



Holywell Primary School

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Monday 30th March 2020

Week 1 of School Closure

I think everyone will agree it was a strange week after the school closed on Friday 20th March 2020. Your child has been set work and there should be enough work to keep the occupied until the end of this week. School will close from Friday 3rd April 2020 as planned for two week. This will give the teachers the chance to recharge their batteries and get ready for the Summer Term. All staff have been amazing over the last few weeks and I have been very impressed with their determination and resilience.

At Holywell Primary School this week

School was open last week for children of Key Workers. These parents, as instructed by the government, have the right to bring their children to school, to ensure many services can continue to be delivered to the public. I think you will agree we are very grateful to the Key Workers during this time of need for many. The pupils at school did a range of activities that included their home learning packs and some outside activities. The favourite lesson each day for staff was the You Tube PE lesson each morning at 9:00 am delivered by Joe Wicks. If you have not already tried it, we recommend you give it a go.

We have received good feedback from some parents about what their children have been doing this week. We will share some examples during the week

Staffing

I would like to inform parents about staff changes. Mr Keller and Mrs Alexander will leave Holywell Primary School at the end of the school term. They have both worked at Holywell Primary School in the capacity of Assistant Headteacher and I would like to thank them for their support and hard work during their time here. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours, whatever they might be. In the meantime and while school is closed Mrs Clarke who taught last year in Year 4 will take over the on-line learning of Elder class. Once we have more clarity about when the school re-opens then we will announce the class teacher for Elder.

At the same time I would also like to thank Mrs Blake for her service at Holywell Primary School. Mrs Blake has worked as an IT Technician at Holywell Primary School and has from time to time supported in the school office. She will also be leaving us and I would like to thank you for everything she has done at Holywell Primary School in support of pupils, teachers and other staff.

Free School Meals moving forward

Last week we gave pupils who are entitled to receive a free school meals the option to collect a packed lunch from school. We are awaiting instruction from the government about the voucher scheme that is due to roll out. In the meantime we are trying to sort our own arrangement with two of our local supermarkets. Nothing is finalised yet so we will offer a packed lunch again this



week for the children entitled to Free School Meals. We would like to remind you to please remember to order your Free School Meal.

Key Workers

We are giving Key Workers the opportunity to request care for their child from Monday 6th April 2020 until Friday 17th April 2020, this does not include the Bank Holidays – Friday 10th April 2020 and Monday 13th April 2020. The same requirements need to be met as before and parents need to complete a form that can be requested from the office. It is key that parents name their employer on the form so we can make sure we are assisting the correct families. School will be open from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm each day.



We will not be able to provide children with a lunch, they will need to bring in their own packed lunch.

Staff this week will work on setting holiday homework for the Easter holiday. In addition to this they are preparing work for pupils when we return to school on Monday 20th April 2020. This day is an INSET day so all staff will take part in training on that day. We are keen to improve what we do and the access ability of it to parents so please complete the short survey monkey questionnaire and give us your thoughts. I know teachers has some problems with parents email addresses so if you have received no communication from your child class teacher please update your contact details with the office.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HCN99CD>

Contacting us

Even through school is 'closed' staff are still working. Those not in school each day work from home. If you need to contact the school then there are a few options available

Telephone - 01923 225 188 each day from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Email: admin@hollywell.herts.sch.uk

Parents are reminded that they can contact Mrs Bahirathan by email bahirathanb@hollywell.herts.sch.uk should they need other support and information not related to their child's learning but maybe around issues like welfare, mental health, financial support.



The school also has a twitter account that we use to share information with parents and that can be used more effectively should we get more followers. If you have Twitter then please follow us on @PrimaryHolywell

You may email your child class teacher with issues relating to their class work. Teachers email addresses are:

Nursery		Mrs J Hewett	hewettj@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Blue		Mr G Szajko	szajkog@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Red		Mrs A Lazar	lazare@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Sycamore	Miss H Whiting	whitingh@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Maple	Mrs R Hussain	hussainr@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hawthorn	Miss A Hampton	hamptona@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hazel	Miss S Rozan	rozans@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3	Pine	Miss N Kharbanda	kharbandan@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3	Aspen	Miss C Downey	downeyc@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 4	Mulberry	Mrs A McLaughlin	mclaughlina@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 4	Cedar	Miss P Sammy	sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Chestnut	Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran	sankarann@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Elder	Mrs S Alexander (until Friday 3rd April 2020)	alexanders@holywell.herts.sch.uk
		Mr M Keller (until Friday 3rd April 2020)	kellerm@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Elder	Mrs L Clarke (from Monday 6 th April 2020)	clarkel@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Rowan	Mrs L Bancroft Prescott	bancroftprescottl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Birch	Miss L Rogers	rogersl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Elm	Miss L Patrick	patrickl@holywell.herts.sch.uk

