Hello from Mrs Ings

Hopefully you have had the chance to be on site recently and to have seen the Golden Daffodils flowering – they really are sending Holywell Golden and there are still many more buds to go! The lovely thing about these is that they will continue to multiply in the years to come.

The committee for the Golden Gala met a couple of weeks ago and things are coming together – keep the date of 15th June in your diaries and if you think you could lend a hand we would really welcome your assistance with stalls, setting up etc.

Year 3, 4 and 5 put on an amazing production of ‘Fleeced’ last week – amazing acting, dancing, singing and narrating – well done to everyone who took part!

This has been a busy term and next term is not any less packed with work, visits, tests, gala etc. but should be fun as well as challenging.

I hope you all have a fabulous Easter break – see you after Easter!

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**ON-SITE VISIT—Y3 Parents only**

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.

*Y3 Science Dome visit in school. This is to support the Rocks, Fossils & Soils topic. There will be two sessions in the Dome, one on Dinosaurs & the other on Rocks & Fossils.

The cost of this day will be £9.75. Please make your payment on Parentpay before 5th April. Thank you.
School Governor Column

Schools are in a unique position to shape and influence the mental health and wellbeing of their pupils and to help prepare them for the opportunities and challenges ahead. Over the last 12 months, Holywell has introduced a range of fantastic outdoor facilities including the outdoor gym, a lovely storytelling chair and exciting new stages for drama!

The School is strengthening its capacity as an healthy environment that engages pupils, staff and the wider community by participating in the Healthy Schools Award. The School currently holds a bronze award and is working towards a silver award. As part of this process, it recently conducted a lunchbox survey. We are looking forward to the data and recommendations following this survey and its potential in improving existing policies and initiatives.

Despite funding pressures, Holywell continues to deliver outstanding educational results for pupils and our community. Schools are truly the frontline public service, the one part of the state that children come into contact with day in, day out. As a community, it is important that we continue to demonstrate our support for our Schools.

Getting involved is a great way of doing this. If you haven’t already, there are a number of opportunities to do so. Including fundraising activities, chaperoning, organising events. Please do get in touch with the School for more information, your show of support would be a welcome and positive step for both the pupils and staff.

Ms S Jenna
Governor

MEDICINE SAFETY IN SCHOOL

We take the safety of all of our pupils very seriously at Holywell Primary School. With this in mind, may we please remind all parents and carers that ANY medicines coming into school MUST be authorised by the office along with the completion of accompanying paperwork. The safest preference is for parents or carers to come in and administer medicines, but if this is not possible, we also have an ‘In Loco Parentis’ authorisation system.

We have a strict policy on the storage and administration of medicines in school, whether prescription or over-the-counter.

Please help us to keep our children safe.

Guy Stephenson
Deputy Headteacher
Gym Opening

Valentines Day brought the opening of our fantastic out door gym on the Key Stage 2 playground. This was supplied by the PSA. Baz (Reception parent) helped design a programme so all 30 children in a class can work together for 30 seconds on each exercise. The children get to use the equipment at break time and lunch times as well as PE lessons and even as a break between learning! To help us launch the amazing gym, Baz and his friend Dean who run and own the Gym Strong.Lean.Fit in Loughborough, by the Great Central Railway, showed what your bodies can do if you eat well and exercise regularly. They lifted logs, carried yokes and took some very good questions (and funny!) from the children. They, with Mrs Ings cut the ribbon and had the first go on our gym. It was a fantastic morning and all the children were then inspired to workout in the playground at playtime!

Thank you so much to Baz and Dean for making the opening so memorable for the children and inspiring the children to use the gym equipment regularly.

For information about Strong.Lean.Fit and programmes they offer for children and adults see www.strongleanfit.co.uk.

Castles

Year 1 visited Tamworth Castle on the 28th February and experienced stepping back in time. We were able to find out about how the Lord and Lady lived and met characters from the past who told us stories and showed us different objects that were used in the past. We helped dress a knight in his armour and take part in a marching drill. The children were able to look at a range of old toys and even make one of their own.

Everyone enjoyed the trip to Tamworth Castle and the behaviour of the children was exemplary as always!

This has really been a wonderful start to our topic on castles.

Year 1

Mrs Blackshaw, Mrs Peaty and Mrs Plasser
Holywell School Council were busy decorating biscuits to raise money for Red Nose Day recently.

**Red Nose Day Result:**

Thank you to all who donated to our charity drive to support Comic Relief again this year.

- **£105.66 Raised**

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**Leavers Hoodies**

We will be offering all Y6 children the chance to buy a hoody. They will be navy blue with the number 19 on the back with all the children’s first names on, this is to comply with the new Data Protection law.

We will be offering two ‘trying on sessions’ for parents and children to come along to the KS2 area and try the hoodies on and then submit an order along with payment if your child would like one. We hope to have them ready for the children to wear on their Residential in June. The cost of the hoodies will be £15.00 for children’s sizes and £20 for adult sizes.

Please note; CASH is the only method of payment all monies will be passed on to Rosebuddies so correct change please.

The date for the ‘trying on’ sessions will be

- **Friday 26th April & Monday 29th April 3.15pm-4.00pm**

Should you have any queries please contact Mrs Shanks in the school office.

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**Class Photo’s**

**Thursday 25th April 2019**

Last years photos were a success, so this year once again we will have less formal ones. The photo’s will feature each child individually in an informal pose, then put together as a montage. To this end, to achieve the best results we can, we would like to ask that on the day of the photo all children wear their school uniform, including a white polo shirt and blue Holywell cardigan or jumper, or the summer dress with blue Holywell cardigan or jumper. This will enable the company to arrange the montage of the children to the best effect.

If a child does not wear a Holywell blue top, we will provide spare tops on the day.

Thank you for your support – let’s hope we achieve some fab photos!

Mrs Ings
Traffic Congestion, Parking & Safety

More and more parents are using their cars to drop off and collect their children from school. With the increased volume of traffic we ask you follow the voluntary one way system that we have in place.

We also ask that when parking you ensure that you follow the Highway Code and do not park on the corners of the roads, block residents gateways or park on the footpaths. We have a number of parents who need to use the two disabled parking spaces at the front of school, please only park in these spaces if you are one of these parents.

Members of our school community who are walking or cycling are put at risk by irresponsible drivers. Drivers must not use school car parks or the Holywell Church car park for collecting or dropping children off.

It is great to see so many of our school community riding their bikes and scooters to school. Can we however ask cyclists and scooters to remember that the pathways are for pedestrians and bikes / scooters should be wheeled and not ridden on the school premises. This rule applies to all areas.

Office News

SAFEGUARDING - Emailing into school - in order to protect the identity of pupils please refer to your child(ren) by their initials or son/daughter, not by their full names when sending emails into school.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfers - Over the next few months we will sending your child’s data securely to the secondary school your child was allocated on 1st March 2019, and at the end of the academic year we will be delivering their paper files to those schools. To ensure we send their data to the correct school it is important you inform us if your child intends to go a different school than first allocated.
Holywell School Council have been fortunate enough to be working with Paula Walton this term, Senior Public Health Dietitian (Food Routes) from Leicestershire Nutrition and Dietetic Service.

As part of our journey towards ‘Healthy Schools’ Silver Status, she has been guiding us in conducting an anonymous lunchbox survey and while the results are good in some areas, it has also highlighted some areas where we can improve.

**The Good Points:**
- + 91% of pupils had some form of carbohydrate in their lunchbox
- + 63% of pupils had a tasty filling to go with the choice above
- + 64% of pupils had a portion or two of fruit and/or vegetables
- + 56% of pupils had a dairy choice

Only 37% of pupils had crisps (often high in fat)

**The Points to work on:**
- Only 32% of pupils had a tooth-kind drink like water or milk
- Only 19% of pupils had a balanced, healthy lunchbox that included a food choice from all nutrient rich selections of the eatwell guide

The full results are included below. This has certainly given our school councillors, Mrs Orgill and myself food for thought as we think about our own packed lunch boxes for the future.

Holywell School Council will be working on practical real-world suggestions to help us all, that we will include in assemblies and future newsletters.

*Mr Stephenson, Mrs Orgill and Holywell School Council*
Lunchbox Audit Results
Holywell Primary School (130 children) 26/2/19

1. Some bread, a roll, wrap, pitta, chapatti, crackers or something with pasta or rice?
   (potatoes, bread, rice, pasta and other starchy food group)
   Foods for energy
   91%

2. A tasty filling to go with the choice above?
   (beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and other proteins group)
   Foods for growth
   63%

3. A portion or two of fruit and vegetables?
   (fruit and vegetables group)
   Foods for general health and vitamins
   64%

4. A dairy choice?
   (dairy food group)
   Foods containing calcium to build strong bones and teeth
   56%

5. A tooth kind drink?
   Water, milk (preferred tooth kind drinks)
   We need at least 6-8 drinks each day
   32%

6. Extra?
   (foods to eat less often and in small amounts)
   Many are high in fat, salt and sugars
   60%

7. Crisps
   (foods to eat less often and in small amounts)
   37%

8. Healthy balanced diet (choice from each eatwell group)
   19%
For a balanced lunchbox include:

**Fruit and vegetables**
Any fruit and/or vegetables, try to include at least one portion in your packed lunch.

**Potatoes, bread, rice or pasta.**
All varieties of starchy food are fine, try to include wholegrain when possible.

**Dairy and alternatives**
Include a dairy food every day.

**Beans, pulses, fish, eggs or meat.**
Either meat, fish, eggs or another source of protein should be included every day.

**Avoid:**
Foods high in fat, salt and sugar

Eat foods high in fat, salt and sugar less often and in small amounts. Think of these as treats and not included everyday e.g. crisps and chocolate.

**Avoid:**
Drinks high in sugar

Avoid drinks high in sugar that cause tooth decay. Fresh drinking water is available at lunch time in school.
THIS YEAR WE ARE RAISING MONEY TO COMPLETELY REVAMP THE SCHOOL GARDEN LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO THE KEY STAGE 2 PLAYGROUND

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Garden Project 2019

We are due to contact all of the gardeners who have expressed a wish to help us with our Garden Project 2019 this week. Everyone has now come in to school to meet with me and Mrs Ings and to view the garden itself. There is a fair amount of work that needs completing, so this will be a phased project but we are sure it will be well worth it. Thank you to everyone who contacted us with recommendations. We will keep you updated as this project continues to move forward.

Spring School Disco* raised a brilliant £819.42

The Spring School Disco was another wonderful success, the children had a great time with face painting, sweets, chocolate and lots of dancing. Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered and to Matt our amazing stand in DJ.

***Please be aware that mobile phones are banned for all children from any Discos moving forward. Anyone caught with a phone will have it taken away and it will only be returned at the end of the Disco. The safest place for mobile phones is at home, thank you for helping us with this matter.***

Dick Whittington Panto raised a whopping £1,914.79

I am sure you will agree with me that the show was incredible. The hard work and dedication from everyone on the panto team shines through year on year. Thank you to everyone involved for what you do, we can’t wait for next year!

Quiz Night Update - Saturday 11th May - 7:30pm - 11pm

Last year we had 7 teams enter our Quiz Night - this year we would LOVE it if we could get 10 teams of 10!

Spaces are limited so please return your forms as soon as you receive them :)

We know some of the Year 1 Mums are already busy arranging a team for the night - we thought it would be brilliant if we could get a team from each year group?

Do you fancy a fun night out? Not sure you can get 10 people? Not a problem. All you have to do is fill out the ticket forms coming home shortly and we will ensure you are on a team.

The quiz night is a relaxed fun evening, (adult only - so get the babysitters booked!) where you can eat a fish and chip dinner (other options are available) and get to know other parents and teachers within our school community. As well as gaining some excellent trivial knowledge!

Prizes for The Winners & The Best Team Mascot.

Can you volunteer to help before or on the night?

We need hands, for set up, the bar and clear down - Please email holywellpsa@gmail.com
**DICK WHITTINGTON - Holywell PSA Panto**

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the people who supported this event. Together we raised just over £1,914!

I can’t deny it was hard going selling tickets this year, but am delighted to say that, in the end, almost 430 PEOPLE came and enjoyed our 48th production. And what a cracker of a show it was - there was slapstick comedy, jokes galore, evil doings, magical moments, terrific cat/rat fight sequences and plenty of iconic 90s tunes. And let’s face it - who could forget the sidesplitting, totally bonkers baby shark scene? Swim-ply fin-tastic!

**SPECIAL THANKS GO TO: The absolutely outstanding cast and backstage crew.** All parents/families of Holywell children, or Holywell staff, that selflessly donate their valuable time, and make this unique and fulfilling experience such a joy to be a part of.

**BIG CONGRATULATIONS:** To our fabulous young stars from Year 6: Emily, Finn, Katie, Leah and Skandar. Simply superb during the rehearsals and the shows – we have loved seeing their confidence flourish and are sure they’ll remember this experience always.

Want to be involved next year? Then please do get in touch NOW as the writing of next year’s script will start very soon! We had 3 actors, and 2 backstage crew leave this year so need plenty of new people, least of which is… a very organised and ideally creative person to manage our props! Simply, email: holywellpsa@gmail.com or speak to one of the panto team.

*** BREAKING NEWS ***

This year we entered the Pantomime Alliance Leicestershire (PAL) Awards competing against 13 other pantomime groups. We were over the moon to be nominated by the judges for 4 awards!

- Best Young Male Performer – Finn
- Best Male support – Alex
- Best Villain – LIZ

An amazing achievement for our first year of entry! Well done all – fantastic stuff!

**RAFFLE DONATIONS**

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes for the panto.
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**Year 6 WWII Evacuee Day at Beaumanor Hall**

On Friday the 1st March 6DB and 6DW ventured back in time to the year 1941. It was a cool crisp morning and we were dressed in typical 1940's attire. On arrival, we were promptly separated into girls and boys and began to experience life at this time. This included buying ingredients for a war time recipe using our ration books and creating identity cards to prove that we were not spies! After this, we discovered that Beaumanor Hall was a coding station during the war. We listened to coded messages and tried to decode them just as real workers had done years ago. The highlight of the day was when we had to find shelter in the cellars during an air raid. Complete with our gas masks on, we experienced the noise and feeling of bombs dropping overhead. In true British fashion, we rallied our spirits with great renditions of Run Rabbit Run and ThingymeBob! We had a truly realistic day and a real insight into life as an evacuee.

6DB and 6DW