

Holywell Village First School News Update!

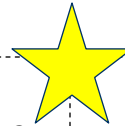
19th October 2020

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

In light of the current situation and climate, we have had to make a change to the format of this term's parent/teacher consultation appointments and instead of face-to-face, these will be conducted by telephone.

Parents/Carers will receive a ten minute call (these times will be strictly adhered to) on either 16th or 17th November between 3.10pm and 5.50pm. Calls will come from a 'withheld' or 'private number' so please answer as we will not be making repeated attempts to contact due to time constraints.

You will be invited before this appointment to communicate any areas for discussion; more information about this will follow – so please keep checking your email inboxes.



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/.../guide-to-parents-and-guardians...>

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

- 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.

- We are seeing an increased number of Potential accidents when Parents/carers are dropping off and picking up children. Cars are reversing without taking the proper care and are parking inconsiderately and dangerously. We DO NOT want any accidents, especially any affecting or involving children so PLEASE can everyone be extra vigilant and ideally park away from the school gates and walk in to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph proofs are coming home with the children today. ALL orders are to be placed online before 3rd November



HALLOWEEN NON-UNIFORM

Children are invited to wear Halloween non-uniform on Friday 23rd October. We would like costumes but NO accessories please. No swords, witches brooms, tridents etc as these add a further transfer risk. Please also be mindful that outfits need to be suitable to be worn ALL DAY - inside and outdoors. Thank you.

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>



NO BAGS – NO BIKES



PLEASE can we remind everyone that at the moment we are not accepting bikes or scooters to be left in the rack.

Please can everyone remember that we are **NOT** having bags and backpacks in school. Children are permitted a packed lunch (ideally disposable), a water bottle, a PE kit (to be left in school each Monday to Friday) and a plastic bag with wellingtons/shoes in **ONLY**. THERE ARE NO SCHOOL BAGS PERMITTED IN SCHOOL.