



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Questionnaires

I am happy to share the results of our parents' questionnaire. Thank you to all the families who have taken the time to share their views with the school. We will use these results as a way of implementing further developments in the school and to improve the provision for our pupils.

Percentage of Parents & Carers who Agree/Strongly Agree

Statement		Oct 2022
1	My child enjoys school	90%
2	My child is making good progress at this school	84%
3	My child is safe and well cared for at school	94%
4	The teaching is good at this school	92%
5	The school helps my child to communicate, read, write and in maths.	88%
6	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	90%
7	The school meets my child's needs on a daily basis	86%
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	86%
9	Behaviour in school is good	82%
10	The school deals effectively with any incidents of bullying	82%
11	The school seeks my views and takes account of my suggestions and concerns	89%
12	The school helps me to support my child's learning	86%
13	The school is well led and managed	86%
14	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	88%

* 50 Participants in the survey

Assessments

As our assessments have now concluded, I will be meeting your children's teacher to agree the next step in their learning.



Attendance

We continue to monitor the attendance and punctuality of pupils in our school.

Persistent absentees are pupils who attend school for less than 90% of the time. Evidence shows that poor attendance has a direct impact on pupils' achievement, especially as they enter their GCSE years. The curriculum is developed to be progressive so if pupils miss school days, it means they miss vital learning.

We will be writing to those parents next week whose children are falling into either of these categories. Unless your child has a high temperature or is vomiting, they should be in school.

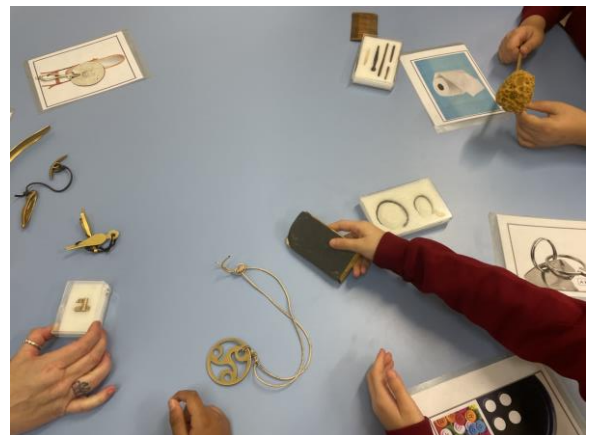
We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality and hope to see an improvement.

Y5 Trip to the Verulamium Museum

On Tuesday 15th November, Year 5 went on yet another very wet and soggy trip! Even though the weather wasn't on our side in the afternoon, we had the most wonderful time at St Albans Verulamium Museum.

We learnt all about the Romans, how they invaded Britain, what they invented and we also got to handle some real Roman artefacts (and some replicas too). We saw some intricate and wonderful mosaics inside the museum but, after lunch, we also walked to the hypocaust: a huge mosaic which taught us how wealthy Romans used underfloor heating to heat their extravagant homes.

We had a wonderful day being archaeologists and investigating about Roman life and look forward to learning more in our History lessons in school about the Roman civilisation.



Anti-Bullying

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we are looking forward to welcoming Bigfoot Theatre who will be working with children in workshops around the topic of bullying.

Braiswick Photographs

If you would like to order your child's photograph, can you please make your order by Monday 28th November.

Date for your Diary

It has now been confirmed to us that there will be an additional Bank Holiday for His Majesty's Coronation on Monday 8th May. The school will be closed on that day.

Non-Uniform Days

Thank you for all the chocolate donations we received for the Christmas Fayre. The PTA have organised another for next week, Thursday 24th November and this time ask if you could donate a "bottle" – thank you.

Children in Need

Thank you for making your donations for "Children in Need". We will be able to reveal the total amount raised next week.



Hello!



- My name is Emma Ash, I'm a trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner.
- My role at Holywell involves working with parents to support their child with any worries or behaviour problems they are experiencing.
- From February 2023 I will be running whole class groups around the topic of emotions and how best to manage them.
- I also provide wellbeing workshops to staff within the school and help with the schools overall approach to mental health and wellbeing.
- I work on Tuesdays at Holywell and I'm based in the library.
- I look forward to being part of the fabric of this diverse and multi-cultural school and to supporting the wellbeing of children, parents/carers, and staff.



Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

Star & Charter Certificates – 14th November 2022

Star Learner of the Charter Certificate		
EYFS	Hazel	Hania
Y1 Sycamore	Anaya	Kijani
Y2 Hawthorn	Kameel	Jayden
Y3 Mulberry	Mahdi	Isaiah
Y3 Rowan	Ellie	Amelia-Rose
Y4 Cedar	Patrick	Aaran
Y5 Chestnut	Iara	Izyan
Y5 Elder	David	Iniyah
Y6 Elm	Jaiyeoni	Jaida

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022
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93%

Week Commencing 7th November to 11th November 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	76%	Y3 Mulberry	96%
Reception	91%	Y4 Cedar	91%
Y1 Sycamore	96%	Y5 Chestnut	94%
Y2 Hawthorn	86%	Y5 Elder	93%
Y3 Rowan	99%	Y6 Elm	95%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y3 Rowan

JUNIOR STRING DAY

Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Watford School of Music is running a Junior String Day for all violin, viola, cello and double bass players at primary school in Year 3 and above, who are Grade 1 standard and above (you do not need to have taken the exam). Please confirm with your string teacher that this is the right String Day for you.

Please see the details below:

Venue: Watford School of Music, The Clarendon Muse, 70 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, WD18 7JA
Phone Number: 01923 225531 **Email:** watfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm **Registration:** from 9.10am **Cost:** £22.00

Concert for family and friends: 2.45pm in the Concert Hall

Please make cheques payable to 'Hertfordshire County Council' with your child's name on the reverse and return, with form, to the above address. Please note the form needs to be signed by your child's head teacher and String teacher.

Closing Date for applications: Tuesday 15th November 2022

Places on the course are limited so please apply as soon as possible.

Please note that in cases of hardship, no child will be refused a place; remission of fees is possible if applications are made in good time.

Please assume that your application has been accepted unless we contact you.

Children will need a packed lunch (please ensure that no nuts or nut products are included) and school uniform is not required.

Parking and dropping off is not allowed on the Watford Grammar School for Boys site. It is also difficult to park in the streets around the site. Please leave plenty of time for parking.

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Junior String Day

I enclose a cheque for £22.00 made payable to Hertfordshire County Council for the Watford School of Music Junior String Day on Tuesday 22nd November 2022. Please ensure child's name is on the reverse.

Student Name (please print)..... Year Group.....

Instrument: Grade/Time Learning.....

Home Tel. No. Daytime Tel. No.

School..... Headteacher's Name.....

Headteacher's Signature..... (Applications will not be accepted without Headteacher's signature)

I confirm that this is the right String Day for my student

String Teacher Signature: String Teacher Name

Parent's Name (please print)..... Parent's Signature.....

Please inform us if your child has any medical conditions we should know about:

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**FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORM
OVERLEAF.....**



