

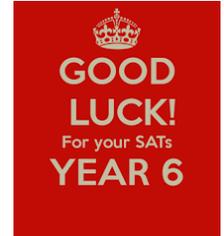
# Holywell News

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**'Expanding our Horizons with Contagious Enthusiasm'**

## **SATs Week**

Next week is SATs week for our wonderful Year 6 children. The children have worked very hard towards this week and we know that they will try hard to achieve their very best. We would be grateful if all Year 6 children could eat a good breakfast and all have a water bottle in school as they will be allowed to have this with them during the tests.



## **The Prayer Space team is expanding!**

Would you like to be part of the team creating a fun, safe space for children (and adults) to hear from God? We are looking for a few people to provide additional support for the many children coming along. We are open Weds, Thurs, Fri lunchtimes (12 - 1:15) in the prayer space/music room or environmental outside area.

We create activities - often linking mindfulness, Bible stories and prayer with sensory elements. Anything from making bead bracelets to pipe cleaner people, playdoh shapes to handprints, and we have some great ideas for the term ahead.

Contact Corene on corenee@gmail.com or 07766 750 536 to sign up or to get more info.

## **Changeable weather**



All children should be bringing a cap or sun hat to school for sunny days or alternatively a coat for wet days. We do try to get the children outside for each break so they can have some down time so please support us with providing the correct attire.

## **Attendance**

Over the last few weeks we have been reviewing our processes for monitoring attendance and punctuality across the school. As a result we have decided to follow the Local Authority system which involves schools sharing their concerns about attendance and punctuality with parents. We will therefore be monitoring attendance over a 6 week block for every child and writing to you if your child's attendance falls below 90% across this period of time. We do understand that some absence is unavoidable for example sickness and this will of course be authorised absence.

With regards to requests for leave of absence, I am sure that you are aware that a few years ago, Government Guidance removed the discretion on head teachers agreeing to term time holiday requests. Any leave of absence requests will be considered by the school and each will be looked at individually and a decision made about whether the circumstances for the absence are 'exceptional'. If you complete a request for leave of absence, you will be informed whether this time will be authorised or unauthorised absence for your child/children.

Parents should be aware that any unauthorised leave of absence could result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued. This is £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or if we can support you in any way with attendance, please do let us know via the school office.

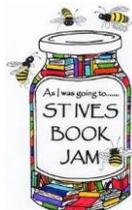
## **Class photos**

We are delighted to let you know that we have booked class photos for all classes on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform!

## Safeguarding

Please could we take this opportunity to remind parents about the importance of safeguarding in school. If you are coming into school through the front door and someone is behind you, please do not let them follow you in through the door. We understand that this may feel a little awkward but it is vital that visitors are not let into our building without a member of staff being aware. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

**Book Jam – June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** This is the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Book Jam and we are always delighted to be a part of this



event. This year (as always) there is a writing competition. We would love for as many pupils at Holywell to enter as possible. Here is the scenario. **The journey of my yogurt pot** (or any other piece of rubbish that you might choose). Write a story about your chosen piece of rubbish and the adventure it goes on when it is discarded. Let your imagination go wild..! There will be four year-group categories to the competition. Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6. The stories should be **no longer than 750 words** (may be shorter), and the reception year entries may include pictures. There will be three prizes for each category of book tokens to the value of £40, £20, and £10, which will be presented at the Book Jam event, in the St Ives Corn Exchange on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. The stories must be submitted in an envelope with your name, year group, address and telephone number or your email, to The St Ives Corn Exchange, The Pavement, The Old Riverport, St Ives, Cambs PE27 5AD. Mark the envelope 'Book Jam Competition' and submit by **Thursday 2nd May 2019**. This year there is an exciting range of authors and workshops including Cambridge Cats (Fitz and Will), Jo Cotterill, Elys Dolan, Alison Limentani, Dr Michael Leach, Lion Learners, Matty Long, Gary Northfield, Pebbles Club and Julian Sedgwick. Booking for these events will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. If you have not been to The Book Jam before use <https://www.flickr.com/photos/138701403@N08/> to get a flavour of the event. See Mrs Nicholson who will have more details of this exciting event.

## Our new Governing Body

Attached with the newsletter we have sent some information about our new Governing Body. We are seeking 3 new Governors from the local community to become co-opted Governors. Please do consider passing this information to anyone within our community who you think might be interested. Many thanks.