



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are already enjoying the Summer break, I know that many of you were off on your travels very soon after we broke up on Wednesday. Whether you are at home or away, working or resting we hope that the time with your children is rewarding and relaxing. They have certainly earned their Summer break.

Work has continued on embedding the new school logo since we last spoke. Sue Eddy, mother of Mrs Eddy has painted the incredible mural pictured above for us on the wall outside my office, which really brings it to life, we are extremely thankful for this. We are hopeful that uniform featuring the new logo will be available shortly, as will water bottles. We will share links for this as we get them. Please note that there is no need to change any existing uniform although we will be looking at the possibility of producing sew on badges for those families that want them.



It's been a frantic and fantastic end to the term, it's been lovely to welcome so many of you to school for events such as, the Yr 5/6 production, the Y1 and 2 concerts and our open afternoon, all of which have taken place within the last two weeks. We also saw many of our year 6 families at the church on the final day for the leavers assembly. This is usually a very emotional occasion but there was no doubt that this particular cohort made it a very joyous one. Whilst we are delighted to be retaining all our staff in September, we are also sad to be saying goodbye to some of the families who have been a part of the school, some for many years. This is because the youngest sibling or only child is now off to secondary school. This includes; the Beadles, Bishop, Bowman, Burgess, Costello, Dennington, French, Gunn-Kelly, Harradine, Hipkin, Hogben, O'Reilly, Piggott, Taylor and Whiting families as well as the Jones-McVeys who are moving out of the area. We will miss you all but are excited for you as you move on to a new chapter.

This means there will also be a lot of change within the HSA in September, key committee members will no longer have children in the school and as you may have seen in their newsletter Michelle is also standing down as the chair at the next AGM. As a school we are incredibly grateful for all her work as well as that of the other outgoing members. Not only for funds that they raise for the school to buy vital resources but also for the fantastic experiences that the HSA events provide the children with. The AGM will take place on September 28th at school and I would urge you to consider attending and thinking about taking on a committee role. Without this happening the HSA will fold, and we will lose these fantastic events and vital funds. I've worked in schools before where this has happened and it does leave a very big hole in all sorts of ways. I've reattached the HSA newsletter along with this communication.



A reminder of the key dates when we return in the Summer: more dates will follow.

September 2023

1st September Staff training day

4th September Children return back to school

October 2023

Half Term Friday 20th October

December 2023

20th December Last Day of the Autumn Term

The full term dates for the year are published on our website

<https://www.holywellprimary.co.uk/>

And can be found in the 'Parents' section.

From next term we will unfortunately need to take a harder line on fining families who take term time holidays as our approach to this is not consistent with Local Authority advice, please be aware of this when making any bookings.

Children should be in school by 8.45 each day.

Thank you all for a wonderful year at Holywell, it's such a fulfilling and happy place to work. Do enjoy your summers and we will look forward to welcoming you back in September. Sharing new ideas and projects that will keep the school moving onward upward.

Please do also see some community notices below and attached.

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley



Summer Reading Challenge: Cambridgeshire Libraries are running their annual Summer Reading Challenge. Reading is such an important skill to practice at all times and the long summer break gives children an ideal chance to really develop their love for it.

Please find further information using the link below

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news/summer-reading-challenge>

The Rotary Club of St Ives Youth Committee would once again like to share some ideas for summer holiday activities for young people and their families in the area. This is attached separately.