



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 25th October 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been a quiet week on the trip and competition front, but very busy nevertheless with the Festival of Learning and Parents' Evenings. All staff worked incredibly hard this first half term and deserve a break to recharge for the second half of the term. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment this half term.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. We had a good turnout and 86% of parents attended sessions over the two nights. If you were unable to attend please speak to your child's Class Teacher and arrange an appointment at a convenient time to get feedback about your child.

Parent Questionnaire

Over the two nights during Parents Evening we have collected parents' views about the school. We have had a good response so far. If you have not yet given us your views through the survey please complete the Parents Questionnaire online. We want all parents' views.

Please click this link and let us know what you think.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YYT73X3>

Festival of Learning

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Festivals of Learning. The feedback we had from parents who attended these sessions have been very positive. If you have attended a Festival of Learning session please give us your feedback here.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MWLDPZ8>

Pupils as Leaders

Year 6 will find out today who is to be Head Boy and Head Girl and also Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for 2019. This will be announced to parents in the newsletter after half term.

Family Learning

There are still spaces available for parents who want to attend the family learning sessions. The time to sign up is running out and parents should not pass up this opportunity. Please sign up as soon as possible because the sessions are starting on Thursday 7th November 2019.



Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 8 th November	Year 3 Pine	Bon Fire Night
Friday 15 th November	Year 3 Aspen	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 22 nd November	Year 2 Hawthorn	Road Safety
Friday 29 th November	Year 2 Hazel	St Andrew
Friday 6 th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13 th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

Poppy Appeal



After half term we will start selling poppies and other merchandise on behalf of the Royal British Legion. This is in aid of ex services personnel, and as in previous years, Holywell Primary School will support this great cause. The School Council will walk around the classes and pupils will have the opportunity to purchase some of the merchandise and make a donation for a poppy.

Football

On Monday 21st October 2019 our football teams from Year 5 and Year 6 played away at Kingsway Junior School. Even though results did not go our way the teams played exceptionally well and can be proud of their performance. There are a few games after half term; we will keep parents up to date with the results.

Black History Month

As parents know we celebrated Black History Month in October. I am looking forward to seeing some of the writing that the pupils have done on Black History this week; this is to be displayed in the Olympic Hall. Key Stage 1 have already had their assemblies and workshops delivered by Bigfoot theatre and Key Stage 2 will have their visit after half term.



Secondary School – September 2020

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2019** but Hertfordshire County Council recommend parents complete it by Friday 25th October 2019, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

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.

Assessment Weeks

Immediately after half term we will start our Autumn Term Assessment Weeks. In the first week the children in Year 1 will be assessed. This will be followed by the rest of the school during the second week. During this time the pupils will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Maths.

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	Bailee	Anannya	Mulberry	Haashir	Chloe C
Red Base	Ali	Muaaz	Cedar	Ammar	Bonnie
Sycamore	Esther	Naomi	Chestnut	Yaavarthan	Sofia
Maple	Mikayla	Saltiya	Elder	Kalvin	Oliver
Hawthorn	Aliyah	Reece	Elm	Zainab	Rita
Hazel	Adam	Kaleem	Rowan	Rahual	Joshua
Pine	Daniel	Kayla	Birch	Ellie	Haaris
Aspen	Katherine	Azlan			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	84%	Pine	92%
Blue Base	94%	Mulberry	93%
Red Base	97%	Cedar	98%
Maple	98%	Chestnut	97%
Sycamore	96%	Elder	100%
Hawthorn	96%	Birch	97%
Hazel	90%	Elm	97%
Aspen	99%	Rowan	92%

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: Hawthorn, Hazel
KS2: Elder	KS2: Mulberry, Elm



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

OCTOBER 2019

Thursday 31st October 2019 – Secondary School Applications for September 2020 – Close

NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 – Year 1 Assessments start

Monday 4th November 2019 – Reception Applications for September 2020 open

Monday 4th November 2019 – Poppy appeal starts

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Wizard Theatre Pantomime

Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Governors Meeting – 6:30pm

Wednesday 6th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2

Thursday 7th November 2019 – Big Foot Black History workshops – KS1 and KS2

Thursday 7th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

Thursday 7th November 2019 - Rocksteady

Monday 11th November 2019 – Whole School Assessment Week

Monday 11th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Tuesday 12th November 2019 - Wizard Theatre

Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Year 6 Hockey at Queens School

Wednesday 13th November 2019 – Big Foot – Anti Bullying Workshops – KS1 and KS2

Thursday 14th November 2019 – School Photographer - Individual and family photographs

Thursday 14th November 2019 - Rocksteady

Thursday 14th November 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming

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 – to be confirmed

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



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM -continued

DECEMBER 2019

- Monday 2nd December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Wednesday 4th December 2019 – Reception 2020 Open Day – 2:00pm – to be confirmed
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

- Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Bonfire Night
Sunday 10th November 2019 – World Science Day
Monday 11th November 2019 – Remembrance Day
Monday 11th November 2019 – Anti Bullying Week
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



Introduction to
Tabla Drumming

Saturdays 1:00-1:45pm

The Tabla Drums are from the Indian subcontinent and they are played in traditional, classical, folk and popular music.

Come along and have fun exploring music through
Tabla Drumming.

The course will be led by our specialist teacher and will run on
Saturday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November.

Great news it is completely funded, so therefore there is
no charge.

For all further information or to sign up for the course:
please email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk
or ring: 01923 225531

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Watford School of Music

Guitar Works I

Teacher: Jenny Salmon

Students Year 4 and above.

Guitar Works is a group guitar lesson for students who would like to learn basic guitar skills

You will learn at least 5 chords, a scale, and strum patterns so that you can play along to your favourite songs. All instruments will be supplied for the lessons. You will need your own guitar to play at home.

Thursdays, 4.00-5.00pm

At Watford School of Music

£43 per term

(Term time only)

For more information please call 01923 225531

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Guitar Works II

Teacher: Jenny Salmon

Students Year 5 and above.

Guitar Works II is a group guitar lesson for the more intermediate guitar players who would like to develop their skills further.

For this level you will need to be players comfortable with at least 5 chords and changing with ease.

You will learn to play along in groups, develop your improvisation skills and maybe even write your own tunes!

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