



Holywell Primary School

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Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy term, and with one week to go there is still a lot happening before school closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 20th December 2019. We would like to remind parents that the children in Nursery finish at 12:00 midday and the rest of the school at 1:30 pm.

School restarts for pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Monday 6th is an INSET day and only teachers are in school on that day.

Football Match

Yesterday the boys football team played Bromet School in their league game. Despite the awful weather conditions the boys managed to keep the score to 1-1 until half way through the second half.

Unfortunately the boys ended up losing but showed excellent resilience and kept going despite not having their usual defenders as they were ill! Man of the match goes to Luke for stepping in and becoming a defender and for keeping positive all through the game. Also, a big well done to Haaris for his excellent goal.



Operation Encompass

Please find attached to this newsletter information about the new ENCOMPASS campaign. Operation Encompass is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience domestic abuse.



Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to inform you that we raised £309.47 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause.



Donations

I would like to thank parents for their donations of chocolate this week for the Christmas Fair and for the donations received the previous two weeks. We had a fantastic response, everyone has been very generous. Please remember the fair is taking place on Tuesday 17th December 2019 between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm.



Christmas Dinner Day

Pupils are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 18th December 2019 for Christmas dinner day. Please note this is not a non-uniform day and pupils need to wear their school uniform.



Rocksteady Concert

The children had a great time yesterday watching the Rocksteady Concert. This was a performance by pupils who have been taking music lessons with Rocksteady. Everyone in the audience agreed that they were amazing. Well done to all our performers.



We have a vacancy in our School Kitchen for a part-time General Catering Assistant to start in January. If you are interested in applying or require further information, please collect an application pack from the school office or apply on line at -



www.teachinherts.com

Reception Class 2020

The on-line application system for Reception – September 2020 is now open and closes on Friday 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.

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 from Hertfordshire County Council - Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December 2019

Today was Christmas Jumper Day, in support of the Charity 'Save the Children'. Thank you to everyone for their support, we will let you know how much we raised in the newsletter next week.



KS 1 Nativity

Please see below for dates and times of the KS1 Nativity. We have no tickets left for the performance on Wednesday 18th December 2019 in the evening, but we have tickets for both performances on Thursday 19th at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Parents are reminded that we do not allow children at the evening performances. Pupils from Holywell Primary School will see the performance in school on Thursday 19th December 2019.

Parents with pre-school aged children are asked to make arrangements for their children, or to come to the Nativity performance on Thursday 19th December at 11:00 am.

Keeping children safe online over the holidays

No doubt some of our children have asked for some form of internet-enabled tech for Christmas and/or will be spending more time online during the festive season.

Below are two useful links to help parents and careers to make sure children and young people are safer online, over the Christmas period and beyond.

[*The Internet of Things: 9 ways of making your connected home more secure*](#)

[*Seasonal Netiquette: 5 new parenting rules for screen time and tech when families gather*](#)

Holywell Star and Charter Certificates					
Class	Star Learner of the Week award	Charter Certificate	Class	Star Learner of the Week award	Charter Certificate
Sycamore	Aaron	Riley	Maple	Lily-Rae	Adam
Hawthorn	Corey-John	Robert	Hazel	Hailea	Taylor
Pine	Summer	Maddison	Aspen	Stefan	Christopher
Mulberry	Momna	Arshaq	Cedar	Adaeze	Ibrahim
Chestnut	Bright	Eduarda	Elder	Brooke	Sabreen
Elm	Romeo	Rita	Rowan	Navaneeth	Thabo
Birch	Vamika	Leighton			

Attendance by Class			
Last week's attendance by class:			
Nursery	84%	Pine	93%
Blue	89%	Mulberry	97%
Red	83%	Cedar	96%
Maple	97%	Chestnut	79%
Sycamore	92%	Elder	79%
Hawthorn	95%	Birch	92%
Hazel	95%	Elm	96%
Aspen	93%	Rowan	89%

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Maple	KS1: Maple & Hazel
KS2: Elder	KS2: Aspen

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance for the academic year till last Friday is

94.6%



Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30 pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15 am

Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance – 9:30am

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Presentation Assembly

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 11:00am

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 2 parents - 2:00pm

Friday 20th December 2019 – Nursery AM only. Closes at 12:00 midday

Friday 20th December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020 – Christmas break

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 – INSET Day, school closed for pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – First day back of Spring Term

ENRICHMENT DAYS

Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah