



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

Assessments

As we come to the end of our assessment period, teachers are looking at reviewing pupils' targets. These targets will be shared with pupils in the coming weeks and they will be working towards these in their learning.

Open Day - Reception September 2020

Our Open Day last Wednesday was well attended by parents who will be applying for their children to start Reception in September 2020. We have another Open Day planned for Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 2:00 pm and would like to invite parents to join if they were unable to make last week's Open Day, or if they have already attended and wish to bring a partner to see the school.

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.

Road Safety Week

This week was "Road Safety Week" and we had lots of activities taking place. In addition to our assemblies children were learning about road safety in lessons, the playground quiz, and quizzes completed in the classroom. We also raised pupils' awareness of road safety with activities like 'Bling your bike'. Thank you to Miss Clark who have organised all the activities.

We are currently in the process of organising our next round of Bikeability courses for pupils; more details will follow shortly.

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



NATO Convention – continued

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.

Non Uniform Day - Sweets

Next Thursday 28th November 2019 we are starting our collections for the Christmas Fete that is taking place on Tuesday 17th December 2019. Pupils may attend school in plain clothes if they make a contribution of sweets that will be used for the Christmas Fete. Small packs of sweets are preferable as these can be used for prizes on some of the stalls.

Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 29th November	Year 2 Hazel	St Andrew
Friday 6th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

Year 4 - Speed Stacking

On Tuesday 19th November, the children in Year Four took part in a speed stacking competition. The children worked well together and they all managed to improve their times after each round. They also showed excellent commitment and determination by practising during their lunch times!

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK will be in school on Wednesday 27th November 2019 to administer the influenza (nasal flu) vaccination. Thank you to all the parents who returned their Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent Forms.

Individual and Family Photographs

The individual and family photographs went home with children yesterday. We kindly ask you to order on line or send the proof and exact money into the school office by Friday 29th November 2019 at the latest.

E-Safety

Please find a link to acknowledge that you have read and discussed the Acceptable User Agreement with you child/children.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/59X3K8B>



We are trying this online version to save paper and photocopying, we hope parents find this format acceptable.

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.

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	Umer	Monan	Mulberry	Sarak	Richie
Red Base	Eden	Madhi	Cedar	Hassan	Margarida
Sycamore	Radu	Valentina	Chestnut	Katie	Areeba
Maple	Hannah	Harry	Elder	Zamin H	Aghness
Hawthorn	Corey	Amina	Elm	Funmi	Gabriel
Hazel	Khaira	Liban	Rowan	Jaanav	Rowan
Pine	Harley	Samuel	Birch	Nycolas	David
Aspen	Rick	David			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	87%	Pine	95%
Blue Base	93%	Mulberry	97%
Red Base	98%	Cedar	97%
Maple	99%	Chestnut	94%
Sycamore	90%	Elder	98%
Hawthorn	98%	Birch	91%
Hazel	97%	Elm	98%
Aspen	96%	Rowan	95%

Whole School Attendance

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

94.6 %

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Maple	KS1: Red Base, Maple, Sycamore, Hazel
KS2 : Elder	KS2: Cedar, Elder, Rowan



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 25th November 2019 – Football match against Russell School – home
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
Monday 2nd December 2019 – Football match against Chater Junior School – away
Tuesday 3rd December 2019 – Year 6 workshop – World War Activity Day
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Year 5 – British Museum – Hitchin
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception, September 2020 – Open Afternoon at 2:00 pm
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming
Thursday 5th December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – Chocolate and drinks bottles
Monday 9th December 2019 – Year 1 workshop – Space
Tuesday 10th December 2019 – Year 3 – Verulamium St Albans
Thursday 12th December 2019 – Polling Station for General Election
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
Monday 16th December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents at 6:00 pm
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 – 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



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.

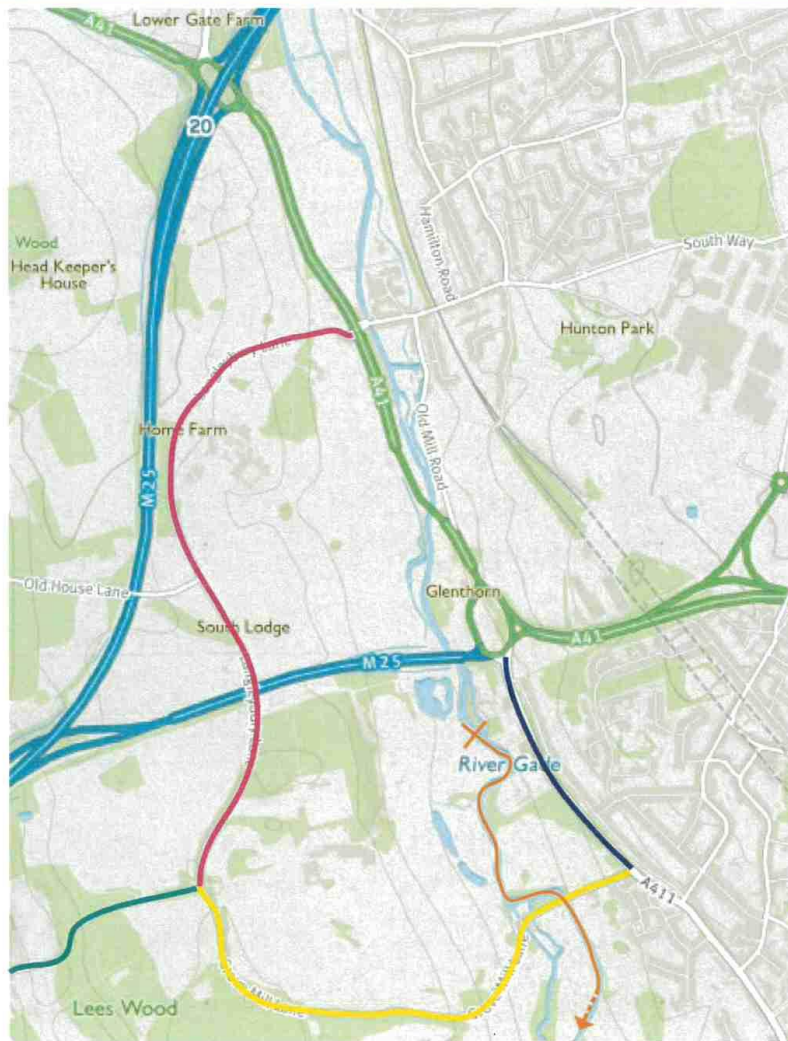
- Police officers are visiting residents and businesses who will be **inside the road closures** to discuss their individual needs face to face.
- **Emergency services** (police, fire and ambulance) will continue to have access inside the road closures at all times. Access will be arranged for essential 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).

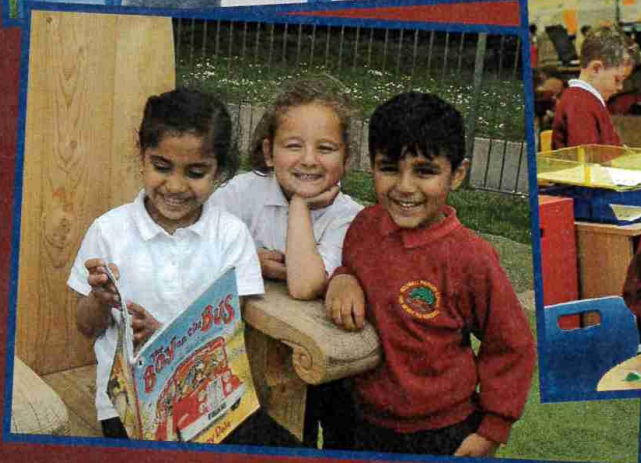
All rights of way across the hotel site will be closed between 4pm on Tuesday 3rd December and 8pm on Wednesday 4th December and public access will be prohibited.

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



HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

a local-authority community school based in West Watford



RECEPTION 2020 OPEN DAYS:

Wednesday 20th November 2019 09.30 am – 10.30 am

Wednesday 4th December 2019 02.00 pm – 03.00 pm

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Westfield Academy
Tolpits Lane, Watford, Herts, WD18 6NS

- DECLUTTER AND MAKE SOME £££s
- KEEP 100% OF YOUR TAKINGS!

STALLS SELL OUT WELL AHEAD OF THE EVENT, SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
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Come and meet the original Gangsta Granny

**Actress Gilly Tompkins becomes
Granny and reads from David
Walliams bestselling book, followed
by a craft session.**

Saturday 30th November:

Harpenden Library 10.00 - 11.00am

Hitchin Library 2.30 - 3.30pm

Sunday 1st December:

Watford Library 1.30 - 2.30pm

Tickets: £3.00 per person, available in the library and online

