

# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## Happy Half-Term!

We have had a packed half-term and it has certainly been a long half-term!

Please can we remind all parents/carers about school policy with regard to collecting children from school. We are seeing an increasing number of changes to routine pick-ups for children happening without prior notice being given.

Please can we ask that if there is to be a change to the normal pick-up arrangements for your child (e.g. another parent/carer collecting them on your behalf) that you email the admin email address and let school know? This will avoid hold ups at the end of the day when permission verification calls have to be made.

Your co-operation with this is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Halloween disco yesterday—great fun was had by all.

Congratulations to our colouring competition winners who were announced in assembly this morning.

Harrison, Emilia, Niamh, Jackson, Skye & Kai all did fabulous pictures—well done!

A huge thank you to our PAF Association members for their hard work in decorating the hall and organising the event to make the disco possible.

Without their volunteering and time spent organising, we would not be able to have events of this nature within school—so we thank them on behalf of

all of the children and staff.

At first count, the disco appears to have raised £250 which will go to support Christmas treats for the children, which is lovely.

Events of this nature require a ticket cap (100) to ensure we adhere to health and safety requirements.

This does mean that not all children can participate and whilst this is disappointing, it is unavoidable.

We entirely rely on the generosity of volunteers to organise and run these events in school.



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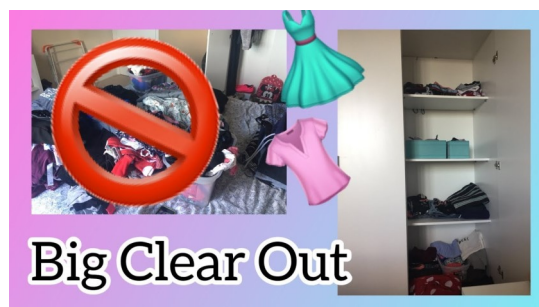
## CLOTHING COLLECTION

Our PAF Association have organised a clothing collection for Thursday 29th November. The children will bring home a collections bag with them during week before. Please take the time to fill this bag (and any others you can) with unwanted clothing items.

These bags are then weighed and the PAF Association receives money towards their fundraising efforts.

Please bring bags into school ONLY on 29th November from 8.45am to 9am and pile them in the big rack—a member of the PAF will be on hand to show you where!

Help us out by having a BIG clear out this half-term and bring them to school for weigh-in!



**Important Dates:**

**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:

Rec

This week's winner:

Year 1

**House Points**

Last week's winner:  
Owl House

This week's winner:  
Eagle 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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.**

Just a very quick reminder that the closing date for Middle School applications for 2019 is **31ST OCTOBER 2018**.

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

**Governor News:**

The Resource Management Committee met on Monday evening. The committee discussed:

- Finance Policy
- Governing Body Liaison
- Complaints policy
- Persistent complaints and harassment policy
- Statement of Internal Control
- Building works update



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)



**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK EVENTS**

**12-16TH NOVEMBER 2018**

We are asking all of the children (and staff!) to come to school on Monday 12th November wearing..... **ODD SOCKS!**

This is to support the work we are doing in school for anti-bullying week which will include special assemblies on the theme 'We are all different, we are all equal'



**PAF FILM NIGHT EARLY WARNING!**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**  
**27TH NOVEMBER FROM 3-5PM**  
(Reception to Year 4 only)



**REMEMBER YOU INCREDIBLE READERS!**

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!