

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back.....

Welcome back!
We are pleased to welcome all of the children into school this week, along with some new faces.

As you can see, school has undertaken some major renovations over the summer arranged and funded by Northumberland County Council.

Team Build Construction were employed to undertake the project which included removing the old central heating system and replacing it with 78 new radiators and surface mounted pipework. The project also saw the installation of 138 new uPVC windows and cladding to court yard areas of the building. The team did extremely well to complete the works within 6 weeks and only have minor reparatory work to undertake in the coming weeks; this work

will not affect the children or school at all.

Our beautiful new windows are coated with a privacy film to both protect the interior and raise energy efficiency—this coating is VERY expensive.

With this in mind, we kindly request that adults refrain from touching or knocking on the windows.

The children have all been advised that although they can see out onto the yard, the adults on the yard cannot see them and have also been discouraged from touching or knocking on the windows. Thank you for your understanding.

We have noticed already the temperature difference in school and are looking forward to a toasty warm winter without the need for portable heaters and

thermal clothing!

Mrs Brett and Mrs Reed were on site throughout the works (wearing appropriate safety attire of course) and apart from a very sad burglary incident, everything went swimmingly.



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WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC—KEEPING SAFE AND PEOPLE WHO HELP US

We are very lucky to have lots of local emergency responders coming into school to talk to the children in the coming weeks about keeping safe.



The first of our special visitors will be in school next Thursday 13th September. Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade will be in school with one of their emergency vehicles and will be talking to the children about water dangers and keeping safe around water. The children will then get the chance to see their vehicle and equipment used in rescues.



The following week we have the Fire Service joining us with their appliance. They will talk to the children about fire safety and conduct classroom workshops. The children will get the chance to look inside the appliance and at fire rescue equipment.



Our final visit is from Northumbria Police who will be coming into school to talk with all of children about Road Safety and will be carrying out stranger danger workshops.

We are so very grateful to these people for giving up their valuable time to visit us and share their knowledge with the children. Please take the time to talk to your children and ask them about their visits and new knowledge.

Important Dates:

23.10.18—School Photographer Visit—
More information to follow

26.10.18—School closes at 3pm for half-term holiday

05.11.18—School resumes for the children in all classes.

06.12.18—Festival of Light
More information to follow

10.12.18 to 14.12.18
Christmas Performance Week

21.12.18—School breaks for Christmas

08.01.19—School resumes for the children

Attendance

TOTALS START FROM
MONDAY 10TH
SEPTEMBER

House Points

TO BE
ANNOUNCED IN
NEXT WEEK'S
ASSEMBLY!

UPDATES:

We will continue to update the school website and app across the year, so it is good advice to look at these regularly.

To download the app just visit app store/play store on your device and search for Holywell Village First School.

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.

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 put in 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 term we welcome a new member of teaching staff to school—Miss Fields.



Miss Fields joins us from a primary school in Durham and is a very experienced teacher.

She is looking forward to the coming year and has lots of exciting things planned for the children in Year 3—we wish her the best of luck in her new post.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed food items to the scheme. We will be continuing this academic year, so please continue to collect and donate suitable food items, they really do make a difference to help people in need.

Governor News:

We have Parent/Carer Governor vacancies on our Governing body.

If this is of interest to you and you would like more information, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Brett.

She will be happy to discuss requirements with any interested parties. Many thanks.

Out of School Clubs Dates

The following clubs commence next week:

10.09.18—Fencing
12.09.18—Gym KS2
13.09.18—Family Football
14.09.18—Gym KS1

Please note—Street Dance Club will not commence until the following week on 18.09.18

SCHOOL MEAL REMINDER

As school meals are not prepared on site, we are required to give a notice of 1 week to the preparing kitchen for any meal changes.

Please advise the school office either by telephone or email if you wish to make any changes and Mr. Wood will be happy to confirm the effective change date with you.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

Family Assemblies will resume next Friday 14th September at 9am.

These assemblies give us the opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements both in and out of school.

If your child receives an out of school award that they wish to show in assembly, please ensure it is brought to the office the Thursday before the assembly.

