020 - St George's Day
Thursday 23rd April 2020 - Shakespeare's birthday
Friday 24th April 2020 - Ramadan begins
Friday 1st May 2020 - May Day

Sunday 3rd May 2020 - World Press Freedom Day
Wednesday 6th May 2020 - Bike to School Day
Saturday 23rd May 2020 - Ramadan
Sunday 24th May 2020 - Eid ul-Fitr begins
Friday 5th June 2020 - World Environment Day
Saturday 6th June 2020 - Anniversary of D-Day
Monday 8th June 2020 - World Oceans Day
Thursday 11th June 2020 - Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday
Saturday 20th June 2020 - World Refugee Day
Sunday 21st June 2020 - Father's Day
Monday 22nd June 2020 - Windrush Day
Friday 31st July 2020 - Eid ul-Adha



ESOL Course (Mixed Levels)

Do you want to improve your English language skills?

This course can support you to:

- Talk to the school staff
- Find out more about your children's education
 - Develop your writing skills
 - Make new friends
- Learn more about your local community

Our English course is open to women and men

Dates: 10/01/2020 to 27/03/2020

Days: Fridays

Time: 9.30 to 11.30

Venue: Chater Junior School WD18 0WN

Admin Fees: £ 15.00

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