



FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Only 24 sleeps until Christmas!...

Last fortnight, a very clear request was issued for people to park considerately and take care in and around the streets adjacent to school. It is with sadness that we have to report that within the past week we have had **two** near misses between children and cars; in addition we have another very cross resident calling as his access to his driveway had been compromised.

Please, may we once again ask that ALL adults bringing children to school and collecting children from school in vehicles, park with care and consideration. Vehicles seen to be mounting the kerbs (narrowly missing children) will have their details passed to Northumbria Police. We have also requested a

more vigilant patrol of the area and that any driving / parking infringements are penalised. This is necessary action to ensure the safety of all children coming into and leaving school. In doing so, could all adults also please ensure that children are walking beside them and not running across the roads? We really do not want any accidents and want all of our children to enjoy the forthcoming festivities in good health. Your support and co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.

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



-  NO BIKES
-  NO SKATES
-  NO SCOOTERS

*To keep updated with school events, please



use our app. Scan the QR code or search in

your app/play store for our school and download accordingly.

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 enter 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.

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Governor Information

I am Mrs. Gillian Vince Vice Chair of the Governing Body of Holywell Village First School.

I began my role as school governor in December 2011. I have two children, both of whom used to attend Holywell Village First School when they were younger. I have lived

in the Seghill / Holywell area all my life.

I work locally as a Speech and Language Therapist, and have a number of years' experience working with children with communication difficulties in both mainstream and special educational needs settings.

As a family we enjoy walking (lots of

exploring down the Dene!), cycling and climbing. I also play netball for a local team in Whitley Bay



Save the Date....

7th December is our Christmas Extravaganza in school—more details overleaf!



Making Learning An Adventure

Important Dates:

01.12.17—Village Lights switch on
07.12.17 4pm —Christmas Extravaganza
18.12.17—Special Visitor
20.12.17—Christmas Dinner
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
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

Reception Applications

The online admissions portal for First and Primary schools opens on **6th November 2017** and will close on **15th January 2018**. This is for September 2018 Reception places.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON
Tonight (Friday 1st December) there will be a Christmas Light Switch on ceremony near The Milbourne Arms, hosted by Seaton Valley Council.

The fun will start from 4.30pm with the light switch on happening at 5pm. We are thrilled to announce Cora as the overall winner with Georgia and Luke as runners up. Cora will get the very special job of pushing the important button which will illuminate the village Christmas tree and all of the lights. There will be mince pies, mulled wine and horse chestnuts available courtesy of the Council. Santa is rumoured to be paying a visit also!

The Milbourne Arms have some light bite snacks for the children and adults along with their regular menu. Teacake Max is also staying open and has a range of light bites, festive treats and hot chocolate for sale. Please can we enforce the importance of road safety when crossing the busy road.

Golden Table Winners:

24.11.17—Joseph H
Alfie F, Georgina
01.12.17—Layla M
Amy, Daisy

Best Class Attendance:

W/E 24.11.17
Year 2 — 99.2%
attendance
W/E 01.12.17
Year 2 — 97.8%
attendance
Well Done everyone!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We will be having a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 8th December. Children are asked to wear a festive jumper for a charitable donation of £1. Please do not go out and buy a jumper—children can titivate a home jumper with tinsel, baubles or even lights if they feel like it. This is just a little festive fun for the children and to help raise a little for charity—it is not mandatory to participate.



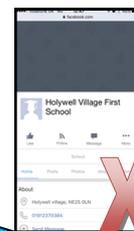
Monday 4th December will see our Facebook information Page 'go live'. This is an additional way for us to share information with parents/

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.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU MUST BE EXPRESSED TO MR AND MRS WATSON OF THE MILBOURNE ARMS FOR THEIR MOST RECENT DONATION OF £300 TOWARDS OUR PANTOMIME TRIPS. WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO THE CHILDREN OF HOLYWELL VILLAGE FIRST SCHOOL.

Stars of the Week:



W/E: 24.11.17 Joshua, Jessica, Joseph H, Ryley, Ethan, Skye H

W/E: 01.12.17 Elliot C, William G, Maggie, Ella T, Evie, Dan

Christmas Party Dates:

Tuesday 19th December AM-Nursery & Reception

Thursday 21st December PM-Years 1-4
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

