

# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## Is it too soon to start the count down??? (82 sleeps if you are counting already!



We have lots of news and diary items in this edition of the newsletter, so please ensure you read through it carefully.

We are thrilled that the Holywell In Bloom group were so successful at the RHS Britain in Bloom (Northumbria) Awards last week. A gold award was secured in the 'large village' category along with a special trophy for best in category! Special congratulations to Lexi who is a part of the group and gives up her time to help make our village look so beautiful.

In the next week or so, you will be receiving letters to make parent's evening appointments—please take the time to complete these forms fully as they have changed.

We are also asking parents/carers to familiarise themselves with their Ofsted Parent View log in details, as we really would like as many of you as possible to go online and complete your parental questionnaires for Ofsted.



### Parent View

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Please use the web address above to leave your views on our school. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

We have our annual school photographer visit soon. We have listened to parent/carer feedback

and liaised with the photographer to reduce the cost of the photo packages; we will also offer an 'Eco' package which is both affordable and has reduced packaging/waste.

### Reading Incentive Launch.

This year's reading incentive launches on 14th October and will run through to July 2020.

Please take the time to read the new incentive leaflet coming home with the children on Monday, as there are a number of additions and important dates to note.

We are asking that parents/carers do not total signatures in the record books, as this makes an already difficult task even more arduous.

Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

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**WEBSITE UPDATE:**  
All school policies have been updated and are now on the school website. Policies including homework, maths and English. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these policies.

### Harvest Assembly

FRIDAY 11TH 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 10TH OCTOBER ONLY**—due to storage limitations.

Items much needed are:

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



# Making Learning An Adventure

## Important Dates:

22.10.19—School Photographer Visit—

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

04.11.18—School resumes for the children in all classes.

05.12.19—Christmas Extravaganza  
More information to follow

09.12.19 to 13.12.19  
Christmas Performance Week

20.12.19—School breaks for Christmas

07.01.20—School resumes for the children

## Attendance

Last week's winner:  
Year 1

This week's winner:  
Year 3

## House Points

Last week's winner:  
Owl House

This week's winner:  
Eagle House

## Governor News:

We have 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.

## SIBLINGS WITHIN SCHOOL

A NUMBER OF PARENTS HAVE EXPRESSED A CONCERN OVER PICKING UP SIBLINGS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY, WHEN THEY EXIT FROM DIFFERENT DOORS.

OUR ADVICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO COLLECT THE YOUNGER SIBLING FIRST AND STAFF WILL HOLD ONTO THE OLDER SIBLING UNTIL YOU COME TO COLLECT THEM. STAFF WILL BE PATIENT WITH THIS, IT IS UNAVOIDABLE AS CHILDREN NEED TO BE RELEASED SAFELY.

## Parents and Friends Association

### News!

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM of the PAF Association.

We welcome the new committee;

Chairperson—Helen Taylor

Vice Chairperson—Anna Barry

Secretary—Joanne Gladstone

Vice Secretary and Buyer—Sandra Bache

Treasurer—Sandra Evans

We have lots of events coming up and are always looking for new PAF members to join us and help out at events.

Please contact the school office if you would like to be involved.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Just a very quick reminder that the applications portal is now open and closing date for Middle School applications for 2020 is

31ST OCTOBER 2019.

If you have not already applied for a place for your child—you need to do it online before 31.10.19.

## PAF CLOTHING COLLECTION

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED UNWANTED CLOTHING ITEMS, THE CLOTHING COLLECTION RAISED £44 FOR THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION.

## Upcoming PAF events:



Tuesday 5th November—  
Monster Mash  
Disco.

Guys and Ghouls from Reception to Year 4 are offered the chance to buy a ticket to the Monster Mash spooky disco. From 4pm to 5.15pm children will dance, play games and receive a snack, drink and sweet treat all for £3.

Tickets are limited to 100—so make sure not to miss out on this spookarific event when tickets go on sale on 21st October.

## Save the Date!:

Christmas Shopping /wrapping film night—

Monday 16th December.

Ideal chance to buy or wrap gifts whilst the children are entertained until 5pm with a Christmas film, snacks and treats. More details to follow.



## Charity Days

Thursday 24th October—  
Children are invited to wear green clothing to school for a £1

donation to NSPCC.

The NSPCC will be in school on this day taking assemblies and sharing workshops with the children throughout school.

Friday 15th November—  
Children in Need day! Children are invited to 'show their spots' for this great fundraising day. Wearing spots for £1 donation. We will also be selling spotty biscuits for 20p each at Break time!

Please help us to show our support for these two charities by making our dress down days successful.

## PLEASE

REMEMBER -  
Earrings are NOT permitted to be worn at school.

We have a number of children still wearing earrings for school. These are not in the agreed school policies and therefore need to be removed.

Children wearing earrings will not be permitted to participate in PE lessons, break and lunchtime outdoor play or after school clubs.

Soft clear acrylic hole-savers can be purchased and are safe to wear for school.