

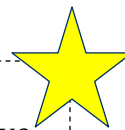
Holywell Village First School News Update!

2nd October 2020

We have had a brilliant couple of weeks in school and the children are loving being back in the swing of things. We have had lots of fabulous learning happening and we could not be more proud of all of the children – they are producing amazing work!

We are still finding new ways to work and are now having weekly virtual assemblies with Mrs. Brett along with house points and stars of the week being announced over our class radios! The children are able to send celebratory messages to the class winners over the radios to the winners and it is so lovely to hear.

We are all persevering and doing the best we can until guidance changes – we will of course continue to keep you up dated.



Important information

Here are two pieces of important information from the government/DfE:

*When should I book a test for my child?

*Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.gov.uk/.../guidance-to-parents-and-guardians...>

<https://www.nhs.uk/.../is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- As you will have seen this week, we have had our community police officers join us to assist with driving and parking issues within the streets surrounding school. We have received numerous complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking and advising of altercations with parents/carers as a result. We have advised all residents to contact the police immediately should any vehicle cause an obstruction and we are very grateful to the community police for their support with this. Camera footage is being taken on their visits and relevant tickets will be issued accordingly.
- Please can we once again also ask all parents NOT to bring dogs to school especially into the pedestrian cut as this not only causes an obstruction but is issue for social distancing.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – 6th October

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PHOTOGRAPHER IS VISITING ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER. USUALLY WE SPEND TIME BRUSHING HAIR AND STRAIGHTENING AND TIDYING UNIFORM – HOWEVER AS WE ARE UNABLE TO DO THAT, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS SMART AND TIDY READY FOR THE SHOTS! AS THINGS HAVE TO BE SO DIFFERENT THIS YEAR, WE HAVE OPTED FOR MORE RELAXED POSE PHOTOGRAPHS AND (WEATHER PERMITTING), WE WILL BE TAKING THEM OUTDOORS.

Important Y4 Information

The online portal for middle school applications is now open.

The portal will remain open until 31st October and parents/carers must log on and apply for their chosen middle school places before this date.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

Walk on Wednesdays

The children are loving our ‘Walk on Wednesdays’ incentive and have received badges this week accordingly.

We are aware however that some children are not walking to school but claiming to do so to secure a badge – Mrs. Brett has spoken to all children about honesty and is watching!