



FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back Everyone!

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. We have lots of exciting things happening in school in the coming weeks. We will use our fortnightly newsletter to inform parents/carers of forthcoming events, dates of interest and to celebrate pupils' successes. We will also keep our school app and website updated between newsletters, so please keep checking in for the latest information.

If you have changed your email address or emergency text number, please ensure to update the school office.

Over the course of the coming weeks there will be various important letters coming home; please ensure that you check school bags EVERY night to ensure that you do not miss any important information.



 **NO BIKES**
 **NO SKATES**
 **NO SCOOTERS**

There are no scooters, bikes, wheeled toys or wheeled footwear permitted to be ridden or used on the yard. Children have been advised of the sanctions if they are observed breaking this important Health and Safety rule.

Please note the use of mobile phones on the school site is not permitted. Please ensure phones are turned off when entering school



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Save the Date....

- 11th to 14th December will be Christmas Performance week
- 11th—Years 1-4 pm
- 12th—EYFS am
- 13th—Years 1-4 am
- 14th—EYFS am

Please be aware that these are preliminary dates/times so may change if required - we just wanted to give you early warning.

Governor Information

We thought it would be nice to properly introduce our parents/carers to our very dedicated team of school Governors. So over the coming months we shall add into the newsletter a pen portrait written by each governor. This fortnight we are starting with Councillor Eva Coulson.

"I have been a governor at Holywell Village First School for many years and have been involved in the life of the school throughout that time. I myself attended Holywell School as did my children. I am a teacher with a particular interest and experience in the Early Years. I also volunteer with a charity where I help to teach English as a second language to adults. My role on the governing body is as governor with responsibility

For Early Years and Safeguarding of Children in which I work closely with Mrs Brett. I am also active within the community as a Parish Councillor. There have been many changes at the school over time but as a governor I am confident that our children receive an excellent education and leave the school ready for the next step in their lives."



Important Dates:

- 15.09.17—No Family Assembly
- 18.09.17 9am & 4pm—EYFS Reading Meeting
- 27.09.17—National Fitness Day
- 05.10.17 - 9am—Y4 Class Assembly
- 12.10.17 9am—Y2 Class Assembly
- 17.10.17—Get Off Stabilisers EYFS/Y1
- 19.10.17 9am—EYFS Assembly
- 20.10.17—School breaks for half-term
- 30.10.17—School resumes for the pupils
- 09.11.17 9am—Year 1 Class Assembly
- 16.11.17 9am—Year 3 Class Assembly
- 07.12.17 4pm —Christmas Extravaganza
- 18.12.17—Special Visitor
- 20.12.17—Christmas Dinner
- 22.12.17—School breaks for Christmas holiday.



08.09.17—No Golden Table this week
 15.09.17—Courtney, Skye G, James W



W/E 08.09.17
 Year 1—99.14% attendance
 W/E 15.09.17
 Year 3—100% attendance
 Well Done everyone!



W/E: 08.09.17
 Rowan M
 Isabella W
 Laina G
 Jack B
 Hannah F

W/E: 15.09.17
 No Stars this week as no family assembly

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY—27.09.17

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for national fitness day. The children in school will be making healthy snack and drinks along with participating in fitness activities within their classrooms. The whole school will participate in a dance-athon, where staff will be teaching the children their favourite dances in the school hall— watch out for the children coming home with some retro dance moves!



School Meal Reminder

Should your child wish to change from School Meals to Packed Lunches (or vice versa) , one week notice is required.

Please advise Mr. Wood in the school office of your intent to change and he will confirm the first available date.

This is due to meals being ordered from another kitchen and us adhering to the notice period for changes they insist on.

We would like to share some quotes and feedback received from parents/carers on recent questionnaires:

“Fantastic School, Staff and Ethos—Thank you everyone!”

Year 4 Middle School Applications

Although we have just begun what will be the final year in Holywell Village First School for our Year 4 children, it is already time to apply for their middle school place.

The online admissions portal for First and Primary schools opened on **11th September 2017** and will close on **31st October 2017**.

We cannot stress enough how important it is that you log onto the portal and apply for your child's middle school place within the dates above. Failure to do so will mean you do not secure a school place for your child next September.

Any queries, please contact:
 School Admissions
 County Hall
 Morpeth
 NE61 2EF
 01670 624889

Babies and Young Children Request

We love to see people attending our class and family assemblies and are happy to welcome babies and young children to these also. However, it came to light last academic year, that the enjoyment of other parents/carers was being marred by the occasions when a baby or young child was unsettled, crying or disruptive. This can also be very distracting and unsettling for the children of school and those who are performing or receiving awards. Can we please kindly request that if you do bring a baby or young child to an assembly and they become unsettled or disruptive, that you remove them from the hall and return when they are happier. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.