



FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Only 3 sleeps until Christmas!...

And here we are..... 'it' has finally arrived!



This past week, we have had all manner of Christmas fun both in and out of school. The main man himself visited us this week and gave every child a gift. Thank you to the PAF Association for funding and facilitating this—it is hugely appreciated.

Then we had the whole school visiting Gateshead Stadium to see Sleeping Beauty pantomime. It was wonderful to see so many happy little faces enjoying brilliant

performances. Again, we must extend special thanks to the PAF Association for not only half-funding this visit (contributing over £900) but also for giving up their time to help on the days of the trips. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Watson (Milbourne Arms) for additional funding towards the trip. Whilst we were unable to take all of the parent/carers who offered their services to accompany us on the days, we are very grateful to everyone for both their help and offer of help. No doubt you will be called upon in the future!

We have had Christmas

Lunch which went brilliantly then class parties; it is safe to say the children have certainly had a fun-filled week!

Which leaves nothing more to say than on behalf of all of the staff in school, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 9th January 2018**

-  NO BIKES
-  NO SKATES
-  NO SCOOTERS

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Governor Farewell.....

It is with great sadness that we say a very fond farewell to Mr. Richard Gascoyne. Mr. Gascoyne has been a governor here for 6 years and has contributed to the school and helped us immensely.

He has chosen to retire and spend some quality time with his family, involving a relocation. We wish him all the luck in the world and an enjoyable, restful retirement.

Thank you so much for all you have done for school—we will all miss you greatly.



Please note the use of mobile phones on the school site is not permitted. Please ensure phones are turned off when entering school.



Don't Forget....

Check our Website, Facebook page and App regularly for up-to-date information—just in case the snow comes!



Making Learning An Adventure

Important Dates:

22.12.17—School breaks for Christmas holiday.
08.01.18—Teacher Training Day

09.01.18—School resumes for the Children

09.02.18—School breaks for half-term
27 & 28.02.18—Parents' Evening

19.02.18—School resumes for the children

29.03.18—School breaks for Easter

16.04.18—School resumes
07.05.18—School closed—MAY DAY

25.05.18—School closes for half-term

04.06.18—School resumes for the children

20.07.18—School breaks for Summer

03.09.17—Teacher Training Day

04.09.18—School resumes for the children.

Banquet Table Winners:

06.12.17—Macie Annie & Jack C

15.12.17—Hannah, George & Jessica R

Best Class Attendance:

W/E 06.12.17

Year 2 — 99.6% attendance

W/E 15.12.17

Year 1 — 98.6% attendance

Well Done everyone!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Christmas Jumper day went well and it was lovely to see all of the children in their varied Christmas ensembles. Although not everyone donated, we raised a total of £117.65 so well done to everyone who contributed.



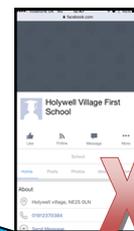
Our Facebook information Page is 'live'. This is an additional way for us to share information with parents/

carers. We hope that you will all support this and be patient during any teething troubles which may occur.

Please follow us at:

HVFS@holywellschool

Please do not follow the old page set up in 2013 as that page is unusable. The old page was called Holywell Village First School and looks like this:



Please remember this page is for information sharing only and not for comments/debates.



Well Done to Mrs. Gray and our Choir. They performed at Astley High School last week and were amazing!

Some of our Year 4 children have visited Concorde house with Father Hughes and sang for the residents there. It was a great visit and clearly made the residents happy to sing with the children.

Christmas Extravaganza



Thank you to everyone who braved the cold to join us for our Christmas Extravaganza.

It was a truly lovely night. The children made everything from baubles to reindeer dust (wildlife friendly of course!).

Items they had previously made were on sale in the hall.

The evening made a profit of over £600! which we are thrilled with.

Thank you so much.

Special thanks also to the PAF Association who provided complimentary mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and juice and biscuits for the children. This was VERY much appreciated after the chilly candle-lit walk.

Stars of the Week:

W/E: 06.12.17 James B, Logan, Georgia C, Jacob, Isabel

W/E: 15.12.17 Marcy, Laina, Macy S & Leon

W/E: 22.12.17 Ethan, Jake, Io, Joel, Layla, Ellie & Sophie

Christmas Raffle:

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets at the performances, all prizes were claimed immediately.

The raffle raised £291 for school which is AMAZING. Thank you.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU MUST BE EXPRESSED TO MR MARK COLLINS WHO PRESENTED SCHOOL WITH A CHEQUE FOR £150 ON THURSDAY. HE WORKS FOR RENOLIT AND APPLIED TO THEIR CHARITIES FUND FOR MONIES TO ALLOW US TO BUY BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN. WE ARE THRILLED WITH THIS DONATION— THANK YOU SO MUCH.