

# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Only 19 school days until Easter holidays! Where is this term disappearing to?



As you know, we had 'special visitors' in school a couple of weeks ago.

The report has now been published (everyone should have received a paper copy last week) and is also available to read online. Thank you to everyone who shared their views, we are thrilled that Ofsted saw how very good our school is and were able to see just what a special place Holywell is and were able to see just how special the people are in our school.

Thank you for all of your lovely comments



## Easter EGGstravaganza 2020

On Thursday 2nd April at 9am we will host our annual EGGstravaganza in school.

Children are invited to decorate eggs and enter them into our competition. Each Class will have a 1st place and 2nd place winner.



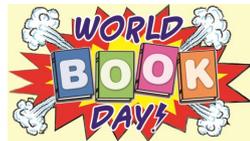
Unfortunately due to lack of entries in recent years, there is no adult category this year

All EGG-cellent entries need to be in school for 8.45am on **WEDNESDAY 1st April**— no late entries will be accepted as judging will be taking place prior to the assembly.

Children will also be invited to participate in a drawing competition (50p entry fee)—sheets will be going home on 20th March to be returned by 9am 30th March for judging.

and emails about the report too—these have been shared with staff and are very much appreciated.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who shared World Book Day today with us. We had some AMAZING costumes in school and the children have loved being involved. We really hope it has enthused you all to read together more and share stories together.

## SCIENCE WEEK

Holywell First School's Science

Week will commence next week with a focus on our oceans. In the mornings, the children will stay in their classes to carry out investigations linked to this year's topics of 'Our Diverse Planet' with a focus on scientific writing.

In the afternoons, Year 1-4 will carousel around the school to take part in fun ocean based investigation with the opportunity to work with teachers throughout the school. EYFS have arranged a range of fun and exciting experiments to encourage the children to ask questions about the world that we live in. We also have an Electrical Engineer visiting us on Monday 9th March, to talk to the children about robots and STEM careers. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to become engaged in STEM and take part in a range of scientific enquiry based learning.

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Save the Date...

20.03.20—PAF clothing collection—start clearing out your wardrobes!

30.03.20—PAF Film Night— tickets on sale 23rd to 25th March ONLY. Rec to Y4 children are invited to watch "SMALLFOOT" - please be aware that this film is PG rated and by buying a ticket you agree to your child watching this rated film.

## Making Learning An Adventure

### Important Dates:

10.03.20 & 11.03.20  
Parents' Evenings for  
Rec to Y4

NURSERY PARENTS'  
EVE—Mrs Stewart will  
contact parents directly

30.03.20—PAF Film  
Night 3-5pm

01.04.20—8.45am ALL  
EGG ENTRIES MUST  
BE IN SCHOOL

02.04.20 9am Easter  
Assembly

02.04.20 3pm -School  
breaks for Easter at  
3pm

03.04.20—Teacher  
Training Day

20.04.20—School  
resumes

08.05.20—School  
closed—MAY DAY/VE  
Day

22.05.20—Chocolate  
donation Non Uniform  
day

**Best Class  
Attendance:**

W/E 28.02.20 - Year 3  
W/E 06.03.20—Year 2  
Well Done everyone!

**Golden Table  
Winners:**

28.02.20—Oliver, Tyler &  
Zak  
06.03.20—Lewis, Summer  
Millie

**Stars of the Week:**

W/E: 28.02.20—  
Bobby, Emelia, Niamh,  
Io, Esme & Zak

### SUN BOOK TOKENS

Mrs Gray has received notification from The Sun—that we WILL receive a box of free books after all! Thank you to everyone who collected tokens for us.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACES

All middle school places for September 2020 have now been allocated. If you have not already done so, please log on to the portal and check your Year 4 child's allocation.

Portal closes 6th March at midnight.

### CORONAVIRUS

On Tuesday the Department for Education launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) case of COVID-19 unless advised to do so by Public Health England

## Nursery 2020 Applications

Nursery applications for September 2020 have gone out this week.

If you have a child of eligible nursery age and you HAVE NOT registered your interest in applying for a place, please email Mrs. Reed with these details:

Child's name, Child's DOB, home address, parent/carer name and telephone number.  
Many thanks.

### Football

Unfortunately—it is with regret that we have withdrawn from this season's South East Northumberland Saturday football league. Having looked into the options and requirements for coaches, we were unable to adhere to the school's safeguarding measures. Mrs. Brett has therefore made the decision to withdraw for this season. We are hoping to be able to re-join the league in the future, should suitable coaching become available to school.

### Governor News:

Thank you to everyone who sent in comments regarding the proposed change to bag policy—a decision will be made soon and you will be informed in due course.  
Thank You

### LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT

We have arranged for the author Mallory Smith to perform a reading from her book 'Maloula The Mermaid' on Wednesday 11th March. This book explores the harmful affects of plastics in our oceans. Children will have the opportunity to buy a signed copy of her book. A letter has been sent home tonight with each child about this opportunity.

### COMMUNITY POLICING



We were pleased to have a visit from two officers of our community policing team last week.

They will be working with us in the coming months, not only monitoring our ongoing parking issues, but also coming into school to work with the children. They help us with topics like 'Stranger Danger' and 'People who help us'.

The children love having the officers in school and we are always pleased to receive their help. If you see them in the street or on the yard, feel free to stop them for a chat—community policing is their passion.