

HOLYWELL SCHOOL

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9th September, 2019

Dear Parents and students

Welcome!

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you have had an excellent Summer break. The new term has started well – Year 5 are settling in and they are enjoying their lessons – the lunchtime food has also been a highlight so far! Years 6-8 have also been brilliant on our return and we look forward to an excellent year. This is our second year of expansion and we are already oversubscribed in every year group – we are humbled that you have chosen Holywell for your son or daughter and we will do our best to provide them with the best learning experiences possible.

Support and Safeguarding

Please remember to contact us if you have successes or concerns to share. Form tutors are the first 'port of call'. Mr Ulph is Head of Year for Years 5 and 6 with support from Miss Lau (as Assistant Head of Year 5) and Mrs Purves (Assistant Head of Year for Year 6) ... Mrs Warner (the current Head of Year 5 will shortly be going on maternity leave and we wish her (and bump) a safe and restful maternity leave. Miss Norman and Miss Dell are Heads of Year for KS3. Our safeguarding team (Miss Stewart, Mr van der Merwe and Mrs Bennett) is also here to help.

Live life in all its fullness
John 10:10

- Learn and Love
- Be Kind and Care
- Dare to Dream
- Be Just and Fair
- Listen and Hear
- Be Peaceful and Share
- In and Through Jesus
- Amen



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Live life in all its fullness

As a Church of England School, we use a bible quote to guide our work and we have chosen 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) to represent our vision and purpose as a school. In our welcome assemblies, we talked about 'Cathedral Thinking' – ie. planning with the BIGGER goal in mind. Our BIGGER goals as a school are: (1) to make a positive difference to the lives of each and every person in our community; (2) to enable each and every member of our community at Holywell to 'live life in all its fullness'. Jesus didn't use the building metaphor, but rather that of the shepherd and his sheep. He

promises that if we choose to follow Him, we will find safety and will have life in all its fullness.

Whilst we appreciate that not all of our students and families are Christian, we ask that everyone who is a part of Holywell upholds our Christian values and strives to be the best they can be. We ask that our school is filled with learning and love and our hearts are filled with kindness and care.

Values


As a Values-School we explore 11 values during the school year. Our first value of the month is Responsibility. It might be useful to explore what this looks and sounds like at home! Our other values for the year are:

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| • Tolerance | Courage |
| • Simplicity | Trust |
| • Kindness | Endurance |
| • Forgiveness | Honesty |
| • Hope | Happiness |

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Value of the Month: Responsibility
September 2019

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself. Luke 10:27



Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. Romans 12:6

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Deputy Headteacher: Miss A Stewart - Deputy Headteacher Mr S Van Der Merwe - Assistant Headteacher: Mrs H Donnellan

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SPONSORED WALK (Friday, 27th September)



The first opportunity for students to live out our vision of *living life in all its fullness* and to demonstrate their responsibility is through our annual sponsored walk. The walk takes place on Friday, 27th September (in the afternoon), with the whole school walking through Marston Thrift. We ask you, your family and friends to sponsor students on this 4.7km walk. This is one of the annual fund-raising events for the PTFA and we are hoping to raise funds to develop our Music and Performing Arts facilities and for extra playground equipment. Full details are on the attached Sponsor Form.

Website and Key Dates

We are currently in the process of updating all the information on our website – please be patient as we add and refresh our policies and information. One area on which we are working is our calendar – in the meantime, here are some key events and dates to look out for:

- Monday, 16th September – Year 6 WREST PARK Trip
- Tuesday, 17th September – Year 8 HPV Injections
- w/c 23rd September – Bike to School Week
- Friday, 27th September – Sponsored Walk
- w/c 30th September – Road Safety Talks
- Wednesday, 9th October – KS2 Tutor Evenings
- Wednesday, 16th October – Year 6 SATs Information Evening

Transport update, 'Thank you' and request for help!

As a result of our additional numbers, we also have additional buses at the start and at the end of the day. Thank you to those parents who have made alternative arrangements for picking up students rather than driving onto site. Please remember not to drive onto site at the start or at the end of the day (you're only

likely to get stuck!). Please ensure that if you are picking up students, this is done safely – the High Street can be a busy and dangerous place. Please be vigilant and thoughtful as this will help us with the safe-keeping of all the students. We have also been asked by the bus companies to mention how students board the buses in the morning. Students need to watch for the gap between the pavement and the bus. They need to take their time boarding the bus, making sure they don't rush and push. On another note, thank you for your support with our new mobile phone policy.



Successes and information

So, welcome to our 2019-2020 term – I'm sure that we will have a great academic year. We will have regular updates as we go through the year – all in addition to our half-termly newsletter: Holywell News. If there are successes and 'good news' stories to share, please let us know.

With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'MG Simpson'.

Mr MG Simpson
Headteacher

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HOLYWELL SCHOOL PTFA SPONSORED WALK

Friday 27th September 2019



The walk is during school hours and is 4.7km long. It goes down bridleways to the south of the school, dropping down the hill to the Thrift and then back up the hill to return. It takes about 1½ hours.

In 2019, we are raising money to contribute towards:

Extra playground equipment and developing a Music and Drama performance space.

Please return this sponsor form with any money raised in a sealed envelope AND make sure that the student's name is on the form! The deadline for returning sponsor money is Friday, 4th October.

Student's Name				Form	
Sponsor's full name	Home Address <small>(if agreeing to Gift Aid. We can't claim Gift Aid without this information)</small>	Postcode	Amount	Gift Aid <small>(tick here)</small>	Rec'd
Total					

Using Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give we get an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further. This means that £100 can be turned into £125, just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid. Imagine what a difference that could make and it doesn't cost you a thing!

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.

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