

## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

### Only 1 week to go until half-term!

With only one week to go until the holiday, it has certainly been a busy half-term.

However, the busiest is just around the corner! When we return from holiday and as soon as the Halloween excitement is over, it will be the count down to Christmas! Well after-all, it is only 10 weeks away ....



There will be many, many things happening both in school and outside of school leading up to the festive period,

therefore we encourage everyone to download our school app to keep updated with the latest information.

The app contains everything you would expect in a mobile phone app. There is also a function to allow users to register on the app.



Scan the QR code or search in your app/play

store for our school and download accordingly.

To register, please click on the cog in the top right corner of the app. The unique school code for the school is **8764**.



You will be asked to enter an email address so we can verify you.

When you have registered you will be able to select your preferences, choosing the year groups from which you wish to receive notifications. You can choose more than one preference. This is a handy parent/carer tool we would love to be utilised more.

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



### Governor Information

I'm Lizzie Beattie, Parent Governor at the school. My children have attended the school since 2010 and 2 of my children are in the school at present. I have lived in Holywell for 12 years. I joined as a Governor about 3 years ago. The role of Governor is highly rewarding and best of all you get to see the pupils happy in class, getting the most from the school and hopefully offering some ideas/ support along the way to ensure they are getting

the most from their time there.

I work as an Estate Agent and assist in the managing of a busy office. Prior to this I had roles in recruitment /training and worked in a teaching supply agency, so I am used to problem solving and working under pressure.

In my spare time, I like to run, ski, horse ride and the outdoors. I love to see the classes getting out in the fresh air, enjoying the pond and

surrounding area as much as I do. The school recently did the Children's Cancer Run as a group as it was a fun filled with a complete edge among staff and parents /carers and pupils, followed by lots of red faces! I hope this can continue to be an annual event for the school.

I am looking forward to a fun packed Halloween and would urge parent/carers to make sure they are in receipt of the newsletter which is a great help for me. In particular, the dates section is useful, as there is a lot planned.

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### Save the Date....

- 11th to 14th December will be Christmas Performance week

11th—Years 1-4 pm

12th—EVFS am

13th—Years 1-4 am

14th—EVFS am

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



**Important Dates:**

- 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
- 01.12.17—Village Lights switch on
- 07.12.17 4pm —Christmas Extravaganza
- 18.12.17—Special Visitor
- 20.12.17—Christmas Dinner
- 22.12.17—School breaks for Christmas holiday.
- 08.01.18—Teacher Training Day
- 09.01.18—School resumes for the Children



06.10.17—Ben P, Jamie & Jackson  
13.10.17—Len, Ella T, Kailem



W/E 06.10.17  
Year 2 — 99.3% attendance .  
W/E 13.10.17  
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Well Done everyone!



W/E: 06.10.17  
Charlie S,  
Darcey, Lucas  
Ava M, Charlie K  
  
W/E: 13.10.17  
Sophie, Michael & Len  
Robbie, Rory,  
Annalise



**SPORTY LUNCH SUCCESS**

Last week we hosted our sport heroes lunch and it was a huge success. Children were invited to wear their team colours for the day and enjoyed a sport themed dinner hall with table treats. Thank you to everyone for supporting this—we are hoping to enjoy another themed lunch in January..... Watch this Space!

**School Meal Reminder**

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

**Packed Lunch Reminder**

Please can we issue a polite reminder to all parents/carers regarding packed lunches. We request that children who bring their lunch to school, have as healthy a packed lunch as possible. ONE chocolate/sweet treat is permitted on a Friday only. Any children bringing chocolate or sweets on any other day of the week, will have them returned home.

**Year 4 Middle School Applications**

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

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

*'This school is fantastic. I feel very confident that my child is well looked after when they are at school and they have made exceptional progress whilst being at Holywell Village First School.'*

**TICKETS ON SALE NEXT WEEK!**

Our Halloween disco for children from Reception to Year 4 is on 31st October (4-5.30pm). Numbers are strictly limited to 100—at a cost of £3 per ticket. For this, children will receive a hotdog, drink and sweet treat. Tickets on a 'first come first served' basis! Please send £3 in a NAMED envelope into school and PAF members will issue tickets. There will also be glow sticks for £1 on sale ON THE NIGHT.



**Get off Stabilisers!**

Next Tuesday sees some of our younger children (Reception and Year 1) take on the challenge of learning to ride their bikes without stabilisers! Dr. Bike (Richard Rothwell) will be in school to run 2 of his amazing sessions, which in the past have had brilliant and quick results. If you have not returned the forms already but would like to reserve a place in one of the sessions for your child, please contact Mrs. Reed in the school office. If you have a place reserved in the sessions, please remember to bring your child's bike to school (with pedals and stabilisers already removed and in a carrier bag) along with their helmet.

