

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

10 Saturdays until.....



The countdown begins.....



Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Harvest Festival last week. It was a great success and Seaton Valley Council kindly collected the items for the food-bank and ensured they were distributed where needed most.

Please familiarise yourself with your Ofsted Parent View log in details, as we really would like as many of you as possible to go online and complete your parental questionnaires for Ofsted. As yet we appear to only have had 1 parent view completion.



Parent View

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Please use the web address above to leave your views on our school. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



A HUGE special thank you...

We have received a fabulously kind combined financial donation from Mr S. Ross and Mr & Mrs Taylor.

This donation has been made after a discussion about the benefits of school having a communication system within each classroom. Unfortunately a full system is in excess of £15,000 and therefore out of our price range at the moment. So Mr Ross & Mr and Mrs Taylor have kindly funded an interim measure of placing a two way radio in each classroom. This enables the classrooms to have immediate contact with both the office and Head teacher if required.

We really are sincerely grateful for such a kind and helpful donation.

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WEBSITE UPDATE:
All school policies have been updated and are now on the school website.
Policies include: homework, maths and English.
Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these policies.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD TEACHER AND GOVERNING BODY

All staff in Holywell Village First School are committed to working with you in a professional and courteous manner and have the right to work in a safe and supportive working environment.

Verbal abuse and intimidation are not acceptable. The Governing Body of Holywell Village First School has a zero tolerance policy towards such behaviour and steps will be taken by the Head Teacher to deal with this issue.

Violence will be treated as a crime and we will press for the maximum penalty for anyone who behaves in a violent and abusive way.

Please set a good example for your child by behaving in a polite, kind and respectful manner towards school staff.

It is with regret that this message is being circulated, however the head teacher and governing body have a duty of care to the staff as well as children of this school and as such would like to remind all school users of the expectations for adult behaviour.

Important Dates:

22.10.19—School Photographer Visit—

25.10.19—School closes at 3pm for half-term holiday

04.11.18—School resumes for the children in all classes.

05.12.19—Christmas Extravaganza
More information to follow

09.12.19 to 13.12.19
Christmas Performance Week

20.12.19—School breaks for Christmas

07.01.20—School resumes for the children

Attendance

Last week's winner:
Nursery

This week's winner:
Year 4—100%

House Points

Last week's winner:
Penguin House

This week's winner:
Parrot House

Governor News:

We have vacancies on our Governing Body.

If this is of interest to you and you would like more information, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Brett.

She will be happy to discuss requirements with any interested parties.

SIBLINGS WITHIN SCHOOL

A NUMBER OF PARENTS HAVE EXPRESSED A CONCERN OVER PICKING UP SIBLINGS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY, WHEN THEY EXIT FROM DIFFERENT DOORS.

OUR ADVICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO COLLECT THE YOUNGER SIBLING FIRST AND STAFF WILL HOLD ONTO THE OLDER SIBLING UNTIL YOU COME TO COLLECT THEM. STAFF WILL BE PATIENT WITH THIS, IT IS UNAVOIDABLE AS CHILDREN NEED TO BE RELEASED SAFELY.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

From Monday 11th November we will be having a book fair in school each evening from 3pm.

This is the chance for children, parents and carers to purchase affordable quality books.

It has been a long time since we have had such a lovely fair in school, so we hope you will all come along, browse the books and show support.

We have timed the fair for this term to hopefully enable parents/carers to purchase some books for Christmas presents. 😊

APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Just a very quick reminder that the applications portal is now open and closing date for Middle School applications for 2020 is

31ST OCTOBER 2019.

The portal for Reception 2020 places opens on 1st NOVEMBER—please do not forget to apply if your child is currently in nursery!

Charity Days

Thursday 24th October—Children are invited to wear green clothing to school for a £1

donation to NSPCC. The NSPCC will be in school on this day taking assemblies and sharing workshops with the children throughout school.

Friday 15th November—Children in Need day! Children are invited to 'show their spots' for this great fundraising day. Wearing spots for £1 donation. We will also be selling spotty biscuits for 20p each at Break time!

Please help us to show our support for these two charities by making our dress down days successful.

PLEASE REMEMBER -

Earrings are NOT permitted to be worn at school.

We have a number of children still wearing earrings for school. These are not in the agreed school policies and therefore need to be removed.

Children wearing earrings will not be permitted to participate in PE lessons, break and lunchtime outdoor play or after school clubs.

Soft clear acrylic hole-savers can be purchased and are safe to wear for school.



Tuesday 5th November—
Monster Mash
Disco.

Guys and Ghouls from Reception to Year 4 are offered the chance to buy a ticket to the Monster Mash spooky disco. From 4pm to 5.15pm children will dance, play games and receive a snack, drink and sweet treat all for £3.

Tickets are limited to 100—so make sure not to miss out on this spookarific event when tickets go on sale on 21st October.

Save the Date!:

Christmas Shopping /wrapping film night—

Monday 16th December.

Ideal chance to buy or wrap gifts whilst the children are entertained until 5pm with a Christmas film, snacks and treats. More details to follow.

