



# Holywell Primary School

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Parents evening

As we come to the end of the half term I would like to give you advance notice of our parents' evenings which will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30pm – 6:00pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 5:00 – 7:30pm. Miss Patrick will be holding her consultations on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 1:30 – 6:00pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 5:00 – 7:30pm.

This is a good opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into school this year and what their teachers will be focussing on with them. A letter will go out early next week which will provide you with more information on how to book a session.

## Read, Write Ink

We will be holding the remaining sessions about the scheme where information will be shared on how it works and how you can support your children at home. The scheme is mainly aimed at pupils in Year 1, 2, and 3 but following assessments, we have also identified some older children who will also take part.

These sessions will be led by Mrs Lazar and held in the KS1 Hall. Please see below for the details of these meetings.

**Meeting 3 – Thursday 13 October 2022 at 2.45pm – Set 1 Sounds** (Reception and Y1). How we teach children to read their first sounds.

**Meeting 4 – Thursday 20 October at 2.45pm – Set 2 and 3 Sounds** (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3) How we teach children the next group of sounds.

## Moving on in 2023

Can I please remind parents of Year 6 that the closing date for Secondary School applications is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022? If you would like any further information please visit

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

## Trips and Visits

Over the next few weeks a number of trips and workshops have been organised for your children.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Year 1 and Year 2 have a trip to Aldenham Country Park and on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Year 3 and 4 have an Irish Dancing Workshop in school.

All the information about these activities has been shared with you and we ask that you make your contributions to ensure we can deliver additional learning experiences for your children. Thank you in advance.



## House Captains

Pupils in Year 6 made presentations to their houses this week and each house voted for who they wanted to be their house captain for the year.

I would like to congratulate the following pupils:



Vicarage:- Jaida  
Rick



Brightwell:- Methuli  
Laxshan



Cassio:- Amelia  
Abdullah



Ebury:- Kyla  
Zain



## **Electric Umbrella Company**

We had an amazing band from the Electric Umbrella Company at Holywell last week.

This was Co-led by incredible professional and learning-disabled musicians who gave us a vibrant, interactive and expressive assembly performance with children and adults singing, dancing, celebrating difference and having lots of fun!

This visit was a fantastic way of exploring inclusion and diversity at Holywell.



Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten  
Headteacher

<b>Star &amp; Charter Certificates – 7th October 2022</b>
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Star Learner of the Charter Certificate		
EYFS	Hazel	Eric
Y1 Sycamore	Florence	Aden
Y2 Hawthorn	Joel D	Pressha
Y3 Mulberry	Eden	Julio
Y3 Rowan	Cornel	Moriah
Y4 Cedar	Noah	Lily-Rae
Y5 Chestnut	Mahira	Haresh
Y5 Elder	Alizah	Ines
Y6 Elm	Helen	Christopher

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022</b> <b>91%</b>
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**Week Commencing 26th September - 30th September 2022**

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	93%	Y3 Mulberry	94%
Reception	96%	Y4 Cedar	98%
Y1 Sycamore	95%	Y5 Chestnut	87%
Y2 Hawthorn	90%	Y5 Elder	95%
Y3 Rowan	94%	Y6 Elm	95%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y4 Cedar

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# October Half Term **Football** Holiday Courses

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am-3pm**

**Fun & educational football sessions for  
participants aged 6-13 years old**

*"Best camp (my child) has ever done."*  
-Parent, holiday course participant.



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