



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a good week, with everyone back into their routine after the half term break. We also narrowly escaped the snow.

Coronavirus

Yesterday we forwarded to all parents information which we received from Hertfordshire County Council and The Public Health England Health Protection Team regarding the virus and its containment. Advice to schools is still the same and has not changed. We will keep parents up to date if there any changes.

Everbridge

Parents and carers can find out if the school is closed due to adverse or severe weather or other emergency circumstances. The intention of the school is always to remain open during adverse weather or other emergencies, however closure is sometimes unavoidable. Parents must assume that school is open every day unless otherwise notified. A decision to close to the school is never taken lightly and lots of consideration is given to the safety of pupils on site, pupils getting to school safely and staff being able to get to school.

Hertfordshire County Council recommends that all schools use a system called Everbridge as a way to inform parents. The school will of course still post updates on the school website, send out text messages and update our Twitter account.

Registration for the Everbridge system is done swiftly and takes approximately 5 minutes. Once Parent/Carers have registered they will get an automatic notification informing them that the school is closed. Parents can register their interest at more than one school if they have children attending another school. In addition to this, a message will also be broadcasted on the local radio station – BBC Three Counties Radio.

Registration on the Everbridge system is completed at

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

You can have two devices added for each communication type if you wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you can include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

There is a link on our website to this information.

<http://www.holywell.herts.sch.uk/parents/emergency-closures/>



Assessment Week

Assessment Week started this week for Year 1, and the rest of school will undertake assessments next week. Whilst we understand it can be stressful for children, I can assure parents that pupils are given all the support they need to complete them in the least stressful conditions possible. Please ensure that your children get enough rest each night and come to school after receiving a healthy breakfast.

Nursery Admissions for September 2020

The Nursery application process for September 2020 is co-ordinated and administered by the school. The on-line application process for Nursery places at Holywell Primary School is now open for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. If you require any assistance please contact the school office.

Applications close on Friday 28th February 2020 and places are allocated to parents on Monday 9th March 2020.

Netball

On Tuesday 25th February 2020 the girls' netball team played their last league match against Knutsford Primary School. The whole team played exceptionally well, demonstrating fantastic improvement from their last game and finished the year with a 15-1 win. Player of the match - the whole team for showing great respect for the other team and working well as a team themselves! Well done to all of the girls who have played netball this year!

Houses of Parliament

Year 4 Cedar Class had a wonderful time at the Houses of Parliament. They were given a tour around the House of Lords and even watched a live debate on the balcony in the House of Commons. The children also took part in a Representing and Voting workshop and met Dean Russell the MP for Watford.

Year 7 – September 2021 – Secondary School Transfer

Information for our current Year 5

The academic testing for the schools listed below for September 2021 admission will take place in September 2020. Parents will be asked to register their children with the Consortium between Monday 20th April and Friday 19th June 2020. The best way to do this is via the SW Herts Admission Consortium website

www.swhertsschools.org.uk/

- **Croxley Danes School (Music aptitude only)**
- **Parmiter's School**
- **Queens' School**
- **Rickmansworth School**
- **St Clement Danes School**
- **Watford Grammar School for Boys**
- **Watford Grammar School for Girls**

Further information will follow towards the end of March 2020.

Class Assemblies

Olympic Hall at 9:10am		
DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 6th March 2020	Year 4 Cedar	World Book Day
Friday 13th March 2020	Year 3 Pine	St Patrick's Day
Friday 20th March 2020	Year 3 Aspen	Mother's Day
Friday 27th March 2020	Year 2 Hawthorn	Easter
Friday 3rd April 2020	Year 2 Hazel	Resourcefulness/Awards

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	Martin	Levi	Mulberry	Megan	Carolina
Red Base	Bilal	Amelia	Cedar	Megan	Lorenzo
Sycamore	Sarah	Arash	Chestnut	Taiba	Barun
Maple	Hadia	Luka	Elder	Patrick	Timothy
Hawthorn	Sinda	Amina	Elm	Ital	Shlok
Hazel	Stanley	Peter	Rowan	Josh	Natasha
Pine	Daniel	Tanmeet	Birch	Nathan	Meher
Aspen	Abdullah	Christopher			

Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	90%	Pine	99%
Blue Base	92%	Mulberry	94%
Red Base	96%	Cedar	96%
Maple	87%	Chestnut	95%
Sycamore	90%	Elder	95%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	96%
Hazel	97%	Elm	96%
Aspen	90%	Rowan	91%

Whole School Attendance

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

94.3 %

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Hazel
KS2: Pine	KS2: Rowan



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM

MARCH 2020

Monday 2nd March 2020 – Year 7 September 2020 – Allocation Day
Monday 2nd March 2020 to Friday 7th March 2020 – Assessment Week
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Gymnastics at Watford Girls
Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
Thursday 5th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 6th March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Monday 9th March 2020 – Nursery September 2020 – Allocation Day
Tuesday 10th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 10th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 11th January 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 11th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
Thursday 12th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 12th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 13th March 2020 - Whole school Assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Year 4 Tennis at Watford Girls School
Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
Thursday 19th March 2020 - Year 4 Swimming – Aspen class
Thursday 19th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Friday 20st March 2020 - Whole School assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Governors Meeting 6:30 pm
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in
Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
Thursday 26th March 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 26th March 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 27th March 2020 - Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Monday 30th March 2020 – Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 31st March 2020 – Parent coffee morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am – all parents invited
Tuesday 31st March 2020 – Wizard Theatre in

Diary Dates continued: Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 4 Cornet Lessons
Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 5 Ukulele Lessons
Thursday 2nd April 2020 – Rock Steady Music Lessons
Thursday 2nd April 2020 - Year 4 Aspen Swimming
Friday 3rd April- Whole school assembly 9:05 am – Parents invited
Friday 3rd April 2020 – Nursery finishes at midday
Friday 3rd April 2020 – End of Spring Term – school closes at 1:30pm

ENRICHMENT DAYS:

- Thursday 5th March 2020 [World Book Day](#)
- Friday – 6th March 2020 - [British Science Week begins](#)
- Sunday 8th March 2020 - [International Women’s Day](#)
- Tuesday 10th March 2020 - [Holi Purim](#)
- Saturday 14th March 2020 - [Pi Day](#)
- Tuesday 17th March 2020 - [St Patrick’s Day](#)
- Saturday – 21st March 2020 - [World Poetry Day](#)
- Sunday 22nd March 2020 - [World Water Day](#)
- Sunday – 22nd March 2020 - [Mother’s Day](#)
- Sunday 22nd March 2020 - [Isra and Mi’raj](#)
- Wednesday 1st April 2020 - [April Fool’s Day](#)
- Thursday 2nd April 2020 - [World Autism Awareness Day](#)
- Sunday 5th April 2020 - [Palm Sunday](#)
- Tuesday 7th April 2020 - [World Health Day](#)
- Wednesday 8th April 2020 - [Passover](#)
- Thursday – 9th April 2020 - [Maundy Thursday](#)
- Friday 10th April 2020 - [Good Friday](#)
- Sunday 12th April 2020 - [Easter Sunday](#)
- Monday 13th April 2020 - [Easter Monday](#)
- Tuesday 21st April 2020 - [Yom HaShoah](#)
- Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - [Earth Day](#)
- Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - [Stephen Lawrence Day](#)
- Thursday 23rd April 2020 - [St George’s Day](#)
- Thursday 23rd April 2020 - [Shakespeare’s birthday](#)
- Friday 24th April 2020 - [Ramadan begins](#)
- Friday 1st May 2020 - [May Day](#)
- Sunday 3rd May 2020 – [World Press Freedom Day](#)
- Wednesday 6th May 2020 – [Bike to School Day](#)
- Saturday 23rd May 2020 – [Ramadan](#)
- Sunday 24th May 2020 – [Eid ul-Fitr begins](#)
- Friday 5th June 2020 – [World Environment Day](#)
- Saturday 6th June 2020 – [Anniversary of D-Day](#)
- Monday 8th June 2020 – [World Oceans Day](#)
- Thursday 11th June 2020 – [Millicent Garrett Fawcett’s birthday](#)
- Saturday 20th June 2020 – [World Refugee Day](#)
- Sunday 21st June 2020 – [Father’s Day](#)
- Monday 22nd June 2020 – [Windrush Day](#)
- Friday 31st July 2020 – [Eid ul-Adha](#)



Watford School of Music

Rock up

Age 10-18

Open to all Instrumentalists and Vocalists

Rock Up is our Rock School for students of 10 to 18 years. They will have the opportunity explore different types of rock, pop and jazz and Rock School Exam material along with other repertoire will be used. Emphasis will also be put on students improvising, creating and arranging their own music.

Thursday, 5.30pm-6.30pm

£43 per term

(Term time only)

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www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk



HELL00000 WATFORD!



**NEWTON PRICE
CENTRE**

For 13 weeks starting
TUESDAYS 17:30-19:30
3rd March 2020

Oh, and it's
FREEEEEE!



*To be eligible for this free service, one child in your family will be above their ideal weight, but the entire family are invited to attend the group!

**Do you want to make healthy changes
together, and have fun doing it?**

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we help people make healthy habits. We run fun and friendly groups for children aged 5-15* and their families to learn about healthy lifestyles. BeeZee Families is returning to Watford in February and we can't wait to welcome a load of new faces.

**Visit our website or give us a call to
book your family's FREE place!**



01707 248648
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Who your child's friends are?

What your child gets up to when they are out with friends?

Do you know...

How to spot the signs if your child is engaging in anti-social behaviour or crime, being exploited, carrying a knife or even part of a gang

Where to ask for help?

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Hertfordshire Constabulary and local Community Safety Partnerships are working with local schools to host an information evening for parents, carers and the wider community on **Wednesday 18th March 2020 at Queen's school, Aldenham Road, Bushey, WD25 2TY**

Refreshments will be available and the session will start at 6.30pm and close at 9:00pm.

During the evening you will hear from guest speakers who will talk about:

• **Gangs** • **County lines*** • **Knife crime** • **Social media** • **Positive choices** •

To book your place please contact via email
WHTYouth@herts.pnn.police.uk

* County lines is a national issue involving the use of a mobile phone line by groups to extend their drug dealing business into new locations outside of their home areas. It almost always involves the exploitation of vulnerable people, including both children and adults.

