



Holywell Primary School

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23 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Jeans for Genes Day

I would like to thank all of you who have made donations for the Jeans for Genes Day today.

Read, Write, Inc Parents' Information Session

We had our first of three information sessions for parents yesterday where Mrs Lazar introduced the new phonics scheme we will be using in school. Further sessions which will be held in the KS1 (Infant Hall) are listed below.

Meeting 2 – Thursday 29 September 2022 at 2.45pm – Fred Talk (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3). Fred Talk is how we teach children to blend sounds into words.

Meeting 3 – Thursday 6 October 2022 at 2.45pm – Set 1 Sounds (Reception and Y1). How we teach children to read their first sounds.

Meeting 4 – Thursday 13 October at 2.45pm – Set 2 and 3 Sounds (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3) How we teach children the next group of sounds.

Year 5 Rabbi Visit

Rabbi Zvi Solomons will be visiting our Year 5 pupils next week. Rabbi Solomons will be sharing with them the Jewish religion and practices.

Can I please remind those who have not contributed for this workshop, to please do so? Without your contributions it will become more difficult to provide extra-curricular activities for our pupils.

Black History Month

Next week we will be introducing the children to Black History Month. Bigfoot Theatre Company will be visiting the school providing assemblies and workshops.



Nut Allergies/Healthy Packed Lunches

Can I please remind you that we cannot have nuts in any form in school and we ask that you do not provide any nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats. We do have members of our school community who have severe nut allergies which can develop into a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reactions.

We ask therefore that you do not provide for example:-

Peanut butter sandwiches
Chocolate spreads including Nutella
Cereal bars
Some granola bars
Cakes that contain nuts
Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
Peanut butter cakes
Some Asian food, including satay
Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it.

We do have to insist that we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

As part of our overall commitment to your child's health and wellbeing, we are asking that you do not pack any fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets or chocolates in your child's lunch boxes.

Please see below a list of food items that the children are allowed to bring in their lunch boxes.

- ❖ Sandwiches or wraps
- ❖ 1 portion of fruit
- ❖ Carrot sticks
- ❖ Cheese strips
- ❖ Raisins
- ❖ Fruit Bars
- ❖ Yoghurt or Mousse
- ❖ Pasta Salad
- ❖ Breadsticks
- ❖ A slice of sponge cake

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

Star & Charter Certificates – 23rd September 2022

	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
EYFS	Catrina	Oscar
Y1 Sycamore	Callie	Haseeb
Y2 Hawthorn	Aisha	Makanaka
Y3 Rowan	Maya	Zak S
Y3 Mulberry	Tayla-Rose	Carolina
Y4 Cedar	Zainab	Naomi
Y5 Chestnut	Anas	Aliyah
Y5 Elder	Khaira	Taylor
Y6 Elm	Zain	Katherine

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022
91%

Week Commencing 6 September - 9 September 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	45%	Y3 Mulberry	92%
Reception	97%	Y4 Cedar	97%
Y1 Sycamore	88%	Y5 Chestnut	85%
Y2 Hawthorn	97%	Y5 Elder	93%
Y3 Rowan	98%	Y6 Elm	95%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Reception & Y2 Hawthorn
Key Stage 2	Y3 Rowan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 26th September 2022	Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Big Foot Theatre
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Governors meeting (18:30)
Wednesday 28th September 2022	Big Foot Theatre
Wednesday 28th September 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 28th September 2022	Ukulele lesson (Year 5)
Wednesday 28th September 2022	Girls Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Wednesday 28th September 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 29th September 2022	Rabbi to visit Year 5
Thursday 29th September 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 29th September 2022	New Entrants meeting (11:15)
Thursday 29th September 2022	Y6 Swimming At Watford Central Swimming Pool
Thursday 29th September 2022	Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Friday 30th September 2022	Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)
Friday 30th September 2022	Year 6 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Monday 3rd October 2022	Year 5 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 4th October 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 4th October 2022	Wizard theatre in
Tuesday 4th October 2022	Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Tuesday 4th October 2022	Governors meeting (18:30)
Wednesday 5th October 2022	Cornet lessons start (Year 4)
Wednesday 5th October 2022	Ukulele lesson (Year 5)
Wednesday 5th October 2022	Girls Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Wednesday 5th October 2022	Multi Sports Morning club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 6th October 2022	Rocksteady lessons (9:00 – 12:00)
Thursday 6th October 2022	New Entrants meeting (11:15)
Thursday 6th October 2022	Y6 Swimming At Watford Central Swimming Pool
Thursday 6th October 2022	Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)
Friday 7th October 2022	Whole school assembly - parents invited (9:05)
Friday 7th October 2022	Year 6 Football club (15:30 – 16:30)