



# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## Can you believe school has been back for almost 4 weeks?!

Where has the time gone? One minute it was our first day back to school and the next, we are looking towards half-term!

We have had a packed few weeks and have lots more exciting things planned in the run up to half-term.

No doubt you will have all seen the online count downs already happening to Christmas....



However we have lots to fit into school before that happens.

Last week we were expecting the Fire Service to join us as part of our 'Staying Safe' topic, however due to

reduced resources and only having one appliance available, they were unable to attend.

We are hoping to reschedule this when they are better resourced and fully staffed.

This week we had Northumbria Police Officers scheduled to join us for work on Road Safety and Stranger Danger. Unfortunately, they too were attending elsewhere and unable to visit. We are hoping they are able to reschedule for later on in the half-term, we will keep you posted.

Please can we remind everyone, that there are no dogs permitted on the school site. This includes puppies being carried. Please tether dogs off the school site and away from the gate entrance to avoid congestion.



Please can we remind everyone to park and drive considerately within the village.

We have had a number of reports of speedy and dangerous driving and parking from the same vehicle. The details of this car and driver have been passed to the police for investigation. Our aim is to keep all of the children in and around school safe—we need your help with this also.

We have already received numerous complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking and ask all drivers to be mindful of this when leaving your vehicles.

### Harvest Assembly FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 9AM—ALL WELCOME!

In previous years, we have always managed to gather a considerable amount of produce at our Harvest Assemblies to donate to good causes. This year we would like it to be our best yet! All donations will go to the Blyth Food Bank for redistribution within Seaton Valley. Please send your donations into school on **THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER ONLY**—due to storage limitations.

Items much needed are:

- Tinned Foods (in date)
- Tinned Meat (in date)
- Pasta & Rice
- Dry goods
- Toothpaste and deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toiletries & shower products
- Pet food



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## 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

Last week's winner:  
Reception

This week's winner:  
Reception & Year 3

## House Points

Last week's winner:  
Owl House

This week's winner:  
Eagle House

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Parents and Friends Association News!

**The PAF held their AGM this week and resignations were received from Mrs Coates, Mrs Kidd, Mrs Gordon and Mrs Phillips. We thank them all for their hard work and dedicated fundraising for the children of Holywell Village First School.**

**We welcome a new committee who we wish the best of luck to and hope you will support their fundraising ventures.**

**Chairperson—Mrs Helen Taylor**

**Vice Chair—Miss Lucy Roberts**

**Treasurer—Mrs Sandra Evans**

**Secretary—Mrs Donna Collins**

**Best Value Co-ordinator—Mrs Sandra Bache**

**The PAF are always looking for new members to join the team, if you are interested please contact school.**

## Halloween Monster Mash

**Thursday 25th October  
4-5.30pm**

Tickets on sale 15th to 19th October at £3 each.

Children will receive a drink and a snack.

Prizes for best outfits and best monster mashing!



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER VISIT 23RD OCTOBER 2018

PERMISSION AND REQUEST FORMS ARE COMING HOME WITH THE CHILDREN ON 1ST OCTOBER—DUE TO NEW GDPR REGULATIONS, THESE **MUST** BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED OR **NO PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE TAKEN OF YOUR CHILD(REN).**

WE CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PERMISSION SLIP'S RETURN.

## 4th October PIZZERIA DAY!

Next Thursday we will be transforming the hall into an Italian Pizzeria for a special lunch.

Pizza, fries and salad will be on the menu along with ice-cream sundae and fruit juice all for £2.15 (Years 3 and 4 only) - Children in Reception to Year 2 may have a meal for free.

If your child already stays for school meals, your special dinner will have already been ordered. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to enjoy a pizzeria special, then please contact Mr. Wood in the school office (8am—11.30am) and he will be happy to order a meal for you.

