



# Holywell Primary School

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the conclusion of the half term, I would like to wish everyone a restful week off and thank all parents for their ongoing support. The teachers have had a long week with two late evenings but nevertheless, as always, they turned up well prepared and ready for each day. Thank you to all. It has been a busy week at Holywell Primary School with Feeling Good Week, teachers from Spain visiting and many other activities and trips going on. All staff made contributions to these great opportunities that we offer pupils. Thank you all and have a good half term break.

## Feeling Good Week



Feeling Good Week is an initiative run by Hertfordshire County Council to raise awareness about Mental Health in Children. We have celebrated this important event for the past 3 years and each year its just keeps getting bigger and better. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Bahirathan for her effort in organising the events for the week. I would

also like to extend a thank you Michaela and Rachael from the PTA. They have played a big part in making this a success for us each year not just by dedicating their time but also by supporting activities financially. The activities this year included workshops delivered by Herts Mind, Trampolining, Forest skills, Sports, Holywell's Got Talent and even a Bake Off. In conjunction with this, we have also had a Walk and Talk Day organised by Miss Clark. All these activities are so important for our pupils and I think the advice given by Herts Mind to Year 6 on Monday is pertinent to good mental health.

**1 - Keep Active**

**2- Take notice**

**3 - Connect**

**4 - Give**

**5 - Keep learning**

## Daily Mile

Last week we reintroduced the Daily Mile to children. The aim of the Daily Mile is to get children active during the school day. The event is a fully-inclusive, free and simple initiative which improves the physical and mental health of children with the main aim of improving their focus. Most classes have made a start and I am sure as the weather continues to get better we will see more and more classes outside on the field.



## Athletics

After coming second in the athletics competition a few weeks ago, the Year 5 and Year 6 girls Athletics Team were invited to compete in the sports hall finals at Queens' School. The girls showed fantastic determination and skill throughout the event. They faced some tough competition and finished the day in 4th place. Well done to all girls involved!

## Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
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

## Festivals of Learning

Thank you to the parents who attended Festivals of Learning this week. We had a good turnout of parents come and look at showcases of their children's learning.

## Walk and Talk Day

Adults and children were encouraged to connect and build positive relationships by having an engaging conversation on the way to and from school. The Year 4 reporters recorded topics ranging from how snow is formed to the differences between modern and traditional children's toys. Thank you for joining in this event.



## Parents' Evening

We had a great turn out for Parents' Evening this week. Thank you to all the parents who attended meetings with their child's class teacher. If you have not yet seen your child's class teacher please touch base with them and make an appointment. We want to meet all parents and give them feedback about their children's progress since the last meeting and share their next steps with you.

## Half Term

We would like to remind you that school will be closed from Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February 2020 inclusive for half term. The school closes today at normal time.

## Pancake Sale

We will be having a Pancake Sale on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 3:15 pm. Please can you donate pancakes by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Toppings will be provided. All money raised will go towards developing our playground.



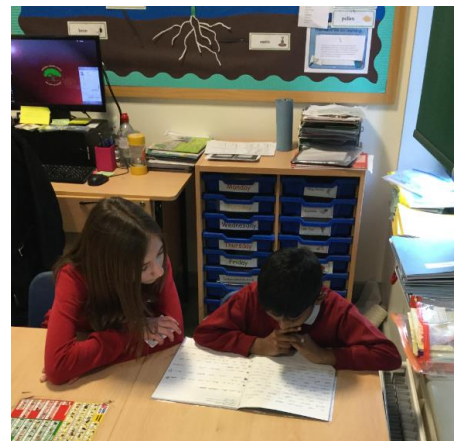
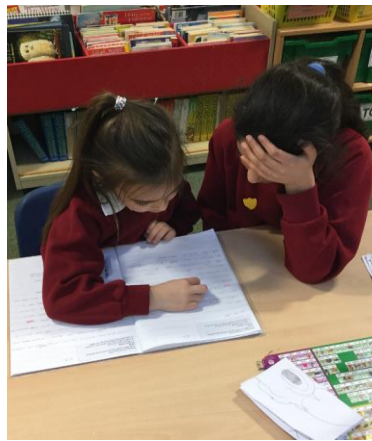
## Nursery Admissions for September 2020

The Nursery application process for September 2020 is co-ordinated and administered by the school. The on-line application process for Nursery places at Holywell Primary School is now open for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. If you require any assistance please contact the school office.

Applications close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and places are allocated to parents on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## Internet Safety Day

Internet Safety Day was on Tuesday 11th February 2020 but as we've had a very busy week with 'Feeling Good Week' we celebrated last Friday. Every class in the school was given a book that had an E-safety theme. We looked at: Penguin Pig, Troll Stinks and Once Upon a Time Online. The children then created their own online safety books. After writing these, we shared them with a class and both classes were able to sit with each other and read their stories. This was a great opportunity to practise our reading and for children to share their understanding on how to be safe online. We got to share this further in our Festival of Learning this week.



## 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	Matthew	Ashley	Mulberry	Chloe C	Terrence
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	Ammar	Lois
Sycamore	Radhiya	Valentina	Chestnut	Mahi	Areeba
Maple	Adam	Skyla	Elder	Chloe	Rajak
Hawthorn	Ritesh	Lacey	Elm	Anjali	Olivia
Hazel	Harvey J	Lara	Rowan	Luke	Paulina
Pine	Summer	Hasnain	Birch	Zainab	Ebrima
Aspen	Sofia	David			

### Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	94%	Pine	98%
Blue Base	91%	Mulberry	99%
Red Base	90%	Cedar	97%
Maple	92%	Chestnut	98%
Sycamore	92%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	98%	Birch	97%
Hazel	96%	Elm	98%
Aspen	97%	Rowan	96%

### Whole School Attendance

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

**94.3 %**

### Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Hazel
KS2: Mulberry	KS2: Cedar



# Dates for your Diary

## SPRING TERM

### FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 – Half Term  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Netball Match against Knutsford – home  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Year 4 Cedar Trip to Parliament  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Netball Match against Knutsford School – home  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Girls Athletics at Queens' School  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Last day to apply for Nursery September 2020

### MARCH 2020

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 – Year 7 September 2020 – Allocation Day  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Assessment Week  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Gymnastics at Watford Girls  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Nursery September 2020 – Allocation Day  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Festival of Learning Week  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 - Whole school presentation assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – Nursery finishes at midday  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm



## ENRICHMENT DAYS:

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - [Ash Wednesday \(Lent begins\)](#)
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 - [Women's History Month](#)
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 - [St David's Day](#)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 [World Book Day](#)
- Friday – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - [British Science Week begins](#)
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - [International Women's Day](#)
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - [Holi Purim](#)
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - [Pi Day](#)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - [St Patrick's Day](#)
- Saturday – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 - [World Poetry Day](#)
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - [World Water Day](#)
- Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - [Mother's Day](#)
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - [Isra and Mi'raj](#)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 - [April Fool's Day](#)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 - [World Autism Awareness Day](#)
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Palm Sunday](#)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [World Health Day](#)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Passover](#)
- Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Maundy Thursday](#)
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Good Friday](#)
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Easter Sunday](#)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Easter Monday](#)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 - [Yom HaShoah](#)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 - [Earth Day](#)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 - [Stephen Lawrence Day](#)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 - [St George's Day](#)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 - [Shakespeare's birthday](#)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [Ramadan begins](#)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 - [May Day](#)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 – [World Press Freedom Day](#)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – [Bike to School Day](#)
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 – [Ramadan](#)
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – [Eid ul-Fitr begins](#)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – [World Environment Day](#)
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – [Anniversary of D-Day](#)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – [World Oceans Day](#)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – [Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday](#)
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – [World Refugee Day](#)
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020 – [Father's Day](#)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 – [Windrush Day](#)
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 – [Eid ul-Adha](#)



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Apply  
**NOW** for  
your nursery  
place

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**1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**

You can apply for a nursery school place for  
September 2020 **NOW!**

visit our website to apply

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closing date is: **28th February 2020 at 9.00 am**

We also offer 30 hours **Free** Childcare

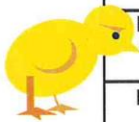
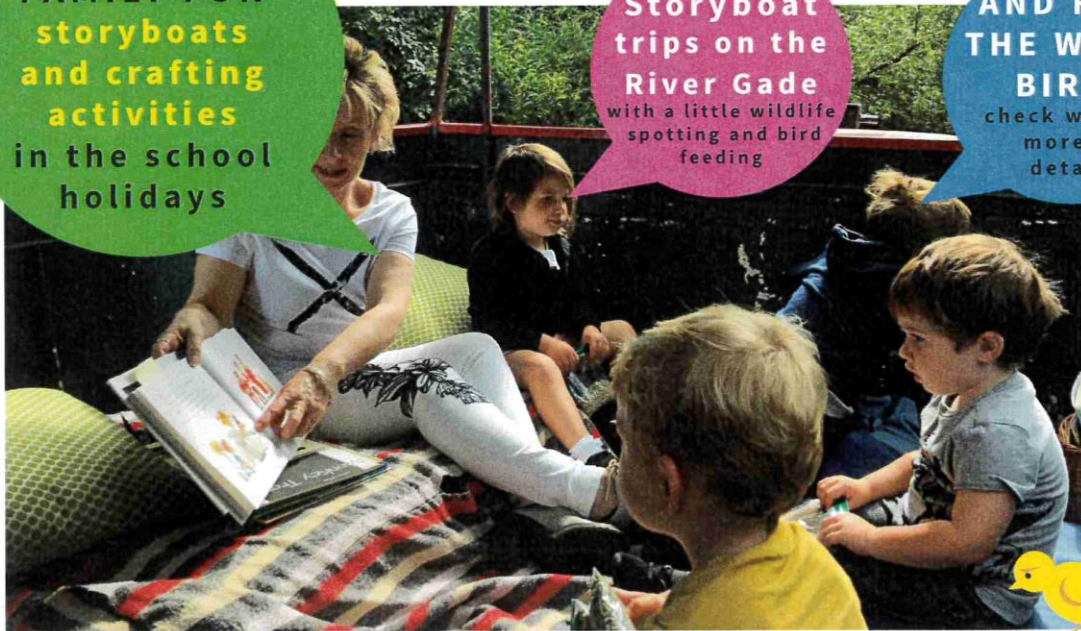
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**FROGMORE  
FAMILY FUN**  
storyboats  
and crafting  
activities  
in the school  
holidays

**Storyboat  
trips on the  
River Gade**  
with a little wildlife  
spotting and bird  
feeding

**AND FEED  
THE WATER  
BIRDS**  
check website  
more for  
details



<b>HALF TERM</b> 18th 19th 20th February	<b>DROP-IN</b> crafting activity - select a birdhouse and use our workstations to decorate it with fancy papers, feathers, glitter, stickers and more. Then take it home and hang it up. <small>No need to book. 10am-12 and 1-3pm. £9 per birdhouse project.</small>	10-midday or 1-3pm
<b>EASTER</b> 8th 9th 14th 16th April	<b>DROP-IN</b> - Crafting activity. Decorate a bunny or an egg, then use our creative workstations to decorate it with fancy papers, feathers, glitter, stickers and more. <small>Book in advance to secure a place as spaces limited to 12 passengers. 10am-12 and 1-3pm. £5 per person</small>	10-midday or 1-3pm
<b>EASTER</b> 8th 15th April	<b>STORYBOAT</b> - Seasonal tales on our boat as we go along the River Gade and join the canal. Wildlife spotting, waterfowl feeding and hopefully some chicks. <small>Book in advance to secure a place as spaces limited to 12 passengers. 11am-12 and 2-3pm. £5 per person.</small>	11-midday or 2-3pm
<b>WHITSUN</b> 27th May	<b>STORYBOAT</b> - Animal tales on our boat as we go along the River Gade and join the canal. Wildlife spotting and water bird feeding. <small>Book in advance to secure a place as spaces are limited to 12 passengers. 11am-12 and 2-3pm. £5 per person</small>	11-midday or 2-3pm
<b>SUMMER</b> 7th 10-14th 17-21st 24-28th August	<b>DROP-IN</b> - Summer crafting. Projects to do and decorate and take the masterpieces home. Themed blanks will be for sale. We supply the materials, you have fun decorating. <small>No need to book. 10am-12 and 1-3pm. £9 per session.</small>	10-midday or 1-3pm
<b>SUMMER</b> 4th 11th 18th 25th August	<b>STORYBOAT</b> - Animal tales on our boat as we go along the River Gade and join the canal. Wildlife spotting and water bird feeding. <small>Book in advance to secure a place as spaces are limited to 12 passengers. 11am-12 and 2-3pm. £5 per person</small>	11-midday or 2-3pm
<b>HALLOWEEN</b> 29th October	<b>STORYBOAT</b> - Spooky tales on our spooky boat with our spooky crew. Join us if you dare! Aimed at 4-10 year olds so not that scary! <small>Book in advance to secure a place as spaces limited to 12 passengers. 11am-12 and 2-3pm. £5 per person</small>	11-midday or 2-3pm
<b>CHRISTMAS</b> 16th 17th December	<b>STORYBOAT</b> - Santa Special with helpers to tell the tales and skipper the boat down the river. Fun creative gifts for the children plus hot chocolate/mulled wine* on return. <small>Book in advance to secure, as boats are limited to 12 passengers, plus crew. 1 adult &amp; 1 child £18, 1 adult and 2 children £33. We aim to give gifts children are happy to receive and use. No cuddly toys! *Mulled wine for the adults only!!!</small>	evening 4-5pm



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