

# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## PTA Funding

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA who have given us funding which allowed us to refurbish our benches for pupils. Parents who might have seen them will agree that the benches look amazing. Thank you to all parents who support the PTA and make this possible.

## 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 from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 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 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.



## Parents, Families and Visitors to Holywell Primary School

Parents, families and visitors are reminded that they are considered role models for our pupils at Holywell Primary School. This means that anyone who comes onto the school site is expected to be respectful to each other and not address each other if they have concerns. More often than not this causes problems between parents and is distressing for our pupils. If parents or anyone on site is having any kind of problem or dispute they are asked to walk away and see a member of staff. We take this very seriously at Holywell Primary School and will not tolerate parents, families or visitors who cause distress for our staff, families and pupils.



### **Open Day - Reception September 2020**

Our next Open Day for children due to start in Reception Class in September 2020 is Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 2:00 pm. We 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](http://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.

### **Class Assemblies**

<b>Olympic Hall at 9:10am</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Friday 6th December	Year 1 Sycamore	Hanukah
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Maple	Human Rights Day

### **DSPL 9**

Please find information about DSPL 9 that we have been asked to share

<http://dsplarea9.org.uk/>

What is Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL)?

DSPL is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, staff in early years settings and schools, further education colleges, local authority officers and representatives from other agencies, work together as part of an Area Group, reviewing and developing the range of provision and support services available to their local community that :

- Meets the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.
- Improves outcomes for wellbeing and attainment
- Widens choice for children and parents/carers
- Removes barriers to learning
- Uses resources more effectively

This will enable parents, staff and young people to access a wide range of information, resources and referral forms, along with a directory of services across the local area.

## Junior Wix Cup



On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the school football team played The Russell School in the first round of the Junior Wix Cup. The boys went 1-0 up early on in the game, but unfortunately they ended up losing the game. All of the boys played well together and showed great resilience and determination to keep going, especially after half time when they came back determined to win! Man of the match was Nathan for excellent defending!

## Christmas Fete Collection

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who made donations of sweets and chocolates for our Christmas fete yesterday. Our next non uniform day is next week, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. We are collecting bottles of drink for this one and would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

## Christmas Carol Concert – Watford Colosseum - Cancelled

We learnt last night that the Christmas Carol Concert scheduled to take place next week has been cancelled. It has been a tradition of ours to attend this concert but the unfinished refurbishment works taking place at the Colosseum means the concert will not take place this year. All parents who bought tickets will be contacted by the Colosseum and refunds will be made for tickets purchased.



## House Captains

This week we had House Assemblies and our pupils learnt about responsibility. We would like to introduce our House Captains – congratulations to the following pupils;

Vicarage	Kai/Noran
Brightwell	Enxhi/Funmi
Cassio	Kushal/Natasha
Ebury	Wiyam/Joshua

## 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	Isabelle	Martin	Mulberry	Hamzah	Tiana
Red Base	Muaaz	Carolina	Cedar	Haris	Adaeze
Sycamore	Ruby	Sofia	Chestnut	Mahi	Ada
Maple	Skylar	Harry	Elder	Ismael	Patrick
Hawthorn	Ritesh	Alexander	Elm	Jermaine	Ital
Hazel	Benaiah	Taylor	Rowan	Amy	Natasha
Pine	Kayla	Hasnan	Birch	Idhla	Nathan
Aspen	Timotei	Grace			

### Attendance by Class

Last week's attendance by class:

Nursery am	85%	Pine	91%
Blue Base	93%	Mulberry	97%
Red Base	97%	Cedar	100%
Maple	97%	Chestnut	95%
Sycamore	96%	Elder	99%
Hawthorn	99%	Birch	96%
Hazel	97%	Elm	97%
Aspen	96%	Rowan	95%

### Whole School Attendance

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

94.7 %

### Attendance and Punctuality

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

Attendance	Punctuality
KS1: Hawthorn	KS1: Blue Base
KS2 : Cedar	KS2: Aspen, Pine



# Dates for your Diary

## AUTUMN TERM

### DECEMBER 2019

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 – Football match against Chater Junior School – away  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Year 6 workshop – World War Activity Day  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Year 5 – British Museum – Hitchin  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Reception, September 2020 – Open Afternoon at 2:00 pm  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Non Uniform Day – bottles of drink  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Year 5 – British Museum Hitchin  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Year 2 workshop – Space  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Year 3 – Verulamium St Albans  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Polling Station for General Election  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Non uniform Day – Cakes  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Year 4 Cedar Swimming  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Rocksteady  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Christmas Fete - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Governors meeting – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Early Year Christmas performance – 11:15 am  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Early Years Christmas performance – 9:30am  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Concert to parents - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Presentation Assembly  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 1 parents - 10:00am  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert to Key Stage 2 parents - 2:00pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Nursery AM only. Closes at 12:00 midday  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Christmas break**

### ENRICHMENT DAYS

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 – International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Human Rights Day**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 – Hanukah**

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## TERM DATES For 2020 – 2021

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

### SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

### SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – first day of term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)



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 4<sup>th</sup> December. The event, which is part of the NATO 70<sup>th</sup> 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.**

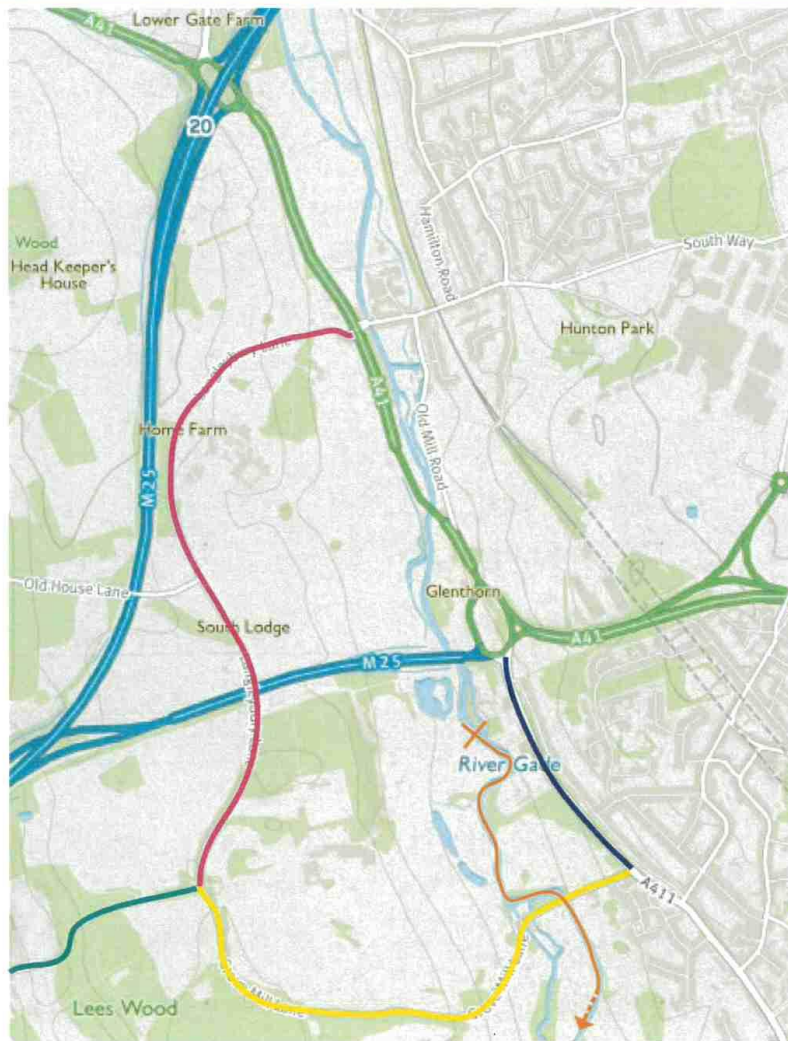
- Police officers are visiting residents and businesses who will be **inside the road closures** to discuss their individual needs face to face.
- **Emergency services** (police, fire and ambulance) will continue to have access inside the road closures at all times. Access will be arranged for essential 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](http://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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> December to 8pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Green** Fir Tree Hill and **Red** Langleybury Lane

Closed from 6am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to 8pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Dark Blue** Hempstead Road (from Hunton Bridge roundabout to Courtlands Drive junction)

Closed from 11pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to 8pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Orange** The Grand Union Canal and its towpath will also be closed to both narrowboats and pedestrians from 7pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to 8pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 8pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and public access will be prohibited.

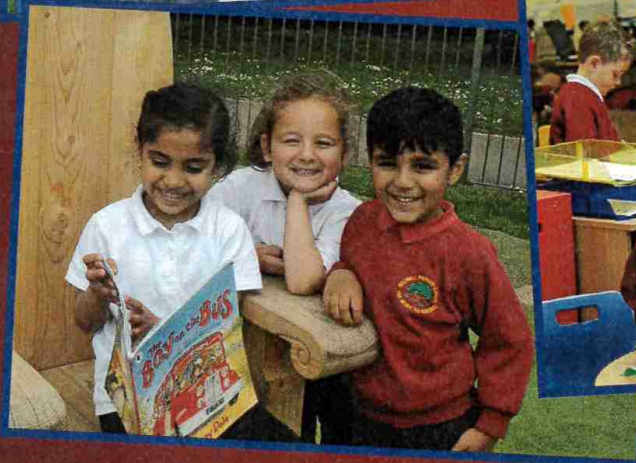
**PLEASE NOTE: THESE CLOSURES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN RESPONSE TO LIVE-TIME POLICING REQUIREMENTS**





# 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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