

Holywell News

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'Expanding our Horizons with Contagious Enthusiasm'



This half term our Collective Worship theme is **Truthfulness**. A family support document can be found on our website in the church school section.

"To be truthful with others, you must first be truthful with yourself"

Anon

Open the Book – We celebrate 20 years of Open the Book going into schools this year. 20 years of Open the Book is also the theme of this year's **Patronal Festival** at Holywell Church in June. We are looking for a group of actors who can take part in the evening service. If you can spare some time, please see Mrs Macdonald or send a message through to the main office.



Welcome to Holywell Sofia in Year 2 and Richie in Year 1



Good News we have been awarded the **Bronze Ocean Guardian Accreditation** for successfully demonstrating a commitment to engaging in learning and education with particular focus on plastic education.

New website – we are delighted to share with you our new school website which can be found by visiting



www.holywell.cambs.sch.uk This will be updated regularly and class teachers will be updating class blogs over the coming weeks. If there is ever anything you cannot find, please do let us know.



Wet weather – Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a **coat**.

Be on time



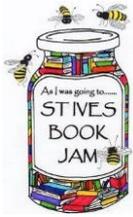
at five to nine

Morning routine – A reminder that the gate opens at 8.40 in the morning. Children come into school and start their morning routines. The gates will be closed at 8.55. After this time the gates are locked and your child will be marked as late in the register. **Parents should NOT be entering via cloakrooms to speak to teachers in the morning.** If you are attending a school

trip, please drop your child off and enter through the main door to sign in with Mrs Sharp. Appointments to speak to any teachers should also be made via the main school office. Thank you for your support with this.



Art Week – we are looking forward to **Art Week** next week with a focus around the amazing book **'The Lost Words'**. Children will be working with artists across the week. If you have any skills to share and have not contacted us, please contact Mrs Helen Harland through the main office. Thank you.



Book Jam – June 7-8th 2019

This year children were treated to some brilliant authors and illustrators at the Book Jam in St. Ives. These included, among others, The Cambridge Cats, Jo Cotterill, Elys Dolan, Matty Long and Gary Northfield. They delivered a range of workshops.

The theme this year was recycling and a big frieze was created during the day. Schools around St. Ives produced posters to show how each works towards recycling. Our poster is now on display in the entrance hall- a big thank you to the Eco Crew in Year 5 for their artistic work with bottle tops! Holywell was also successful with their entries in the writing competition- 'The Journey of a Yoghurt Pot', winning first (Ben in Year 4) and third prize (Isabelle in Year 3) in their categories. Congratulations!

May Day 2020 date change

Following the recent announcement, please note that next year's early May Bank Holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It will be put back to **Friday 8th May 2020**.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe. The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events across the country.

[Read BBC News here.](#)

Father's Day

Thank you to HSA for the wonderful Father's Day shop – the children enjoyed choosing their gifts!



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books during the long summer holiday.

Children's reading can 'dip' during the summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. The annual Summer Reading Challenge helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries each year to keep up their reading skills and confidence. The Challenge

celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

How it works

Children can read whatever they like - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Do have a look at the links below to information about the Summer Reading Challenge for this year.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/news/space-chase-book-collection-announced.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JronxYxC1go>



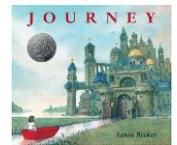
Willow class loved their Blue Smiley treat to the park last week and visiting Chatters Café and have been doing so much writing linked to the stories they are sharing in class. 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' has been painted beautifully by all children using printing techniques and they have loved watching the tiny caterpillars spin their cocoons.



Year 1 Fudge and Oreo are delighted to be eating their first Holywell-grown tea this year. On Wednesday there were some radish and leaves accompanying their dinner! Thank you to the children of ash class for providing this and they look forward to the other vegetables arriving soon fresh from our garden!



Year 2 have been reading the most amazing books and writing their own stories based on the most beautiful book 'Journey'. There will be a letter coming soon and a special history day on 5th July. The class still have some plants to sell (Monday and Tuesday) after school.



Year 3 absolutely loved their visit to a rather wet Hamerton zoo this week – a highlight was definitely the white tigers! They have been learning all about predators and how food chains work as well as the 5 Pillars of Islam.



Year 4 have been learning about sacred texts and in particular how the Torah is kept and about the 10 Commandments. They have also been learning how to link gymnastic rolls together with some children mastering the forward roll and being able to stand at the end without the use of hands!



Year 5 loved their visit by Juliet Desailly the author of the book they have been reading in class 'Ma'at's Feather'. They have started to learn how to play 'bowls' by attending the local bowls club on a Thursday afternoon too.



Year 6 have been learning all about animal adaptation and following up their residential visit to Hilltop last week by developing 'tension' in their writing. Children have also been comparing the ending of 'Clockwork' to their own version and discussing the complex plot line.

