

NEWS

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8 SLEEPS TO GO.....

Well – I think it is safe to say we are all looking forward to seeing the back of 2021! Although am sure we said the same this time last year!

What another testing year this has been..... A year ago, we could never have guessed life would still be looking the way it is now and how 'the new normal' and Covid are still such a huge part of our everyday lives.

We MUST give recognition where it is due at this point, our children have coped with this year AMAZINGLY well and have shone like the stars they are throughout. Our staff have never worked so hard and so diligently to ensure learning continued throughout the year and that our children were happy, safe and enjoying learning even when positive cases have forced isolation and class testing. A huge well done to all of the parents/carers who continue to support the children's learning whether in school or online.

I think I speak for all staff when I say we have had a year of further challenges as well as rewards – seeing the children happy and progressing; knowing Covid is still not impacting their learning and progress to the degree first feared, is rewarding for all within school. However – we (including the children) all need a well-earned break..... time to relax, recharge and enjoy some quality time with our families.

We would like to wish you ALL a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – albeit looking ever more likely that Covid restrictions could very well be in play still.
Stay safe – look after each other!

Merry
Christmas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 4th January

Staff Training Day

Wednesday 5th January

School resumes for spring term

Friday 18th February

School closes for half-term

Monday 28th February

School resumes

Friday 8th April

Teacher Training Day

Covid update:

As you will have read and heard in the press, infection rates locally and nationally are increasing and the government are dealing with this by looking at restrictions etc as we move towards the new year.

With this in mind and simply in readiness JUST IN CASE we have some classes who have to return to home learning in the future, we are asking everyone to familiarise themselves with the School360 platform where children's work and homework would be posted. All children have received and/or know their log-ins and a parent/carer leaflet has been circulated to all everyone this week via email. Please read this; any queries, contact school.

Reception 2022 School Applications

The Northumberland County Council portal for Reception school applications for September 2022 is now open and will close on 15th January 2022.

If you have an eligible age child and have NOT yet completed an application for Reception 2022 please do so here:

http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

PAF Christmas Raffle



A HUGE and very special thank you to our dedicated PAF members Mrs. Bache and Mrs. Evans (Sandra and Sandra as they are lovingly known as in school!) for all of their hard work in creating and sorting the Christmas Raffle. We had 34 excellent prizes ranging from wines and spirits to hampers and vouchers. Thank you to all who purchased tickets – your support is appreciated. The PAF Association have kindly donated all of the raffle profits to school funds – we received £450 last Friday from Sandra and Sandra and for this we are deeply grateful. We must also extend our thanks to the PAF as they have funded ALL of the fun extra activities within school this week. All children have seen a Christmas Pantomime, had a special Video call from Santa

AND received a selection box/sweet treats from the 'main man' himself! Obviously our PAF have not been able to fundraise in the past couple of years as they usually would (due to Covid restrictions), however they are still supporting us as strongly as ever and for this we are so grateful. Thank you Mrs Evans, Mrs Bache and Mrs. Taylor for all of your kindness and generosity.



Thank you to everyone who attended the outdoor carols and hot chocolate events last week. The children sounded amazing and brought a real festive feeling to everyone – special thanks go to all of them for learning their songs so well.

We raised £239.55 for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper Day, which is amazing for a school of our size, so thank you to everyone for this also.

Our festive craft stalls raised £404.70 for school funds which we are going to use to purchase new yard toys and enrichment activities for the children – so thank you again for all of your support with this

Additional day notification:

In lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday which officially falls within a school holiday – school will be closed on Friday 8th July to allow all pupils and staff to enjoy the additional day with family and friends.

Look out for our next newsletter which will be the first one of many in 2022!



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PIZZA PARTY



Thursday 20th January we will be having a **PIZZA PARTY LUNCH** within school!

Children receiving a school meal will enjoy a selection of pizzas served with fries and freshly prepared homemade salads, followed by Neapolitan ice cream with mandarin oranges and fruit juice drink.

Pupils will have a chance of finding a golden ticket and winning a prize on the day! These prizes will be treats, footballs and Argos vouchers. There will also be a star prize for one pupil in our school to be entered into a prize draw across the authority to win an Apple iPad and case!

If your child is not on school meals and you wish for them to receive a meal on Pizza Party Day, please email: Stephen.wood@hollywell.northumberland.sch.uk