

# Holywell News

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

We have been very busy in the main office this week migrating our Office Management System to a new provider (Pupil Asset). This means that you will be receiving mails in a slightly different way. The system we are now using has all information in one place linked to attendance, pupil information, attainment data and such like. The migration of previous data has moved the primary email contact only to our new system. You will receive the weekly mail through our old system and our new system for just this week. We are attempting to streamline this and need your help. If you received both emails you do not need to do anything. If you only received one email then you may not be on the list to receive mail from the new system (as may not be the primary contact). If this is the case, please contact Mrs Sharp in the main office (the phone line has also been fixed allowing you to leave messages after hours).

**You will also receive additional information about how to book an appointment for Parents Evening this term. Bookings open on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9am.**

**Worship theme – Generosity** 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself' (Matthew 22). This term we have already found out about Johnny Appleseed and considered the qualities he would need to spend most of his life walking barefoot around America planting apple trees from seeds. We have begun learning a few new hymns 'Here I am Lord' and 'Bless the Lord' with Mrs Peach and have been finding out about Cello music taking inspiration from The Piano Guys - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry4BzonlVlw> with reflection from the children about the way the music made them feel, the way the instruments were played and the composer. We also listened to how two well-known songs can be played at the same time honing our listening skills. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzF\\_y039slk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzF_y039slk) Dharma from Willow helped us find out about Epiphany and how it is celebrated in Italy. See very kindly gave all her classmates the story of La Bahana along with some gifts. Thank you Dharma and her family. We also listened to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ts0lr2hXXaw> and considered why The Piano Guys may have called it this name.



Welcome to Lottie who has joined Year 4.

You should have received an email outlining the class planning for this half term along with a homework menu and newsletter. These are all available on the school website.

## CLASS NEWS:

**EYFS** – have started writing in sentences, and Mrs Harland is busy planning some exciting events so that chicks and birds of prey can visit the class. The children have been doing the most fabulous computing work linked to 'Duck in a Truck'

**Year 1** have a space rocket in their class and have been reading Moon Zoom. They have plans to find out about the history of space travel. It is 50 years this year since the Moon landing. They have also been learning to tell the time, so please do support them with this at home.

**Year 2** – have created amazing artwork linked to their topic in the style of Jackson Pollock as well as reading Georges Marvellous Medicine and inking their learning together with science. They have been dissolving many substances and honing their observation skills.

**Year 3** have become experts already on the Ancient Greek Gods and are enjoying finding out if all Gods are good. They have been drawing them and will be opening up their classrooms at the end of term inviting parents and carers in to see their work from the term.

**Year 4** have had a great start to the year welcoming Lottie to the class as well as Mrs Lyons and Mrs Drysdale. Already they have started learning about all about teeth and have plans to create large scale models of the digestive system. A dentist visited this week showing them all sorts of teeth!

**Year 5** have been very busy with their new ECO topic and highlighting the amount of rubbish that we are leaving or dropping on the playground and field! As a school we have talked about how we will reduce this rapidly! Plastic bottles have been brought into school for their BOTTLE GREENHOUSE. Keep them coming. Please do wash them out first and take the plastic wrappers off. Thank you.

**Year 6** have a busy term where they get their heads down and focus while still enjoying the breadth of our exciting curriculum. Mrs Davies has planned some exciting outdoor learning and science investigations into why penguins huddle together linked to their Frozen Kingdom topic.

## MUSIC NEWS

Mr Astin also visited last week to share the instruments he teaches at school – clarinet, flute, saxophone, trombone and trumpet. Details are again attached. If you would like your children to receive lessons, please complete the form.

Year 6 have made enough money for their summer term lessons. This has come from weekly tuck shop takings, the money from the refreshments at film night and the £5 challenge from when year 6 were in Year 5 during the summer term. We know that this gives the children an understanding of the effort it takes to earn money and vital lessons about profit on sales and how to market products. Year 6 will continue running the tuck shop to support ongoing music in the school and Year 5 will be running their £5 challenge at the end of the year which will go towards another term of Violin and Viola tuition through the autumn term.

We also offer piano, keyboard, singing, drumming, ukulele and guitar teaching, so if you are keen for your child to receive any music tuition of this nature, please contact Mrs Macdonald. If your child (year 3 and above) is interested in joining the choir and they want a trial week, please let Mrs Peach know via the main office. Year 2 will be invited to join during the summer term.



28<sup>th</sup> March <http://www.megsonmusic.co.uk/> tickets available soon the school office.

As we say – you've got to be in it to win it!

Some competitions your children may be interested in:

There is always a host of competitions to get involved with on National Geographic - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/play-and-win/competitions/>

Are you a talented writer? Why not enter this poetry competition? <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/deck-the-halls.php>

## Children's University

Saturday 26th January 2019  
10.00am to 2.00pm

Children's University is a national project which recognises the achievements of young people who take part in learning activities outside of their school day.



University Centre Peterborough (UCP) are proud to be hosting a fun day with the following activities which are FREE OF CHARGE for 8 to 11 year olds.

Discover Robotics

Winter Snowflake Mobiles

Exploring Carbon

Performance Puppets

To book please contact UCP on 01733 214466 or email [hello@ucp.ac.uk](mailto:hello@ucp.ac.uk)

\* There are limited spaces available on a first come first served basis.  
\* Please note that children under 11 years will need to be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.



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Cambridgeshire  
County Council

## Understanding your child's Anxiety and worries Workshop

Holywell school  
March 7th  
9.30-11am

- Gain a better understanding of your child's anxiety and worries.
- Strategies to help you and your child manage their anxiety and worries.

For more information contact  
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