

# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## Can you believe there are only 11 more Fridays left in 2018?!

This year is certainly whizzing by and before you know it we will be welcoming in 2019.

school after half-term to enable parents/carers who work to negotiate leave.



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

With that in mind, we wanted to give you early warning that Christmas performances will be slightly different this year. We are trialling a change to enable more people to be able to enjoy the performances.



We are receiving almost daily complaints from residents of Coppergate about inconsiderate parking.

We will have an Early Years production (Nursery and Reception), we will have a Key Stage One production (Years One and Two) and a Key Stage 2 production (Years Three and Four). Parents/Carers will be permitted three seats to watch the relevant performance for their child(ren) - obviously if you have children in multiple Key Stages then you will be permitted seats to both.

We must extend a huge thank you to PC Barry Elliott who visited school yesterday.

He conducted a whole school assembly on road safety and then went on to speak with each class in depth on stranger danger and keeping safe. We appreciate just how stretched our police officers are, so we are very grateful to PC Elliott for his time.

Please can we ask that all drivers to be mindful of other peoples homes and property access requirements when parking and leaving your vehicles.

More details will follow on this once we return to

School has always had good relationships with our residential neighbours and we very much wish for this to continue.

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### Harvest Assembly—THANK YOU.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Assembly today—we had a lovely mix of donated items which will be gratefully received by the Blyth Food Bank. Seaton Valley Council have kindly offered to collect all of the donations and take them to the food bank on our behalf.



**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**



**Last week's winner:  
Year 2**

**This week's winner:  
Year 3**



**Last week's winner:  
Parrot House**

**This week's winner:  
Penguin House**

**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.

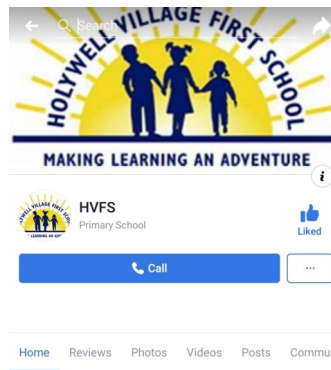


Just a quick reminder, that our Facebook information page is 'live'.

This is an additional way for us to share information with parents/ carers and keep you updated with events/reminders from school.

We hope that you will all support this and follow our page.

Please follow us on Facebook at: [HVFS@holywellschool](https://www.facebook.com/HVFS@holywellschool)



**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.

**Governor News:**

The Strategic Policy and direction Committee met on Monday evening. The committee discussed:

- Data from 2017-2018
- Governing Body Liaison
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Music policy
- Planning Policy
- Pupil Premium Statement 2018-2019

**Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings.**

These will take place on 13th and 14th November for children in Reception to Year 4.

Please look out for the appointment request letter coming home with the children on Monday, as this is your way of requesting the most suited day/time slot.

Please note that Mrs. Stewart will be organising Nursery's parent/teacher consultations separately.



**FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

We will be introducing our new reading incentive to the children in assembly.

The 1st day of reading to count towards the children's reward total is

**MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER**

And our first award assembly will take place on 7th December at 9am. The incentive has been reworked to enable children to reap rewards faster; hopefully you will encourage your child to participate and read with them daily. Don't forget to sign their reading record books each read!

**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!

