



# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome Back Everyone!

Welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break, which now feels a distant memory!



Although this is a relatively short half term—it is packed with events and things to look forward to. Please keep checking bags for letters every night and of course our Website, App and Facebook page are always kept updated with the latest information. You will have received a letter last week about the new App launch, please ensure you have updated your phone/device

THANK YOU!

We already have some dates for your diary which you will not want to miss over the page.

We do need to remind everyone that whilst new dogs and puppies are lovely, they are not permitted on school grounds. This includes the pedestrian entrance to school, which is congested at the best of times, without tethered dogs. If everyone could be mindful when tethering dogs/puppies, it would be appreciated.



There are no scooters, bikes, wheeled toys or wheeled footwear permitted to be ridden or used on the yard. Children have been advised of the sanctions if they are observed breaking this important Health and Safety rule.



Can we also remind all adults transporting children to and from school, to park respectfully. We have very good relationships with our residential neighbours and want these to continue.

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### Save the Date....

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10.03.2020 & 11.03.2020

Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings



## Food and Drink Reminder

At Holywell, we try and encourage the children to eat and drink as healthily as possible. We permit the children to have a water bottle within their classroom (Reception to Year 4) with open access to these throughout the day. Only water is permitted within these bottles, **no juice or cordial**. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving in school with juice in these bottles and staff have been instructed to remove any juice and refill bottles with water only.

We encourage the children to have a healthy fruit snack at playtime. Free fruit is provided for children in Reception to Year 2 from the Fruit for Schools Scheme. Year 3 & 4 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to have at playtime. We must stipulate that this is an apple, orange, banana etc **NOT sliced fruit in pots/containers**. The piece of fruit must be in their school bag and not lunch box, as access to lunch boxes from 9am to Midday is not permitted.

We are so pleased to see just how healthy our children's packed lunches are (on the whole) with children enjoying fresh fruit and vegetables with houmous, healthy sandwiches and wraps and even sushi! Please remember that packed lunches cannot contain any fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate (one small chocolate treat is permitted on a Friday only). Please remember that nuts are requested to be kept out of lunchboxes. We have a number of children in school with acute allergies and therefore we request peanut butter, loose nuts etc be kept for home only. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

## Important Dates:

- 14.02.20—Bring a bottle non-uniform day
- 14.02.20 3pm—School breaks for half-term
- 24.02.20—School resumes for the children
- 10.03.20 & 11.03.20 Parents' Evenings for Rec to Y4
- NURSERY PARENTS' EVE—Mrs Stewart will contact parents directly
- 30.03.20—PAF Film Night 3-5pm
- 01.04.20—8.45am ALL EGG ENTRIES MUST BE IN SCHOOL
- 02.04.20 9am Easter Assembly
- 02.04.20 3pm -School breaks for Easter at 3pm
- 03.04.20—Teacher Training Day
- 20.04.20—School resumes
- 08.05.20—School closed—MAY DAY/VE Day
- 22.05.20—Chocolate donation Non Uniform day
- 22.05.20—School closes for half-term
- 01.06.20—School resumes for the children

## Golden Table Winners:

- 10.01.20—Eve, Layla O, Lucas
- 17.01.20—Jacob, Lucy, Layton

## Best Class Attendance:

- W/E 10.01.20 Reception —100% attendance
  - W/E 17.01.20 Year 2— 99.6% attendance
- Well Done everyone!

## Stars of the Week:

- W/E: 10.01.20 Sophie, Evie, Georgia, Ben, Charlie, Austin C, McKenzie & Oliver
- W/E: 17.01.20 Emily, Isla, Jake, Jessica, Noah & Ryley

## Under the Sea Fun Lunch

We had great fun at yesterday's Funday Lunch. 26 additional children stayed for school lunch which was brilliant! We had an Under the Sea themed film and a lovely fun atmosphere was enjoyed by the children.



## School Meal Reminder

Should your child wish to change from School Meals to Packed Lunches (or vice versa), one week notice is required. Please advise Mr. Wood in the school office of your intent to change and he will confirm the first available date.

This is due to meals being ordered from another kitchen and us adhering to the notice period for changes they insist on.

## Reception 2020 School Applications

The online portal for Reception September 2020 applications has now closed. If you have not applied for a Reception place for your eligible aged child, please contact School Admissions, details below:

Any queries, please contact:  
School Admissions  
County Hall  
Morpeth  
NE61 2EF  
01670 624889

### READING AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our next reading awards assembly will be on Friday 27th March at 9am.



The final date for reading counts is 18th March.

ALL READING RECORDS MUST BE IN SCHOOL TO BE COUNTED ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH AT 9AM.

## Governor News:

Strategic policy and Direction Committee will meet on 23.01.20 for their Spring Term Committee meeting.

- On the agenda to be discussed will be school policies including:
- Food and Health
  - Marking and Feedback
  - Maths
  - PSHE
  - Sustained writing
  - School Session times
  - Pupil Premium

## PAF GIFT AMNESTY 20th TO 24TH JANUARY

Please can everyone look for any unused and new gift items that could be donated to the PAF Association.

Perhaps you have a smellies set from Christmas or the children have games and toys still new and boxed that could be repurposed by our PAF ready for the Summer Fayre.

Have you an abundance of Bayliss & Harding body lotion or more Lynx gift sets than Boots?

Are they taking up space and gathering dust?!! We will have them all—please donate by sending to the school off between 20.01.20 and 24.01.20  
Many thanks!