



Holywell Primary School

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Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

Road Safety

It seems timely that Road Safety Week is next week after writing in the newsletter last week about the dangerous crossing of Tolpits Lane. I am disappointed to say that this week I still saw some parents cross Tolpits Lane without using the pedestrian crossing by the lights. Parents are urged to cross the road by the lights for the safety of Holywell Primary School community, and the wider local community who use the road. There will be a number of activities taking place in school around road safety. Separate letters have been sent out to the year groups this pertains to.



General Election

We would like to remind parents that the school is to be used as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019. The school will remain open as usual for pupils. The Olympic Hall will be out of use on that day; we are able to securely lock off the Olympic Hall area so there will be no way that the polling station can interfere with the usual day to day running of the school.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. The pupils took part in an assembly and workshop delivered by the Bigfoot Theatre Company.



Acceptable Use Policy

Each year we look at our acceptable use of ICT in school. We have a policy that sets out what is and what is not acceptable. I have attached a copy of the policy to this newsletter. This will give parents an opportunity to read through the policy and discuss it with their children over the weekend. On Monday we will send out a survey which asks parents to acknowledge they have read and discussed it. We will also discuss this with pupils in school next week. The policy is only appropriate for pupils from Year 3 up to Year 6.

Cornet Lessons - Year 4

I am pleased to inform you that all children in Year 4 will soon start Cornet Lessons. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn to play a musical instrument. Group lessons will be delivered to pupils in Year 4 on a Wednesday morning.



NATO Convention

Please see the information attached from Hertfordshire Constabulary about the NATO Convention that will be held at The Grove Hotel on the 4th December 2019. The roads in this immediate vicinity will be closed and this might affect staff and parents bringing their children to school. Please check in advance and look at alternative routes if the closed roads affect you. Please also leave earlier to avoid getting stuck, as I am sure there will be many diversions in and around Watford that will no doubt cause delays.



Smart Watches

We would like to remind you that pupils are not allowed to wear Smart Watches to school.

Year 6 - Hockey at Queens' School

Children in Year Six represented the school in the hockey tournament this week held at Queens's School in Bushey. They have been training hard during their lunch times and managed to win one of their games 6 -0 against Fairfield School with excellent goals from Dani and Thabo. Unfortunately they lost their other games by a narrow margin.

School Health - Year 6

On Tuesday 19th November, School Health will be here to meet with the children in Year 6.

Reception Class – September 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. At Holywell Primary School we will have two Open Days, Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 9:30 am and Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 2:00 pm. During these sessions parents will be able meet the Headteacher, the Leader of Early Years Foundation Stage and have a tour of the school.

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.

Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 22nd November	Year 2 Hawthorn	Road Safety
Friday 29th November	Year 2 Hazel	St Andrew
Friday 6th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

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	-	-	Mulberry	Parneet	Sara S
Red Base	Abu B	Emma	Cedar	Megan	Murphy
Sycamore	Khalil	Cristiano	Chestnut	Ocean	Taiba
Maple	Maisey	Zainab	Elder	Ayra	Zuzanna
Hawthorn	Natasha	Simela	Elm	Zanib	Ridley
Hazel	Tyson	Peter	Rowan	Ubaid	Kadeeja
Pine	Safaa	JJ	Birch	Matei	Emily
Aspen	Esmay	Amadou			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	87%	Pine	97%
Blue Base	98%	Mulberry	92%
Red Base	98%	Cedar	95%
Maple	100%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	90%	Elder	96%
Hawthorn	95%	Birch	91%
Hazel	94%	Elm	94%
Aspen	93%	Rowan	93%

Whole School Attendance

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

94.5 %

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Maple	KS1: Red Base
KS2: Pine	KS2: Pine



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

NOVEMBER 2019

Tuesday 19th November 2019 – School Nurse to meet Year 6 and complete online questionnaires
Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Year 4 Speed Stacking at Queens School
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 9:15am
Thursday 21st November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 21st November 2019 - Rocksteady
Wednesday 27th November 2019 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 28th November 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Sweets
Friday 29th November 2019 – Christmas Decoration Day

DECEMBER 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Chocolate and drinks bottles
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 12th December 2019 - Rocksteady
Friday 13th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30pm to 5:00 pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15am
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 18th December 2019 – Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Presentation Assembly
Thursday 19th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 10:00am
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

ENRICHMENT DAYS:

Monday 18th November 2019 – Road safety Week
Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Universal Children’s Days – UN
Saturday 30th November 2019 – St Andrews Day
Monday 2nd December 2019 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Human Rights Day
Sunday 22nd December 2019 – Hanukah



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Dear Parent/Carer,

ICT, including the internet, email and mobile technologies, etc has become an important part of learning in our school. We expect all children to be safe and responsible when using any ICT at home or at school.

Please read and discuss these eSafety rules with your child and return the slip at the bottom of this page. If you have any concerns or would like some explanation please contact the school.

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Parent/ carer signature

We have discussed this and(child name) agrees to follow the eSafety rules and to support the safe use of ICT at Holywell Primary School.

Parent/ Carer Signature

Class Date



Holywell Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement / eSafety Rules

- ✓ I will only use ICT in school for school purposes.
- ✓ I will only use my own school email address when emailing.
- ✓ I will only open email attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved.
- ✓ I will not tell other people my ICT passwords.
- ✓ I will only open/delete my own files.
- ✓ I will make sure that all ICT contact with other children and adults in my school and others is responsible, polite and sensible.
- ✓ I will not deliberately look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell my teacher or adult immediately.
- ✓ I will not give out any details such as name, phone number or home address. I will not arrange to meet someone unless this is part of a school project approved by my teacher and a responsible adult comes with me.
- ✓ I will be responsible for my behaviour when using ICT because I know that these rules are to keep me safe.
- ✓ I know that my use of ICT can be checked and that my parent/ carer contacted if a member of school staff is concerned about my eSafety.

Signed (Child's Name) Date



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

You may already be aware from local press that a major meeting of heads of state will be held at the nearby Grove Hotel on Wednesday 4th December. The event, which is part of the NATO 70th Anniversary London Summit, will attract worldwide media interest.

Hertfordshire Constabulary and the Metropolitan Police Service have been liaising with the hotel and partner agencies for some considerable time, and want to reassure the community that the event will be policed proportionately.

Whilst it is inevitable that such a high profile event will cause some disruption, we aim to ensure that any impact on the local residents is kept to an absolute minimum and will be working closely with our partners to achieve this.

We are sharing information ahead of the event in order to allow residents the time to plan accordingly and mitigate the impact it may have on their day to day lives.

There will be several road closures in place for either all or part of the event's duration. Details of these are displayed on a map overleaf.

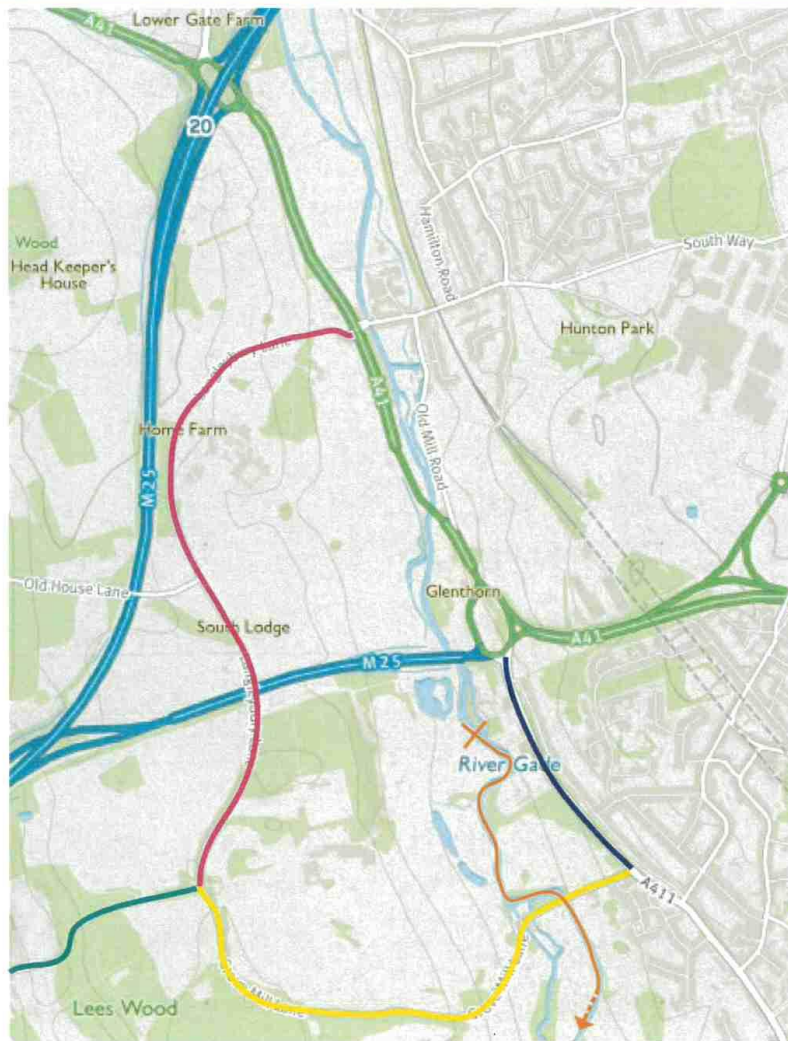
- Police officers are visiting residents and businesses who will be **inside the road closures** to discuss their individual needs face to face.
- **Emergency services** (police, fire and ambulance) will continue to have access inside the road closures at all times. Access will be arranged for essential services, such as personal carers.
- There will be a **proportionate police presence** in the vicinity of the closures to facilitate access for residents and essential services.
- Increased traffic congestion is anticipated therefore residents and visitors are asked to consider their plans, such as finding alternative means of transport or working from home.
- The flying and use of drone equipment will also be **prohibited for the duration of the event.**
- Due consideration has already been given to the impact of the event on several **businesses and organisations** outside of the road closure zone. Those affected will also be contacted in person to discuss this.

Further comprehensive information, answers to frequently asked questions and legislation concerning the road closures can be found at www.herts.police.uk/NATO

If you have any information that you believe is relevant to the police operation, please email NATO_communityqueries@herts.pnn.police.uk

Watford Borough Council: 01923 226400

Three Rivers District Council: 01923 776611



Map Key

Yellow Grove Mill Lane

Closed from 6am on Monday 2nd December to 8pm on Wednesday 4th December.

Green Fir Tree Hill and **Red** Langleybury Lane

Closed from 6am on Tuesday 3rd December to 8pm on Wednesday 4th December.

Dark Blue Hempstead Road (from Hunton Bridge roundabout to Courtlands Drive junction)

Closed from 11pm on Tuesday 3rd December to 8pm on Wednesday 4th December.

Orange The Grand Union Canal and its towpath will also be closed to both narrowboats and pedestrians from 7pm on Monday 2nd December to 8pm on Wednesday 4th December. The closure will run from Lock 74 (Lady Capels Wharf) to Lock 76 (Cassiobury Park).

All rights of way across the hotel site will be closed between 4pm on Tuesday 3rd December and 8pm on Wednesday 4th December and public access will be prohibited.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE CLOSURES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN RESPONSE TO LIVE-TIME POLICING REQUIREMENTS



Triage Team DSPL9

Supporting Children, Young People (0-25) & Families with Special Education Needs,
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In Early Years, Schools, Colleges & at Home for Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey & Radlett

**DSPL9 are pleased to be working in Partnership with the
KIDS Hubs to deliver an Education Health & Care Plan
(EHCP) New Application Workshop for Parents and Carers**

9:30am to 12.30pm, Wednesday 28th November 2019

at

**KIDS West Hub, Albanwood, Newhouse Crescent,
Watford, WD25 7BZ**

This workshop will look at:

- What is an EHCP?
- How this could help my child?
- The process and timeline for applying
- The criteria taken into consideration by the LA to agree to assess
- The application-what information and evidence to include?
- What will my child's school have to do?
- What a plan may look like?
- What happens if my child's application for assessment is refused?

**Please book a place to join us if you are considering
applying for an EHCP for your child by emailing
hub.herts@kids.org.uk or calling 01923 676549**

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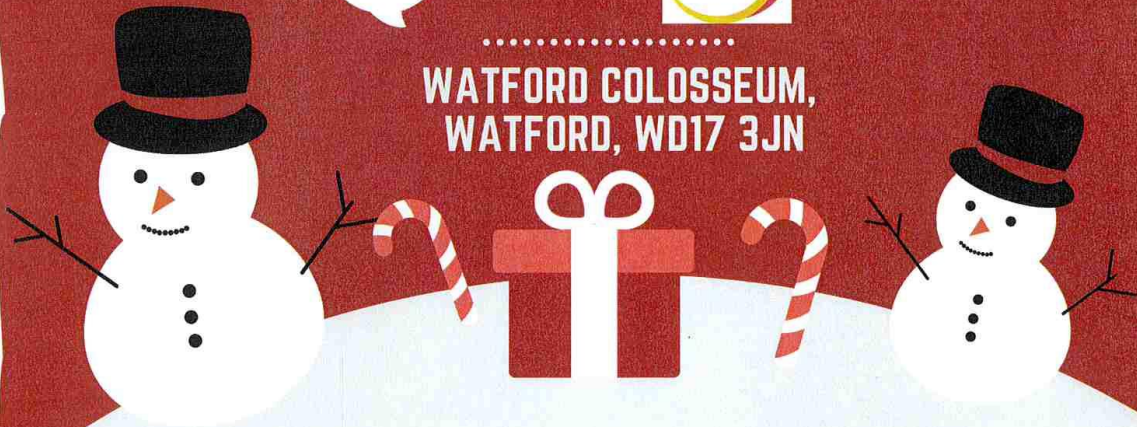
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