Spring has definitely sprung!! On our first day back after half term (and I hope you all enjoyed a great break!) I went for a quick walk round the school and it really hit me how sunny days, longer daytime hours and the prospect of warm Spring and Summer weather really improves our moods and outlook. As I walked round, every class was hard at work, with lots of smiles and laughing as well as learning going on. The school was really clean and tidy due to the care of children and staff and to the hard work carried out by Mr Lewis and his team. Because of the lovely weather the children were able to play on the field which always improves playtimes.

Our daffodils are well on the way to flowering and sending Holywell ‘Golden’, and other flowers are in bloom around school too.

I also noticed just how much we have managed to introduce this year, to enrich children’s lives outside the classroom.

Building on the success of the running track and the well-maintained trim trail, this year we have had our new outside gym installed (partly PSA funded – thank you!)

AND bought 4 new football goals!

We have also had two outside stages put in, one for each key stage, enabling outside, independent drama and theatrics!
We have cleared up the maze and made it useable again, had lots of new line markings for games and just had work done to make the steps outside the After School Club made safer.

We have also bought a beautiful story telling chair and stools which I am sure will be used even more as the weather improves.

This weekend some of the staff and I are starting work on updating the library with the delivery of some new furniture imminently. All in all, lots of new things for our pupils, which are definitely reflected in their smiles and enjoyment of school.

Talking of enjoyment – I am sure you all know that it is the pantomime this week – Dick Whittington (Oh yes it is!) and I really hope you have purchased your tickets and I will see you there – the PSA have worked really hard to produce this once again this year, it is a great Holywell tradition and also makes a lot of money which also goes towards providing extras for all of our pupils.

It has been a busy first week back at school, and I would like to thank all of you who managed to get to parents’ evenings, as I said in the last newsletter, the work you put in and the support you give to your children, together with the partnership we have, ensures the best outcomes for them.

On a final note, you will have heard by now that just prior to half term interviews for the headship took place and the successful candidate was Mr Ed Petrie. I have known Mr Petrie for many years and am very confident that I will be leaving the school in good hands. He and I will work together over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition.

So – here’s to a great Spring half term, with lots going on
The last few years has seen huge changes in the way that health visiting and school nursing services are provided locally. The team is now known as the 'Healthy Together' team and this provides a 0-19 service providing the local Healthy Child programme offer. The team includes Health Visitors, School Nurses and other practitioners who support the programme.

The school nurse team run a monthly clinic at Holywell and 10 minute appointments can be booked via the school office. You should receive notification via email from the school office with the dates/times of the clinics. The public health team deal with a wide range of issues and some examples of issues that are discussed at the school clinic include behaviour, sleep, continence, emotional health and eating concerns (amongst many other things!). If you feel that 10 minutes isn't long enough then further appointments/support can be arranged.

Other local sources of support and information include:

Health for Kids website - [www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)

For younger children then the health for under 5's website has a lot of information - [www.healthforunder5s.co.uk](http://www.healthforunder5s.co.uk)

Another really popular and easy method of contacting a member of the Healthy Together team is 'Chat Health'. This is a text messaging service where you can get confidential advice and support with behaviour, parenting, child development, emotional health and wellbeing and general health queries. To use this service send your text to 07520615382

The healthy together practitioners have a wealth of knowledge of local services and can signpost/referral you on to other services where necessary, if in doubt just ask. The team are friendly, approachable and all of the school nurses and health visitors are trained nurses who have gone on to complete further study in Public Health.

Julia Vermaak Parent Governor.

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### Volunteers at Holywell

Have you ever thought about volunteering with us? We are always happy to welcome new volunteer staff. If you have a couple of hours that you can commit to on a regular basis for a morning or afternoon each week, that would be great.

There is a set procedure to adhere to, including a simple form to complete, which is available from the office. We ask for two referees and obtain DBS clearance. You can also decide which year group you would like to support.

If you would like more information, please leave a message at the office and I will be happy to contact you.

Mrs Freeman
Volunteers' Co-Ordinator

### ON/OFF-SITE VISITS

Visits in and out of school take place to support the topic work the children are doing in class. The total cost of the visits is for the workshops and/or tuition as well as transport costs.

**Y2** Team building challenge day at Beaumanor Hall Monday 1st July. The day will work on teamwork, communication, organisational skills and problem solving preparing the children for Y3.

The cost of this day will be £14.95 please make your payment on Parentpay before 28th March.

*With the introduction of universal free school meals, packed lunches will be provided for all KS1 children when going out of school on a trip. All KS1 children will be given a packed lunch on the morning of the trip, with a choice of tuna mayo, vegetarian cheese or mixed fruit jam sandwiches. The only ask from parents is that you send your child with a named water bottle as we will not be supplying a drink. Thank you.*
Y3, Y4 & Y5 Children

will be performing

‘Fleeced’

A retelling of the story of Jason and the Golden Fleece—a golden story for Holywell’s golden year!

Tuesday 26th March @ 6pm

Wednesday 27th March @ 2.00pm & 6pm

Admission will be by ticket only, costing £2 each. (pre school children FREE)

Two tickets per family can be purchased on a first come first served basis, before 15th March. If a performance is sold out a text will be sent out to alert you and any remaining tickets will be on sale the week before the show. Details about this will be sent by a text message.

If you wish to bring a pre-school child to the performance, you will need a ticket as we have to take TOTAL numbers into account for fire regulations, their ticket will be FREE but they will need to sit on your knee and will not have their own seat. No unaccompanied children will be admitted.

Please complete the order form below and return it to the school office with £2.00 / £4.00 in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class on. CORRECT MONEY PLEASE AS NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN.

Your tickets will be sent home via your child’s book bag.

All children are expected to attend all three performances which will mean coming back to school at 5.30pm on both the Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. If for any reason this is not possible please talk to the classteacher as soon as possible. The performances are expected to last 1 hour. Parents will be asked to queue outside until just before the start times.

Photography & Video

Can we respectfully ask that you do not record any images of children or adults, other than your own child, and only for your personal use.

We also ask you not to publish any images on social media as this has caused real safeguarding issues in other schools and could put pupils in our school at risk.

Thank you.

Ticket Order Form ‘Fleeced’

Childs Name______________________________ Class___________________

I would like *one/two adult tickets for Tuesday 26 March at 6pm I enclose *£2.00/£4.00 □

I would like *one/two adult tickets for Wednesday 27 March at 2pm. I enclose *£2.00/£4.00 □

I would like *one/two adult tickets for Wednesday 27 March at 6pm. I enclose *£2.00/£4.00 □

* please delete as appropriate
Taking the Biscuit!

Holywell School council will be busy decorating biscuits to raise money for Red Nose Day this year. Many thanks again to Mike, Community Champion from Park Road Tesco, for supplying us with more biscuits (including gluten and dairy free versions) and decorating icing. School Council members will be decorating biscuits on 15th March and selling them at break time for 20p each.

Children are welcome to wear small comic relief items (such as red noses) on the day if they wish to.

RAINBOWS BINS COLLECTION RESULT:

Thank you to all who donated bags to our charity drive to support Rainbows again this year. We beat last year’s total!

2019 TOTAL 236 Bags!
SCHOOL DISCO REMINDER - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019
Flyers will be sent home this week with all the details.

GOLDEN GALA FETE PLANNING MEETING - THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2019
Straight after school at 3:15pm
If you are interested in helping or have any ideas for the Golden Gala Fete but cannot attend the first meeting please can you send your email address to holywellpsa@gmail.com. This is so that we can pass on meeting minutes and inform you of the upcoming future evening meetings.

QUIZ NIGHT MEETING - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2019
The Priory Pub at 7:30pm

Please come along to help us plan this years Quiz Night.
If you are interested in writing a round for quiz night please email holywellpsa@gmail.com so that we can ensure rounds are not duplicated.

PSA DONATION TO THE OUTDOOR GYM £2,500
We are delighted to have awarded the school £2,500 towards the new school outdoor gym equipment in Key Stage 2.
The feedback from all the children, school and parents has been amazing. We hope that everyone enjoys using this especially as the weather continues to improve.

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS HAMPER WINNERS CELEBRATION
Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to postpone the class celebration at Christmas. We are so happy that Miss Rowland’s reception class enjoyed their PSA thank you winners treat.
The children all thoroughly enjoyed bringing in their pillows and teddies so that they could tuck in to a chocolate fountain with strawberries, huge marshmallows & wafers whilst watching a film during golden time. Lots of fun was had by all!

Pancake Day Menu Tuesday 5th March
(for all children who have dinners for the whole week)
### Dates for the Diary 2019

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### Animal Edutainment visit Year 3

On Wednesday 6th February, Year 3 were visited by Walter and a collection of animals from a range of habitats.

This visit linked to our work on climate zones. Walter talked to us about how these animals have adapted to live where they do and gave us the opportunity to handle the animals.

Here are some of the animals that we met:

- A millipede (Bert) and we found out that he would live on the forest floor in the rainforest – a tropical climate zone.
- A bearded dragon, named Uther Pendragon. He only needs water once a month. Can you guess which climate zone he would live in?
- Esme, an incredibly soft chinchilla, would live in the Andes (a mountain range in South America). We learnt that she MUST NOT get wet.